



## Hillcrest Parent Conferences are Next Week!

Hillcrest families will be joining our teachers throughout next week to learn more about their students' learning during parent conferences. Parent conferences are Hillcrest's way of providing meaningful parent-teacher interaction about student's academic and social progress and growth thus far in the school year.

Your child's teacher has communicated to you either in writing and/or by phone or text message to inform you of your scheduled conference. During next week Hillcrest will hold conferences **on Monday, November 5, Wednesday, November 7, Thursday, November 8, and Friday, November 9.**

**We will observe a minimum day schedule on each of these days. School will dismiss at 1:05 PM** to allow ample time for conferences to occur.

**Please note that Tuesday, November 6, is election day. While teachers may schedule parent conferences on this day, it is not a minimum day nor will we observe a banked-time Tuesday schedule. Tuesday, November 6 is a regular schedule day with dismissal at 2:25 PM.**

We need all students to be picked up on time each day since our office staff will be busy with important work tasks. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Also, we will provide translation for parents where needed, meaning many of our supervision staff will not be available to supervise students who are picked up late because they will be translating for teachers.

During your conference, you may consider the following questions for your child's teacher:

- *What concepts and skills are being addressed right now and how does that tie in to the overall goal for the year?*
- *Could you outline the schedule of a typical day/class period for me?*
- *How is my child doing compared to grade level expectations and what data can you share with me to help me understand her/his strengths and weaknesses?*
- *How is my child getting along with other children?*
- *What kinds of testing will my child participate in this year?*
- *Does this testing have an impact on my child's academic future or how s/he is graded?*
- *What classroom management system do you use in the classroom?*
- *What are your views on homework and what is your homework policy?*
- *What can I do at home to reinforce what my child is learning in school?*

Working families should check with their child's teachers to see if there will be a day when conferences will be scheduled later into the evening until 5:00 PM.

## Attendance is Important

**Hillcrest's attendance rate is still dead last** among elementary schools in Local District West. Parents of Hillcrest Scholars, we must do better!

Our monthly revenue \$\$\$ lost to absences is far worse than at this time last year, **Last year in October we lost \$41,579. This year's October loss is \$59,348! Ouch!!**

Monthly dollars lost comparison last year vs. this year:

Month	2017-2018	2018-2019
AUGUST	\$14,473	\$20,010
SEPTEMBER	\$31,423	\$33,826
OCTOBER	\$41,579	\$59,348

If your child misses school, they miss out. As you can see from the chart above, not only do they miss learning but the school loses money that supports learning. This double whammy is all bad for your child and Hillcrest. **Be sure to get your child to school every day!!!**

## Monday, November 12 is the Veterans Day Holiday

Hillcrest Elementary School will observe the Veterans Day holiday on Monday, November 12, 2018. **School will be closed.** Instruction will resume on Tuesday, November 13. Please be on time!

### Important Dates!

#### Monday, November 5, 2018

Parent Conferences - Dismissal at 1:05 PM

#### Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Election Day - Dismissal at 2:25 PM

#### Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Parent Conferences - Dismissal at 1:05 PM

#### Thursday, November 8, 2018

Parent Conferences - Dismissal at 1:05 PM

#### Friday, November 9, 2018

Last Day of Parent Conferences - Dismissal at 1:05 PM

#### Monday, November 12, 2018

Veterans Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL