

**HILLCREST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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ONLINE:**



**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

**Winter / Christmas
Break Begins
at the end of
the day** **12/22**

School Reopens **01/03**

**School closes
at 12:25** **01/13**

No School **01/16**

**School closed
for students** **01/17**

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Principal's Message

I am glad you are reading this newsletter! However, the feedback that we have been able to gather indicates that the vast majority of our families do not read our monthly newsletter. I can totally understand this considering the CRAZY amount of information that comes through our email boxes each and every day. Families have shared that they get most of their information about school from Facebook and the bulk phone calls and emails that we regularly send. As a result, we are going to discontinue the publication of this newsletter. If the nature of our feedback regarding communicating with ur families changes, it would not be difficult to reinstate the newsletter.

So . . . be sure your email and phone number are on file at school for our bulk phone calls and emails. If you don't believe they are, please call the office at 410-887-0820 and we can make sure you are connected. Also, our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter account](#) and brand new Instagram (@hillcrestbcps) accounts are all very active with lots of good information.

Baltimore County Public Schools is committed to growing and training school-based leaders. As such, we will welcome Ms. Amanda McBride as an Associate principal at Hillcrest from 1/9/17—2/3/17. This is essentially an internship experience for Ms. McBride, who is currently the assistant

principal at Westowne Elementary. She will work with me during the first two weeks that she is here. Then, on 1/23, Ms. McBride will take on the role of Principal by herself for two weeks. While I will certainly continue to be available via email, we want to make sure that Ms. McBride gets to enjoy as many facets of the Principal position as possible, so please feel free to contact her with any questions or concerns. She has created a [video introduction](#) and has written a letter to the Team Hillcrest community. Please check them out when you get a chance.

Thank you for all you do for Team Hillcrest. I want to wish you and your family an amazing holiday season and fabulous new year. See you soon!

- Dr. E.

Original Works Fundraiser

Orders will be ready to pick up on Friday, December 16th in the school cafeteria. You may arrive to pick up orders between 3:30 and 6pm.

Orders that are not picked up by a parent on the 16th will be distributed to homeroom

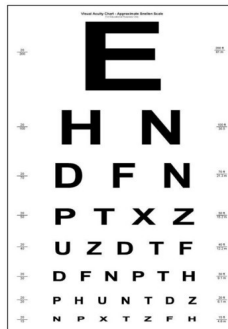


teachers on Monday morning, December 19th . If you do not want the order going home with the student on Monday please make other arrangements.

If you have any questions please contact, Mrs. Black, lblack@bcps.org.

Hearing and Vision Testing

Hearing and vision testing will begin January 3rd to January 11th. All students in Kindergarten, 1st grade and 4th grade will be screened.



If your child is in 2nd, 3rd or 5th grade and you would like them tested please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Head, at dluecking@bcps.org or 410-869-0162.

Magnet Programs-5th Grade ONLY

If you applied to a magnet school, you will be receiving a letter in January about the status of your application. If you do not, please call the magnet office for more information. All of there information can be found at bcps.org/offices/magnet.

Winter Concert

The winter concert for 5th grade students will take place on Thursday, January 19th at 7pm. In the cafeteria.

Students that are in chorus need to arrive at school at 6:45 pm, band members are to report at 6:30 pm.

Dress code: Students that do not have a costume are to wear dark bottoms and alight top. NO JEANS.

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English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
The ESOL Family Literacy Program



ESOL Family Literacy for non-native English speaking parents is designed to help parents learn English language skills for life, work, and to fully partner in their child's education. To participate in this program, parents must have a child 0~16 years old and enrolled in Baltimore County Elementary Schools, the Judy Center of Baltimore County or Baltimore County Head Start.
*** No class cost - grant funded.**

Walk-In ESOL Family Literacy Program Placement and Registration Locations:

LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME
Essex Elementary School	Thursday	December 1	9 am
Lansdowne Library	Friday	December 2	9 am
Randallstown Elementary School	Friday	December 2	11 am
Campfield Head Start Center	Monday	December 5	9 am
Cockeysville Community Center	Monday	December 5	9 am
Highland Village Head Start Center	Monday	December 5	9 am
Towson Head Start Center	Monday	December 5	9 am
Riverview Head Start Center	Monday	December 5	12 pm
Colgate Elementary School	Monday	December 5	6 pm
Hawthorne Elementary School	Tuesday	December 6	9 am
Sandy Plains Elementary School	Tuesday	December 6	9 am

If Baltimore County Public Schools are closed, registration will be cancelled that day. Please check www.bcps.org for school closing announcements.

