



# From Dr. Madden's Desk to Your Home

February 5, 2024

## The Year of Determination

**Dear Hillside Caregivers,**

A winter chill is still in the air! The warm exuberance that exists within Hillside brings lots of smiles to the faces of our learners. The energy that our students put into to their learning is remarkable. Classrooms are buzzing and students are making progress in their academic and social emotional development. Our staff will continue to push our students towards their goals.



January has flown by and we have officially welcomed February. February brings us so many exciting opportunities to come together as a school community. This newsletter highlights the upcoming happenings that will take place over the month. Enjoy what's to come!

With a warm Hillside hug,  
Dr. Madden

### Friendly Hillside Harry Reminders...

- As a safety reminder, please do not hold the door behind you when entering the main entrance. Every person who approaches the front door **MUST** buzz in and be acknowledged by our main office staff before entering Hillside.
- Please continue to use the parent pick up form if you are picking your child up early or at dismissal time. The link can be found on the front of our webpage by clicking on the blue car. We have over 400 students to dismiss daily and your attention to this would be of great help to all of us.

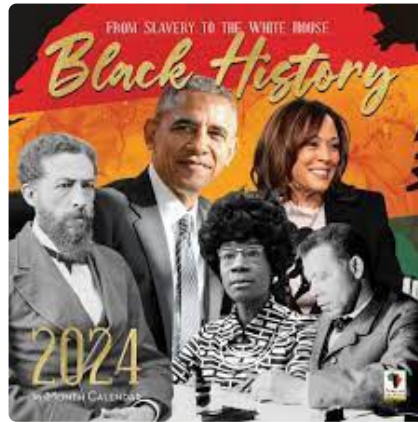
- Our school driveway is extremely tight. Please **DO NOT** park in front of the school when arriving late or picking up early. It is a fire lane and we cannot have cars parked out front of our main entrance. Kindly park in the lot to drop off/pick up.

Dr. Madden and Hillside Harry thank you for your attention to these items!



### Chinese New Year

Happy Chinese New Year to all of our families who celebrate. These festivities begin on February 10th and conclude with the Lantern Festival on February 24, 2024.



### Black History Month

The entire school is celebrating this special month by highlighting famous African Americans and their contributions during morning announcements. Classroom teachers have created activities to celebrate Black History that children will engage in throughout this month.



### Valentine's Day

Hugs and kisses to all of our families. Teachers will be in touch regarding the exchange of Valentines on this special day. There will be a school wide activity to estimate the number of Valentine treats in a jar. The teacher can win the treat jar and the class can win a prize from Dr. Madden. Let's use those math skills. I can't wait to see all of the approximations!

### Upcoming Spirit Days

#### Here are the Upcoming Spirit Days:

**February 9th:** Wear your Favorite Football Team Gear--Impromptu due to Super Bowl

**February 14th:** Wear Red/Pink or Dress Old for 100 days/Have fun with this day!

**February 15th:** Wear Blue/Teal in support of Angelman's Syndrome



### National School Counselor's Week

Let's take a moment to express our gratitude to Mrs. Marcantonio and Mrs. Mortimer for all that they do for our students, staff, and families. We will be taking this week to honor them and their hard work!





### Hillside Staff Moves and Grooves

Check out this cool bulletin board in the B Hallway. The staff at Hillside shows our students what they do to move during the winter months.



### Mrs. Sonnie Hillside's Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Sonnie was recognized at the January Board Meeting for being named Hillside's Educator of the Year. Thank you to everyone who nominated Hillside teachers/specialists. Mrs. Sonnie is pictured here with her husband, two sons, and her son's fiancée.

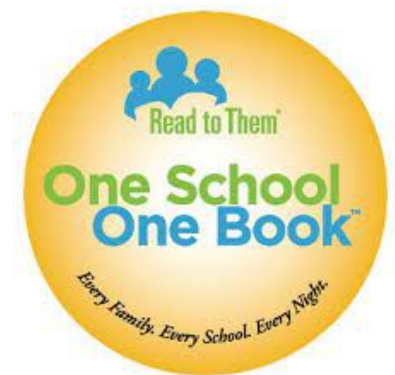


### Newcomb Championship Game is tomorrow!

Grades 3-4 have enjoyed learning about teamwork and sportsmanship through the game of Newcomb. Ms. Ingham has been working hard with these grade levels and Mr. Jones and Mrs. Winkel's classes will play tomorrow at 2:00pm for the Championship title.

### One School, One Book

Be on the lookout for Mrs. Flannery's One School, One Book letter coming out this Wednesday. This is a VERY special community wide event for our Hillside families in honor of Tracy Newhart, a former teacher, who taught at Hillside from 2004-2014. We hope you enjoy the readings and question activities that Mrs. Flannery has planned. All students will receive their books on Friday. I hope you join us in reading our special book..TBD!📖



### Dr. Briean Madden

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