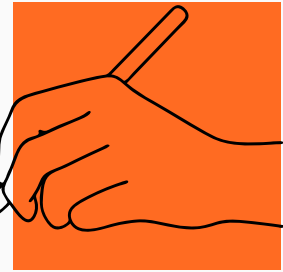# Update From Principal Drummond

March 24, 2024

Dear Hill Community,

We hope you are having a relaxing weekend! **As a reminder, there is no school this Friday, March 29th as it is a student and staff holiday.**

This week we celebrate **International Reading Week** at Hill School. <u>Click here to sign your student up to participate or volunteer to read!</u> Our annual Hill Heritage Fashion Parade is this Thursday, March 28th at 7:45 am or so right after a short assembly. Students may dress up in cultural attire and/or wave flags during the parade. Participation is optional but encouraged. We would love to see our Dillos participate! <u>Please also be sure to check out the flier here</u> for our first Hill Family Folk Dancing Night this Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Hill Cafeteria. There is a QR code at the link to RSVP. We look forward to the fun! Lastly, thank you to all of our readers and volunteer organizers that make this a special week on campus.

The Hill Hoopla Fundraiser is around the corner! We always look forward to this fun event that does so much for our PTA and school. <u>You can click here for all the information you need right now.</u> Be sure to mark your calendars for April 5th, and buy your tickets before the prices go up on April 1st. While you're on the website, grab your Hoopla hat! Your Hoopla committee will be out front of the school on Thursday, March 28th in the morning and afternoon selling hats and passing out already purchased merchandise. Also, see the updated foodie fest menu in Dillo Details.

Class pictures are this Wednesday, March 27th. <u>You can click here for more information</u>.

Hill students will all have the opportunity to **observe the total eclipse taking place on the afternoon of April 8th**. More information will come on our plan in next week's letter. Please know that we have secured glasses for all students for safety from AISD so families do not need to provide their own for students. Parents/guardians wishing to view the eclipse on campus with their student(s) will have that opportunity.

<u>Click here</u> for the **March Counselor Newsletter**.

We wanted to share the different types of drills and safety protocols we have followed throughout this year. <u>You can click here for reference</u>. Our students have done a phenomenal job to learn and take these seriously.

Below this letter, there is information available from AISD about learning opportunities regarding Special Education services. Have an excellent week!

Principal Drummond

The Austin ISD Special Education Department is hosting multiple family engagement and learning opportunities.

Vela is a local nonprofit dedicated to empowering parents to become their child's greatest advocates. Through an AISD & VELA partnership, we are offering a 3-part interactive virtual series for parents to gain knowledge, identify strategies, and find resources to support their child's special education services and individual education program (IEP). This opportunity is available in English or in Spanish! Parents, staff, and community members can REGISTER to participate in one, two, or all three sessions.

- IEP Learning Series Flyer (Eng) | IEP Virtual Learning Series Flyer (Spn)
- Autism Learning Series (Eng) | Autism Learning Series (Spn)

Additional Empower Hour opportunities in March & April
Austin Community College (ACC) and Student Accessibility Services (SAS): SAS staff will assist students by identifying reasonable accommodations, establishing and coordinating accommodations, conducting one-on-one meetings in person, online, or by phone, providing access to Assistive Technology, offering disability-related problem-solving and advocacy, and providing information and referrals to additional ACC resources.

- March 26: 12-1, 6-7 - VIRTUAL online LINK

Family Empower Hour: Child Find: This session will review district Child Find responsibilities - including referral, timelines, and process from evaluation to the determination of special education eligibility and services.

- April 16: 12-1, 6-7 - VIRTUAL online LINK