How to Register:

- To register for an ESOL Family Literacy class, go to one of the locations listed above.
- Arrive on time and expect to be there 2-3 hours for registration and testing. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.
- To request an accommodation for a disability, please call 443-840-3428. Please allow staff adequate time to arrange it before registration.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO REGISTRATION OR CLASSES.



For more information about ESOL Family Literacy, call Kaija Canino at 443-840-3452 or kcanino@ccbcmd.edu

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Class Locations and Schedule:

To register, all students must come to one of the "Walk-In ESOL Family Literacy Placement and Registration Locations"

Campfield Head Start Center

6838 Alter Street
Baltimore, MD 21207
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00 – 11:30 am

Cockeysville Community Center

9834 Greenside Drive,
Cockeysville, MD 21030
Tuesday and Thursday (might become 3-day)
8:45 – 11:45 am | 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Colgate Elementary

401 51st Street
Baltimore, MD 21224
Tuesday and Thursday
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Essex Elementary

100 Mace Avenue
Essex, MD 21221
Monday and Wednesday
8:45 – 11:45 am

Hawthorne Elementary

125 Kingston Drive
Essex, MD 21220
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
9:00 – 11:30 am

Highland Village Head Start Center

4165 McDowell Lane
Lansdowne, 21227
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00 – 11:30 am

Lansdowne Library

500 3rd Ave,
Halethorpe, MD 21227
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00 – 11:30 am

Randallstown Elementary

9013 Liberty Road
Randallstown, MD 21133
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
12:15 – 2:45 pm

Riverview Head Start Center

3298 Kessler Road
Lansdowne, MD 21227
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
12:15 – 2:45 pm

Sandy Plains Elementary

8330 Kavanagh Road
Baltimore, MD 21222
Tuesday and Thursday (might become 3-day)
12:00 – 3:00 pm

Towson Head Start Center

1801 Glen Keith Blvd.
Towson, MD 21204
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00 – 11:30 am

*These classes are supported by Grant Funding from Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR).

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For more information on the ESOL Family Literacy Program visit:
<http://www.ccbcmd.edu/esol>

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December 16, 2016

Dear Hillcrest families:

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as a participant of the Baltimore County Public School (BCPS) Associate Principals' Cohort. I am looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to work closely with Principal Elmendorf to learn more about your school community and refine my leadership skills during this process. My educational journey has provided me a wealth of knowledge and experiences that I am excited to share. My professional teaching experience in BCPS includes six years as a grade five teacher. Moreover, I served as a mentor teacher for Towson University interns, worked as a Gifted and Talented resource teacher, and IEP chair at Scotts Branch Elementary School. Currently, I am a fourth year assistant principal at Westowne Elementary School. I am elated to bring my educational leadership skills to Hillcrest Elementary as a partner in your students' educational success.

As I make this transition to Hillcrest for the month of January, I am aware of the anticipation and eagerness that accompanies change in any organization. I know that change can provoke both excitement and anxiety. I eagerly anticipate getting to know the Hillcrest community and learning about your hopes and dreams for the school. I believe that genuine collaboration fosters ownership of a rich school culture. Supporting our children to do well at school, and in their lives, is the center of our work. I am honored to serve your community and will work hard to build positive relationships with all stakeholders as Hillcrest's Associate Principal. In the meantime please enjoy the holiday season. I look forward to January and the opportunity to partner with the entire community!

Sincerely,

Amanda B. McBride

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