



Hillsborough Highlander

Hillsborough Happenings

February 2010

From the Desk of Mrs. Adamson

Our students have settled back into the routine that tends to accompany the month of January. Having returned from a much-deserved winter break, I commend the perseverance and determination they have demonstrated in their mission to achieve their individual goals. The second quarter has come to an end and students have received their report cards. I am certain their exceptional efforts will be reflective in their grades. However, should you happen to have concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Now is the time to act on areas that indicate concern.



Kindness Day is almost upon us and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your unselfish desire to help in so many areas. The month promises to be one filled with much reflection, compassion, and love. May the spirit of kindness touch each of us in endless ways. We have many exciting events to look forward to this month and I thrill at the prospect of the joy and tremendous benefits our students stand to glean from all of them.

"Give to others without the expectation of a return," Bill Bradley.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 1 Semi-Annual Tuition / Spring Supplemental Fees Due
- Feb. 2 Third Grade Field Trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific
Valentines' Carnations on Sale

- Feb. 8 Kindness Day
Character Award Assembly (11:00 a.m.)
Spelling Bee Kick-Off
- Feb. 9 Last Day to Buy Carnations
100th Day of School
- Feb 10-11 Preschool Bake Sale
- Feb. 12 Valentine's Free Dress Day (Pink/Red)
Carnations Issued
- Feb. 15 Campus Closed – Presidents' Day
- Feb. 19 Spirit Day
Spelling Bee Day – Pledge Forms Due
- Feb 26 Disco Fun Day – Free Dress
Parents' Night Out
Spelling Bee Money Due

February Birthdays

The following children celebrate their birthdays during the month of February:

Serena R. (6th), Phoenix H. (8th), Ahmed T. (12th), Rachelle D. (12th), Joshua C. (13th), Sarah B. (14th), Natalie L. (15th), Ali N. (19th), Camden B. (22nd), Adam A. (26th), Natasha E. (27th), and Jason C. (28th). Mrs. Batarse (23rd) also celebrates her birthday this month. Happy birthday to all of you. Wishing everyone a day filled with happiness and pleasant surprises.

Such Character

The month of January allowed for plenty of opportunities for our students to demonstrate perseverance. Our students showed incredible dedication both in the classroom and on the playground this month in many instances. The following however, were singled out for going above and beyond by

showing perseverance in their schoolwork, their attitudes, and their actions. Congratulations go to: Chloe K., Amelie Y., Phoenix H., Jackson H., Lila A., Violet K., Elizabeth F., Emma B., Andrew K., Camden B., Arya G., and Avery B.

Thank you each and every one of you for setting such high standards for your fellow classmates and peers. Keep up the fine work! Our focus throughout the month of February will be Kindness. We will strive to work on acceptance, empathy, and understanding of the needs, challenges, and situations of others as we focus on reaching out to others in times of need.



"Courage" Award Recipients

Any Special Valentines This Year?

Friday, February 12th, is the day we will be celebrating Valentine's Day at Hillsborough. Student Council will be selling carnations for Valentine's Day before and after school again this year. Carnations will be sold for \$1.00 starting February 2nd and ending February 9th. Carnations will be delivered to each recipient on Valentine's Day morning just after the start of school.



Class parties are scheduled to take place towards the end of the day; however teachers will be sending home more detailed information shortly. Wear something red or pink – it is free dress!

Disco Day – February 26th

Friday, February 26th is officially Disco Day! This will be an active and nostalgic day filled with many fun and interactive games. Students will participate in several organized activities throughout the day including a dance-off. This promises to be an exciting and unusual day. More detailed information will make its way home shortly, but in the meantime – start preparing your dance moves. ☺

Open House, March 12th

Mark your calendars! Our "A World of Possibilities" Open House is scheduled for Friday, March 12th, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open to both current and

prospective parents from preschool – 8th grade, you are invited with your children to view their proudly exhibited hard work that they have been working on over the last few months. You are also encouraged to invite friends, neighbors, and family members. This evening is open to everyone – hope to see you there.

Tardy Policy

This is just a reminder of our tardy/absentee policy. Please work together as a family to insure your child arrives at school on time. If your child does arrive after the bell has rung and once students are in class, please do not accompany him/her to the classroom. This causes even more of a disruption. Saying your goodbyes in the office makes it easier on all concerned. We are all busy, but a little prior planning can avoid a morning of disruptions to an entire class. On the matter of absences, please make every attempt to make appointments after school hours and to schedule vacations during our scheduled holiday times. The disruption this causes on students' attendance and consistency has a negative impact all around and hinders your child's ultimate success. It is essential that your children be here regularly and on time for us to be successful at our job. Thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.

