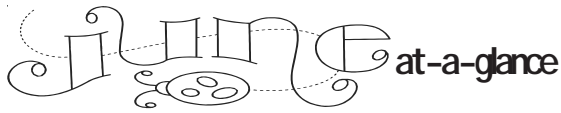


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- 2 **Bicycle Rally (4-5 pm).** Bring your bike helmet and join us for a fun afternoon riding our bikes and learning about bicycle safety. Stations will be set up on the blacktop behind the school to learn about "rules of the road," safe riding techniques and to practice our bike handling skills. Afterward, we will have treats for all participants and drawings for prizes! **Parent, older siblings and cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents are needed to volunteer! Only 1 1/2 hours of your time are required! No experience is necessary!** To volunteer, please call Peggy Basdekas (792-3824).
- 7 **5th Grade Honor Day.**
- 8 **Last Day of School for Kindergarten.**
Hillcrest School Carnival (5-8 pm). Bring the whole family! Tickets can be purchased for 25 cents each the night of the carnival and advanced sales are being arranged. Games, activities, food...you won't want to miss out! Fun for the entire family!
- 9 **Last Day of School (half-day) & Crazy Hair Day.**
Logan Library Summer Reading Program Registration Begins! Drop by the Logan Library (255 North Main) and sign up your children (up to age 12) for the summer reading program! Children who complete their reading record sheet will be eligible to earn free books (up to 5)! Don't miss out on a single week! Sign up today!

Don't forget the drop-in appointments available with your child's teacher May 28 (2:30-4 pm) and while you're in stop by the Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Fair!

No Summer Programs at Hillcrest this Year...

Hillcrest parents need to be aware that a new parking lot is planned for the East side of the building (where the swings are now). Because of safety issues caused by this parking lot construction and the installation of a new fire alarm system at the school, **Hillcrest school will NOT be accessible during the summer. No programs will be offered at the school and parents will not be able to send their kids to the school park to play without supervision!**

Early Kindergarten Registration Vital for School Planning

If you missed your chance to register your Kindergarten child for school next year, please don't wait until fall! The District will hold Kindergarten registration again starting June 21, 2004. By registering your child in advance of the school year start date, you help our school and the District hire any additional teachers they may need, and plan appropriately for the incoming students and their particular needs!

School Lunch Money Due NOW!

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches, it's time again when parents must keep their child's school meal (lunch/breakfast) account current! While a deficit may be run at other times of the year, starting May 27th all accounts must be current or no meals will be served to your child. They will be given the chance to call you and arrange for you to come and add funds to their account, but they cannot eat unless they have sufficient funds available on account!

And as a reminder for children who will continue their schooling at Hillcrest or in other schools in the Logan City School District, any funds remaining in your child's account cannot be refunded at the end of the school year, but instead will be rolled over into their account for the 2004-05 school year! (For children who will be attending other schools in the Logan City School District next year their account balance will be transferred to their new school.)

If you know that your child will not be attending school in the Logan City School District next year, please come in to the school office to arrange a refund with Anita. For questions or to verify your child's fund balance, please contact Anita at the school office by calling 755-2360 during school hours.

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PTA President's Message

from Mindi Wright, PTA President

What a great year we've had! We are sad to see our terrific 5th graders leave us for further adventures at the middle school...and things won't be the same without our retiring and relocating teachers...and of course we will dearly miss those children and their families who will not be with us at Hillcrest next year due to boundary changes and moves. You've all been an important part of our Hillcrest family! You go on to your new opportunities with all of our best wishes for happiness and success.

As the school year comes to a close, I want to express my thanks once again for everyone who has put their all into making the Hillcrest experience the best it can be! From PTA leadership, to our fantastic teachers and our terrific classroom volunteers, everyone has worked so well together to achieve our common goals! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

But before we say good-bye to the 2003-04 school year, we need your help one last time. I will be sending home a parent assessment questionnaire in the next few days, asking for your comments and feedback on how things have been for you and your family at Hillcrest this year. Please take the time to complete and return this important assessment tool so we can continue that which is good at our school into the future and make changes now to keep the quality of our programs first rate!! THANKS! And have a GREAT summer!

2003-04/2004-05 Hillcrest PTA Executive Board

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Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Reading Wisdom... Pass it On!

Read to Me: 20 Minutes a Day

Leon Me: 20 Minutos Por Dia

"The more the read, the better you get at it,
 the better you get at it, the more you like it,
 and the more you like it, the more you do it!"

"¡Lo más que uno lea, lo mejor que llega a ser para leer,
 lo mejor que pueda leer, más le gusta,
 y más que le guste, más lo hace!"

