

# From Dr. Madden's Desk to Your Home...

February 26, 2024



## *Women's History Month and Music in Schools Month*

**Dear Hillside Caregivers,**

March is right up ahead. I am hopeful that our weather starts turning and feeling more springlike in the coming weeks. The month of March signals so much for so many of us. We see tulips beginning to poke through the ground and the grass is getting greener. Inside Hillside, it signals new academic growth for our students. There is preparation for the exciting school and PTO events coming this spring. Be sure to check out the Hillside Happenings shared by our PTO to mark your calendars for the special events they have planned. There will be plenty of opportunities for your families to join us for special occasions so you can add them to your 2023-2024 Hillside memory book.



As always, thank you for your continued partnership. Our school community is remarkable in working together to ensure our students receive a fantastic educational experience. I am thankful for all that you do for our children and our school.

Charmed to be Hillside's Principal,  
Dr. Madden

### **Little Learners ♥ Literacy**

A lot of our fourth grade students are participating in our new Little Learners ♥ Literacy Program. They were all trained in audiobook recording and have been working to be recorded reading picture books so that our younger students can listen to them in the evenings. This program was developed to promote literacy in the

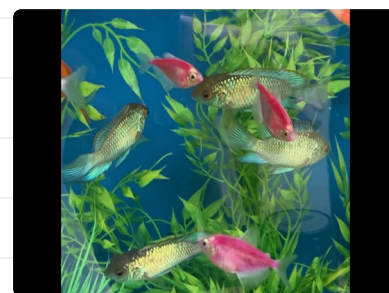


home and to help our busy families if they are having trouble to getting to their bedtime stories. Click [Little Learners Love Literacy](#) to access the read alouds recorded by our fourth graders. More will be added at the conclusion of this week. They have really stepped up to make this a great program for our littlest learners. We hope you enjoy listening to these books with your children!



### **BIG and BEAUTIFUL New Friends in our Fish Tank!**

We received some new larger fish for our tank this past Monday. All of the students are helping our new Red Blood Parrots, Golden Sevrum, and Electric Blue Acaras feel at home!



**Parent Teacher  
Conferences March 6th  
and 7th**



**Teacher In-Service Day  
on March 22nd**

## Early Dismissal on March 6th and 7th

Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday. The PTO will supply pretzels to all students on Thursday, March 7th. Friday, March 8th is a full day of school!

Teachers will be in touch with parents/guardians if they need to schedule a conference with a parent/guardian.

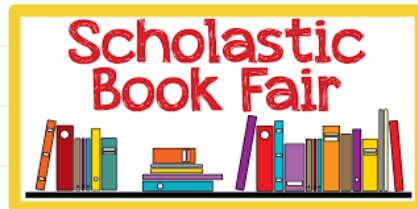
There will be no school on Friday, March 22nd because of a Teacher In-Service Day.



### Help Celebrate with Read Across America Week

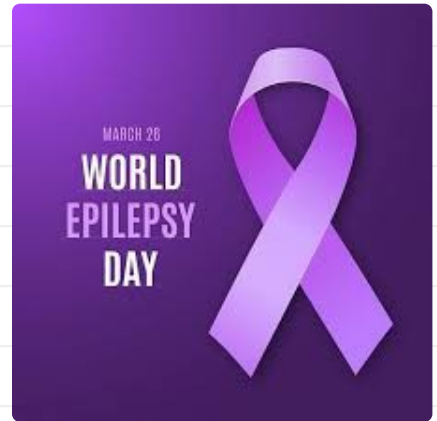
Check out the activities for the week of March 4th-March 8th. Let's get in the spirit of reading together!

[Read Across America Week](#)



### Books Galore---It's the Book Fair

Classes will have set times to shop between March 18th-21st. More information will come from your child's teacher. There will be an evening for shopping on March 20th for families along with a PTO sponsored BINGO Night. Hope to see you all there!



### Hillside Spirit Day--Wear Purple

We invite the entire Hillside family to wear purple on March 26th in honor of those who have been diagnosed with epilepsy. We hope to bring awareness to this neurological condition.

## Virtual Recorder Talent Show 🎵 🎸 🎧

### Instructions to join our Seesaw Class

1. Go to [app.seesaw.me](http://app.seesaw.me) on your computer or download the Seesaw app on your iOS or Android device
2. Choose "I'm a Student"
3. Enter EIGQ FUSS in the TEXT CODE box. This code expires on March 5, 2024
4. Create a new account using your school email address or sign in with your school email address if you've used Seesaw before.

Any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Zemble!

*Spring Break Begins on March 28th-April 5th. School Re-opens on April 8th*



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