Hillsborough Hair Code

Please take the time to make sure your child's hair length still meets our hair regulations. Reminder notices will be sent home should a student's hair length exceed the specifications. A reminder that girls whose hair falls beyond the bottom of their collar line must tie their hair back.

Free Dress Day Requirements

Our monthly free dress days are reserved as a reward for student behavior and adherence to our regular school uniform policies. For every two uniform notices a student receives in a month's period, he/she will lose one free dress privilege. Excessive notices will result in a phone call home. Your cooperation in this matter is essential as we strive for respect and uniformity in all areas of life at Hillsborough.

Friday After School Detentions

Upper level grade students receiving two or more lunch/recess detentions/ PE uniform notices in a week's period will be issued an afternoon Friday detention. Please be aware that Friday detentions may be assigned for any 1st – 8th grade student for incidents of a more serious matter.

Monday Holidays

The month of February offers a Monday holiday on February 15th. Please remember that when a holiday falls on a Monday, full



dress uniform is required to be worn on the following day (Tuesday).

Kindergarten Backpacks

Kindergarten parents – please ensure you are sending your kindergartener to school with a backpack every day. Backpacks are crucial in the process of teaching responsibility – not only does it allow for a safe place to store their sweaters and other personal items, but it also develops a habit they will be required to have mastered in first grade. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Report Cards

Report cards went home last week, signifying the start to yet another quarter. Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and attention to their studies. We are all so very proud of the many challenges you have had to overcome.

Priority Registration

All current Hillsborough families are invited to take advantage of our Priority Registration. Registration packets will be sent home this week. Parents who take advantage and register their children by March 12th will receive a significant discount on their registration fee. Don't lose out – register now!☺

Kindness Day, February 8th

This day has been set aside at Hillsborough to allow our students the opportunity to practice random acts of kindness on those around them and experience the joy it can spread.

Let us all go out of our way to prove how simple acts of kindness can make a world of difference. February 6th has been officially proclaimed Kindness Day in the city of Anaheim, thanks to Mr. Jaievsky's hard work. "Make Kindness Contagious," Edward Jaievsky

100th Day of School

On February 10th we will celebrate the 100th day of school. Our preschool and kindergarten classes will celebrate with a day filled with 100 day-themed activities, including an entertaining puppet show.

Spring Book Fair – April 19th – 23rd

This year's theme: "Book Fair Diner...All You Can Read." Yes, the all-popular book fair will return in April. It's never too early to start looking ahead and saving those precious dollars for the multitude of books it promises to offer.

AMC-8 National Math Competition

Our junior high students had the opportunity to participate in the AMC 8 National Math Competition, in which their math skills were put to the ultimate test. Our

students came up against some of the very best mathematical minds in our nation and we are so very proud to announce the following students who placed in this competitive and challenging test. Congratulations are to:

1st place: Robin L & Destene V. (tied)

2nd place: Seth C.

3rd place: Chloe C.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Lesser for giving our students this opportunity, and for her work in ensuring their preparation for this competition. Way to go junior high! We now eagerly await the upcoming MathCounts competition, in which select students will participate this month.

Significant Mention

Congratulations are in order for Miss Jessie (preschool), who is due to be married on March 31st. We are so excited for you Miss Jessie and we wish you and your future husband many wonderful years of happiness together. Congratulations are also in order to Miss Anna, who recently welcomed her newborn niece to the family. Zoe was born on January 26th (yes, Miss Anna's birthday☺). We are so excited for you – we hope you get to enjoy her as much as possible during those first precious months. Congrats!

Welcome, Good Bye, and Good Luck

We are pleased to welcome the following students to Hillsborough: Yousef S. (preschool), Violet K. (3rd grade), Lila A, (3rd grade), Kestrel L. (3rd grade), and Rachelle P. (7th grade). A warm welcome back to 2nd grader, Jackson H. – we are so pleased to have you back Jackson. You have all made a wonderful addition to your prospective classrooms and we are so pleased to have you all join the Hillsborough family. We know you have already been made to feel right at home by our welcoming students. We bid a sad farewell to Amelie Y. and her family (kindergarten) as they make a giant move across the ocean to Indonesia at the end of February. We will miss you Amelie.