--Jim Trelease

Hillcrest "Teacher Feature" Lori Dopp, Kindergarten

Did you know that Miss Dopp grew up right here in Cache Valley as the middle of 3 children? She has been teaching for the last 3 years, 2 of those at Hillcrest (one in 1st grade and 1 in Kindergarten)! Here's what we learned about Miss Dopp!

- Her favorites include: Color--Purple; Child's Book--Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type; Dessert--Tiramisu; Food--Steak; Junk Food--Oreos; Candy Bar--Snickers; Soda Pop--any kind of Diet Coke; Sport--Hockey; Animal--Dog; Movie--Lord of the Rings; Restaurant--Joe's Crab Shack.
- She attended college at BYU-Hawaii before finishing school at BYU-Provo.
- While she was growing up, she spent 13 years dancing with Tueller's School of Dance.
- In her spare time she enjoys reading books (anything by Dean Koontz or John Grisham), being in the outdoors, and playing with my pets (she has 2 dogs and a turtle--the class pet).
- She also enjoys going to the movies, spending time with her family, and traveling.
- She LOVES being around young children! And she thinks that the kids, parents, and faculty here at Hillcrest are GREAT!
- Please note that she is single and still looking for Mr. Right. :)

We are excited to know that she will continue teaching Kindergarten at Hillcrest Elementary next year!

**Si usted necesita esto traducido por
favor llame 755-2360!**

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International Connections

Junio

- 2 Festival de Bicicletas
- 8 **Carneval: festeja el fin del año escolar en esta fiesta para toda la familia 5-8 p.m. en los terrenos de la escuela.**
- 9 Último día de la escuela

NINGÚN PROGRAMA DE VERANO EN HILLCREST ESTE AÑO...

Los padres de Hillcrest necesitan estar enterados de que un parqueadero nuevo para carros se planea para el lado Oriental del edificio (donde los columpios están ahora). A causa de asuntos de seguridad causados por esta construcción y la instalación de un sistema nuevo de alarma de fuego en la escuela, la escuela de Hillcrest no será accesible durante el verano. ¡No se ofrecerán programas de verano en la escuela y padres no podrán mandar sus niños a jugar en el parque de la escuela supervisión! ¡Esperamos seguir con los grandes programas de verano que se ofrecerán en Hillcrest el año próximo!

PTA (ASOCIACIÓN DE PADRES Y MAESTROS) SIGUE BUSCANDO VOLUNTARIOS PARA EL AÑO 2004-05

¡Muchísimas Gracias a todos los padres entusiasmados quienes han servido con la PTA este año, y se han comprometidos a ayudar el próximo año escolar!

¡Buscamos a unos ayudantes para las áreas siguientes: Coordinador de Reflejos, Silla del Comité para la Semana Internacional, y Coordinador de la Noche de Diversión Familiar! ¡Esto es la oportunidad perfecta de traer a su querido amigo y trabajar

It's Not Too Late to Nominate for "Teacher of the Week!"

Nominations for the Cache-valley "teacher of the week" will continue through the summer! Here's what you will need to do:

1. Write a short letter (2-3 paragraphs) telling why you think your teacher should be nominated. This should also include your teacher's name and grade, and what school he/she is from. Please give us your name, mailing address and phone number so you can be contacted if your letter is chosen.
2. E-mail your letters to teacheroftheweek@aol.com or send them by mail: A Touch of Class Floral, Teacher of the Week, 1114 North Main, Suite 130, Logan UT 84341.

JUNTOS en un proyecto significativo para beneficiar a los niños maravillosos de Hillcrest Elementary! ¡No tiene que hacer esto sólo!

¡Si usted puede ayudar, o quiere ser parte de un comité, por favor llame a Janae Lester (752-8895) tan pronto como sea posible!

¡El Dinero del Almuerzo de la escuela Debido AHORA!

Como el fin del año escolar rápidamente se acerca, ¡es tiempo de nuevo cuándo padres deben mantener la cuenta para comida de su niño/a corriente! Mientras un déficit se puede juntar en otras veces del año, empezando 27 de mayo todas las cuentas deben tener la cantidad necesaria o ningunas comidas serán servidas a su niño/a. Se les dará la oportunidad de llamarle y hacer arreglos para que venga usted a agregar fondos a su cuenta, ¡pero no puedan comer a menos que ellos tengan los fondos suficientes disponibles en su cuenta!

Como un recordatorio para niños quienes continuarán su educación en Hillcrest o en otras escuelas en el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Logan, cualquiera cantidad que sobra en la cuenta de su niño/a no se le puede entregar al fin del año escolar, sino será añadido a su cuenta para el año escolar de 2004-05. (Para niños quienes asistirán a otras escuelas en el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Logan el próximo año, lo que sobra de su cuenta será transferido a su escuela nueva.)

