



HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

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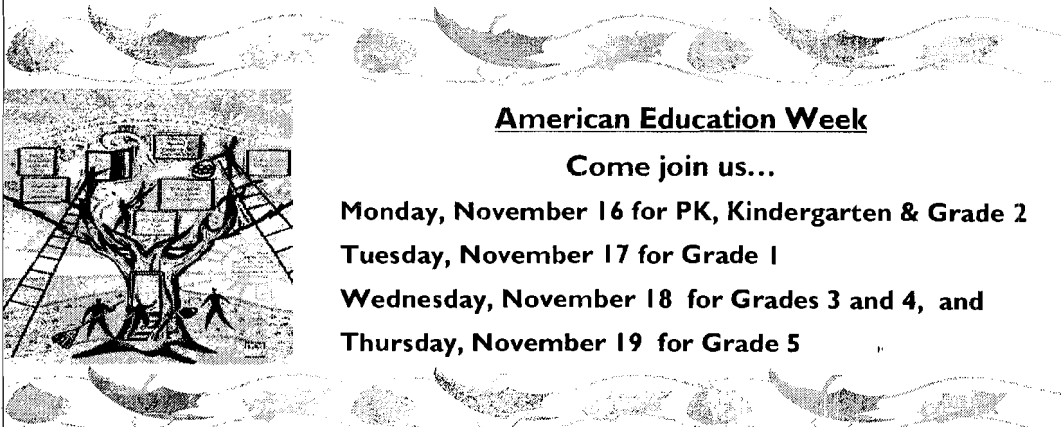
FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As many of our parents know, we've had a large number of students out of school with flu-like symptoms. We are in daily contact with the BCPS Department of Health Services to help us manage and monitor the flu season. We have been told to handle H1N1 as we would any outbreak of the flu. We report daily numbers for the students who are out sick to Health Services. It is not necessary for us to have specific numbers for H1N1 cases. Most doctors are not screening sick children for H1N1 specifically. School will not close due to the number of students out sick from our building. There are many schools functioning with similar numbers of sick students. The information sheet sent home to parents recommended hand washing and monitoring children who are ill. Sick students should stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications. Our teachers have been vigilant in requiring students to wash their hands. They have also wiped down surfaces in their classrooms. Our numbers for students who are out of school due to illness have been declining on a daily basis. We hope that we have come through the worst part of the outbreak. We have been fortunate that our staff has been able to pull together as a team to manage teacher absences and continue to keep the school functioning. We hope that our students will soon be well and ready to return to our classrooms.

MAGNET PROGRAMS

By now, students have received Magnet Program Brochures. These brochures contain information about magnet programs, admission criteria, and transportation. They also contain an application. Please discuss this information with your child as you plan for the next phase of your child's education. Magnet School applications must be completed and mailed to the Office of Magnet Programs at 6901 Charles Street, Towson MD 21204. **ALL applications must be postmarked by the deadline date, November 30, 2009**, in order to be processed. Applications postmarked after the deadline date will not be processed. (Mailing by certified mail is strongly encouraged.) Open Houses for middle school applicants will be held at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School on November 5 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. For more information, call 410-887-6720 or access <http://sudbrookms.bcps.org>. More information about the BCPS magnet programs can also be obtained by visiting www.bcps.org/offices/omp or by calling 410-887-4127.



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- Monday, November 16 for PK, Kindergarten & Grade 2
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- Thursday, November 19 for Grade 5

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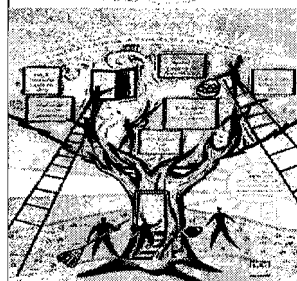
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