Afternoon Snack

Please note that only one snack is given to students after school. Please ensure to pack an extra snack for your child if he/she remains at school after 5:00 p.m. This makes for an extremely long day and children get hungry as the day draws to an end.

A Word From Mrs. Blanco

Hola Padres,

Hillsborough students are enthusiastically working on improving their Spanish vocabulary. Kindergarten students are learning names of animals, terms for clothes and numbers 0-50. They are also enjoying one new story

per week. First grade students are working on writing the names of animals. For example, el perro, el gato, el cerdo, la vaca, y la gallina. They have also mastered numbers 0-65. The second and third grade students are working on reading and writing skills. For example, using el/la and los/las. The second graders are also working on their own Spanish dictionary. They are also presently learning to write sentences with –yo tengo, yo quiero and me gusta. Also, third grade students are diligently working on spelling the months of the year, days of the week and number words (0-20). The fourth grade students are very busy learning to answer questions with-que and quien (what and who). They are also preparing to have their vocabulary and unit test. The fifth grade students are presently learning about the seasons of the year. They are also learning to work with the “Ar” verbs. For example gustar and estar. The sixth grade student’s are very excited as they have one more unit before moving up to the next Spanish book-**Que Tal?**. They have been learning to work with possessive pronouns like su and tu and practicing using suffixes like ito, itos, ita, and itas. The seventh and eighth grade students are working on reading comprehension, translation, and writing skills. They are also learning to work with regular and irregular verbs. These skills are all being put into practice, in writing letters to each other. **The students at Hillsborough are the best!** Especially when it comes to learning a second language like **ESPANOL!** I am very **PROUD** of each one!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Blanco

Foreign Language Department Head

A Word from Miss Pizzi, Computer and Art Teacher Art

First and foremost, I would like to applaud our K-5th grade students for doing such an excellent job completing our unit on Wassily Kandinsky last month. As for this month, we are now embarking on a beautiful unit on the master artist Mary Cassatt. Keep an eye out for sensational self-portraits and still-life projects to be coming home this month! Miss Pizzi ☺

Computers

In February, many exciting things are planned for our K-8th graders in the computer lab! This month in the computer lab the K-2nd grade students will be continuing to discover where each letter is on the keyboard as we focus on proper hand placement for beginning typists. Our 3rd - 4th grade students can look forward to continuing their lessons in the Scholastic Keys program. Our 5th grade students will be continuing to impress everyone with their skills in Microsoft PowerPoint, as well as learning a

few new tricks. The 6th grade students will be working on projects to both increase their awareness of the value of maintaining healthy nutrition as well as their knowledge of Microsoft Excel. Last but not least, the focus for our 7th & 8th grade classes this month, as they too continue to explore Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint, will be on checking for spelling and grammar mistakes PRIOR to printing out and turning in assignments. ~Miss Pizzi ☺

A Word From Mr. Macias – PE Coach

February will consist of learning and playing soccer as well as training for the jog-a-thon. All classes playing soccer this month must first learn the rules and terminology of soccer before they can play. All classes will be running more than usual this month to help get their stamina ready for the jog-a-thon. Stamina is also a key part of playing soccer.

The junior high students will be running a quarter mile every other PE class to get them ready for the jog-a-thon. They will also be playing and learning all about soccer. The second through fifth grade students will also be learning soccer. They will learn the rules and simple terminology to help their soccer skills grow. These students will also begin every PE class with a five to twenty minute jog. This will help build their stamina for both soccer and the jog-a-thon. The first grade students will be learning the most basic fundamentals of soccer. They will learn how to dribble with their feet, pass and kick properly. They will also be doing a five to fifteen minute jog every PE class to help get them ready for the jog-a-thon. Lastly, the kindergarten students will be playing tons of different games that involve their ball skills. I am looking to improve their ball skills this month while still working on their jumping rope and motor skills. Kindergarteners will also be doing quite a bit of running to help improve their stamina, as they will also be taking part in the jog-a-thon.

Any questions or concerns please come speak to me. Reminder, students in the third through eighth grade have NBA projects due at the end of February. I have examples of completed projects in my room for students to take a look at. Please see me if you have any questions regarding the projects.

Thank you,

Mr. Macias



Reading Buddies



4th Grade Fun



Junior High Dance Fun