Si usted sabe que su niño no estará asistiendo a una escuela en el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Logan el próximo año, por favor venga a la oficina de la escuela para arreglar un reembolso con Anita. Para preguntas o para verificar la cantidad de fondos en su cuenta, por favor comuníquese con Anita en la oficina de la escuela llamando a 755-2360 durante las horas escolares.

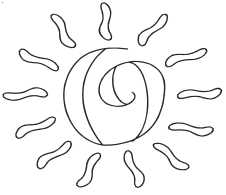
Art Education Recap/Recruit

We have had a great year of art education! We would like to thank the following parents for teaching wonderful lessons on painting, sculpture, photography, drama, music, architecture, dance, handicrafts, and poetry to our Hillcrest students: Valerie Wallis, Amy Court, Stephanie White, Sue Measom, Kristy Peterson, Lisa Hopkins, Julie Duersch, Maureen Killila, Marnae Gerszewski, Marnie Ahlmer, Peggy Basdekas, Leslie Ogden, Jane DeGroff, Mindi Wright, and Peggy Shelley. Brava! Brava!

If you are interested in helping us with our volunteer art education lessons next year, please contact Jenny Willmore at 755-6697 or [jwillmrs@cc.usu.edu]

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Oh, What Do You Do in the Summertime?

As we prepare to begin another busy summer, here are a few ideas on some fun, free summer activities you and your children can participate in around our community! For additional resources on other activities (for a fee), please visit the Child Care Resource & Referral Web site [www.usuchild.usu.edu] provided by USU's Department of Family, Consumer & Human Development.

Summer Literacy Program

sponsored by The Family Center (50 South 400 East, Logan)

The Summer Literacy Program is a FREE, 10 week program, running from June 8th to August 12th. Reading, discussions, activities, and crafts will all be included! Pre-registration is required. Please come in or call 755-5171 to sign up for the sessions you would like to attend.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Day (Time)</u>
5-7 year olds	Tuesday (10-10:30 am)
2-4 year olds	Wednesday (10-10:30 am)
	Wednesday (11-11:30 am)
8+ year olds	Thursday (10-10:30 am)*

*Chapter Book: Holes by Louis Sachar



Summer Library Reading Program Sign-ups Start June 9 at Logan Library!

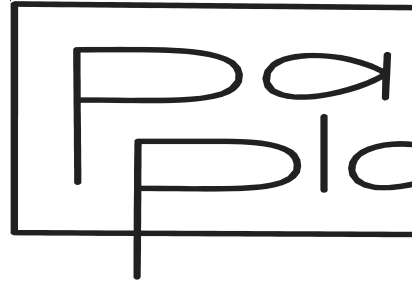
The Logan Library has planned another fun summer reading program for children ages 12 and under!! Sign-ups begin at the Logan Library (255 North Main) on June 9th. (The program ends when school begins in August.) As children complete the fun reading requirements they win books as their prize! Over the course of the summer they can earn up to 5 books!

Don't wait to sign up for this great program, get the most from your summer reading goals!

Summer is a Great Time to Start 2004 Reflections Contest Entries!

Don't wait until fall when school starts to get your creative juices flowing! Instead, take time this summer to begin work on your entry for the 2004 Reflections Contest! Our theme for 2004-05 will be "A Different Kind of Hero/Un héroe diferente!" We can't wait to see what you come up with!!

The Hillcrest PTA newsletter is on the Web!
www.hillcrest.logan.k12.ut.us



Logan City Parks & Recreation Sponsors FREE Summer Playground Program!

Come play in the park! It's a great way for your child to spend their summer vacation. Each day the children will experience creative arts and crafts, exciting recreational games, guest speakers, field trips and more! The trained Logan Parks & Recreation staff are experienced, responsible and highly energetic and will supervise the Summer Playground Program.

This program runs from June 21-August 6 from 1-5 pm Monday through Friday at Adams Park and Willow Park. Children in grades 1-5 (they must have completed Kindergarten) may participate. Registration is on-going at each location, and children must register before they can participate. Call Logan City Parks & Recreation (716-9250) with questions.

Looking Ahead to 2004-05 School Year... Hillcrest Web Site Can Help You Get Ready for Back to School!

It may seem far away, but the summer will quickly give way to fall and "back to school" season will be here before we know it! To help you get ready when the time comes, please visit the Hillcrest School Website [www.hillcrest.logan.k12.ut.us]



You will find information about our great teachers, a suggested supply list for each grade and teacher, and our PTA "back-to-school" parent packet will all be on-line to help you! So, when it's time to think about going back to school, go on-line to get all the help you need to plan for the coming year!

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