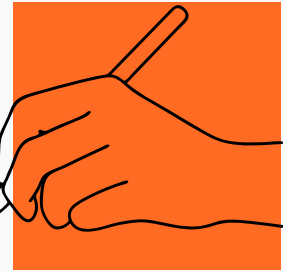


Update From Principal Drummond



April 14, 2024

Dear Hill Community,

We want to invite you all to our **Hill PTA Parent Education event: Brooke Shannon, Founder of Wait Until 8th this Thursday, April 18th at 7:45 am.** A note about the event: Are you struggling with navigating parenting in the digital arena? Are you wrestling with what the right age is for a smartphone and social media? No matter where you are on your parenting journey with technology, you don't want to miss our parenting talk with Brooke Shannon. Brooke will talk about the importance of delaying smartphones and social media and will help parents already in the middle of smartphone battles with some strategic advice to rein in smartphone use. Brooke works with families nationwide to help establish a healthy relationship with technology. For more information about Brooke and Wait Until 8th, go to www.waituntil8th.org. All are welcome! [You can click here for the flier with more information.](#)

STAAR testing begins tomorrow for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We are so proud of the hard work our students have put in. We can't thank our teachers enough for all the preparation they have done this year and in years prior to ready them. Here is our schedule for the next two weeks:

- Monday, April 15th: 3rd, 4th, 5th STAAR Language Arts Exam (Make-Ups the Following Day)
- Thursday, April 18th: 5th Grade STAAR Science Exam (Make-Ups the Following Day)
- Wednesday, April 24th: 3rd, 4th, 5th STAAR Math Exam (Make-Ups the Following Day)

We also want to give some reminders for our entire community as our tests are now spread out over two consecutive weeks. If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader, thank you for ensuring they arrive on time for testing days by 7:30 am if possible so they can be ready and prepared as we dismiss them from assembly. We also encourage a lot of sleep the night before and a healthy breakfast the morning of. Please ensure your student brings healthy snacks and a book to read each day. These things matter! Let's give a big Dillo Cheer to our kids who are ready to show their Dillo Best. We know all of our students will make us very proud!

Our annual Roundup event for incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten families is this Wednesday, April 17th at 9:00 am in our cafeteria space. All incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten parents, along with their students, can learn more about our school and teachers. We will take care of registration documents as well that may be needed. Your students will visit a Pre-K or Kindergarten class for fun activities. Please spread the word to friends who may be interested in joining our Hill community! You can begin lining up outside and doors will open just before the event begins. See you Wednesday!

The annual Hill Dillo Dash is taking place Friday, April 26th! Mark your calendars and plan to bring your student to this fun and healthy event. More information to come.

You Need to Enroll Your Student for the Fall: Enroll Austin is open to General Registration for your student(s) for the fall of 2024. Please visit <https://www.austinisd.org/enroll> to get started now. As we begin looking ahead to create classes for your student, they need to be registered for this process. Thank you!

Reminder: You can click here to view and get your student participating in our 2nd Annual Hill Problem-Based Learning Activity. This is a fun way to get students critical thinking while supporting our school to be a better place. Projects/presentations will be due at the end of April to teachers. We look forward to our Dillos' amazing ideas!

Have an excellent rest of the day!



Principal Drummond