

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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DEAR HILLCREST FAMILIES,

AUGUST 1, 2023

Welcome to your PTA!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! My name is Mindy Merlo and I am honored to begin my first year as Hillcrest Elementary's PTA President. I am joined by an enthusiastic team who are planning an exciting year for our students!

Last year marked the return of some Hillcrest PTA favorites, including Literature Night, STEM Night, International Night, and assemblies. We look forward to hosting these events and other special activities for students, families, and school staff throughout the year! We are committed to supporting every student's educational success, health, and well-being.

Connect with us!

Connecting with the PTA is a great way to invest in your child's education and our school community. We welcome you to attend our meetings and get involved in a way that works for you! We believe that there is a place for everyone in the PTA.

Volunteer Opportunities

We love our volunteers! There is no minimum requirement and every volunteer is valued and appreciated. No job is too small!

- Activity and Event Volunteers - Help cut and paste decorations for Back to School; pass out popsicles to new kindergarteners; transform a classroom into a novel at Literature Night; demonstrate a science experiment at STEM Night! These volunteers help get it all done!
- Committee Member - Interested in helping us plan? Join one of our committees! Levels of commitment can vary to fit your schedule!
- Do you have a special interest or talent that could enhance our students' educational experience? We always welcome new ideas and would love to hear from you!

Invest in Hillcrest!

The PTA is a non-profit organization and we rely on fundraising to support our programs and events. We hold two primary fundraisers during the school year: the Invest in Hillcrest direct-donation campaign in the fall and the student Read-a-thon in the winter. Please consider giving now during the Invest in Hillcrest campaign. Every dollar counts, and we thank you!

Save the date!

Our first PTA meeting of the year will be held via Zoom on September 20, 2023 from 7:00-8:00 PM. We will discuss the PTA budget and give an overview of the year ahead! I hope to see you there! If you have any questions or thoughts in the meantime, feel free to contact me directly at hillcrestpta21228@gmail.com.

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HILLCREST PTA AT A GLANCE! 2023-2024

PTA Executive Board

- Mindy Merlo, President
- Jen Tiedeman, Vice President
- Danielle Stakel, Vice President
- Amanda Alechko, Treasurer
- Taylor Crockett, Corresponding Secretary
- Lily Grybauskas, Recording Secretary
- Shannon Brinkley, Member at Large
- Patty Jazwiecki, Member at Large

PTA Committees

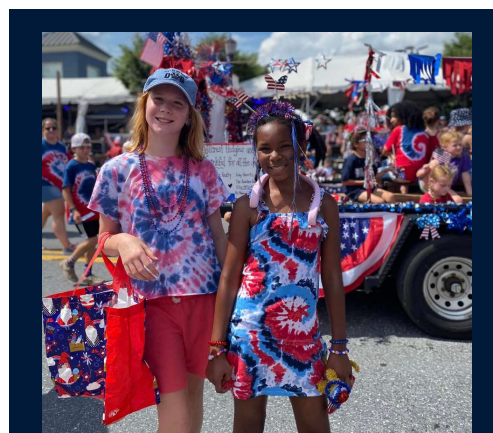
- Hospitality
- Courtyard and Environmental
- Diversity & Equity
- International Night
- Literature Night
- STEM Night
- 4th of July Float

Highlights of PTA Events & Activities

- Kindergarten Popsicle Party
- Fifth Grade Celebration
- Assemblies & Cultural Arts
- Earth Day Celebration
- Diversity & Equity Book Club
- International Night
- Literature Night
- STEM Night
- 4th of July Parade



A HERD OF ANIMALS TAKE OVER A CLASSROOM AT LITERATURE NIGHT!



FRIENDS CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY WITH THE HILLCREST PTA FLOAT!

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063701644785

Kindergarten Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/260411599869533/

Contact us to learn how you can get involved! We can't wait to hear from you!
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