

Hillsborough Highlander

Hillsborough Happenings

June 2009

A Word from Mrs. Adamson

We are well into the final stretch of this school year and the last day of school will be upon us before we know it. Upon reflection of the year's past events, I marvel at how far our students have come. Whether it be academics, sports, or simply personal areas of their individual lives, their accomplishments have been many. I am filled with wonder when I consider all they have to achieve and balance in a single school year. The expectations of our children today are higher than ever and it is only through the combined support of school and family that they are able to successfully conclude each challenge that is thrown their way. My heartfelt thanks go out to each and every one of you - students, staff, and parents for enriching the climate at Hillsborough in so many ways through your consistent support. Our students are what they are today because of you. I wish you all a relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you all again in the fall, for yet another year of new challenges and commitments. Stay safe and sun-happy!



Dates to Remember

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| June 3 | 1 st – 2 nd Awards Ceremony
8:45 a.m.
Full Dress Uniform |
| June 4 | 3 rd – 5 th Awards Ceremony
8:45 a.m.
Full Dress Uniform |
| June 5 | Talent Show
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Carnival Evening
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Free Dress Day |
| June 8 | Junior High Graduation Dinner
6:00 p.m., OC Mining Co.
Semi-Formal Attire |
| June 9 | Preschool Garden Party & Awards Ceremony, 10:00 a.m. Fancy Attire
Late Start for Junior High, 9:30 a.m.
8 th Grade Trip – Knott's
3 rd - 5 th Grade Trip (Movies) |
| June 10 | Kindergarten Graduation
9:00 a.m.
Semi-Formal Attire |
| June 11 | Report Cards Issued
Last Day of School – Free Dress
Early Dismissal Times |



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| 11:00 a.m. | Preschool |
| 11:30 a.m. | K-1 st |
| 11:45 a.m. | 2 nd – 4 th |
| 12:00 p.m. | 5 th – 8 th |
| June 12 | After School Daycare Until 6:30 p.m. |
| June 15 | School Closed
Summer Camp Begins |

Upcoming Events

The following is a list of all the upcoming events scheduled to take place over the next two weeks (or if you'd prefer, the last two weeks of school☺). Please make a note of them and be sure to mark them in your calendars so as not to miss out on any that involve your child/ren. We hope to see as many of you as possible at each event.

1st – 2nd Awards Ceremony – June 3rd, 8:45 a.m.

Hillsborough Resource Room. Cake and refreshments to follow ceremony.

3rd – 5th Awards Ceremony – June 4th, 8:45 a.m.

Hillsborough Resource Room. Cake and refreshments to follow ceremony.

Talent Show, June 5th, 10:00 a.m.

Students and families will be treated to a display of talent from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. We hope you are able to join us and help cheer our brave students on.

Carnival Evening, June 5th, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

This promises to be an evening of pure enjoyment. Children, friends, and families will be treated to an array of booths, a balloon maker, face painters, hairspray experts, free popcorn, free drinks, and the much talked about basket raffle. We encourage you to enjoy dinner on campus that evening - Carl's Junior will be preparing scrumptious dinner packages for only \$5.00 (burger, chips, and a drink). Please keep this evening open. The drawing of tickets for our school-wide raffle basket fundraiser will take place throughout the evening. Last-minute tickets will be sold that evening. We hope to see you there!

Junior High Graduation Dinner – June 8th, OC Mining Company, 6:00 p.m.

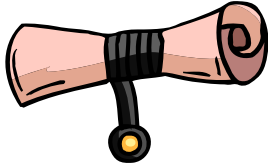
Italian Buffet to be served from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Junior high award ceremony to follow dinner. Dancing will take place after ceremony, until 10:00 p.m.

Preschool Awards Ceremony, June 9th, 10:00 a.m.

Award ceremony to take place in the Hillsborough Resource Room. Refreshments and snacks to be served following the ceremony.

Kindergarten Graduation, June 10th, 9:00 a.m.

Kindergarten graduation to take place in the Hillsborough Courtyard. Refreshments and cake to follow ceremony.



Last Day of School, June 11th

We will observe early dismissal times on the last day of school (June 11th). Please make a note of these times:

- 11:00 a.m. Preschool
- 11:30 a.m. K-1st Grade
- 11:45 a.m. 2nd – 4th Grade
- 12:00 p.m. 5th – 8th Grade

Lunch, for students who stay for after school daycare, will take place at applicable dismissal times.

Special Thanks

Special thanks goes towards this year’s parent volunteer group and room moms and dads for their consistent help throughout the year. The time and effort that has gone into the planning of individual events, helping with the set up and closure of fundraisers, and the general time they have given freely, is unbelievable. How grateful we are for all they do. You have made a wonderful team and your contributions to Hillsborough and the students have been many...Thank you!!!



Our Sixth Annual Field Day

What a busy day! The temperature was perfect and students’ spirits remained high (more importantly so did the staff and parent volunteers’ ☺ - thank you to all of you). The day went smoothly from start to finish thanks to the combined dedication of our staff and parent volunteers. As usual, the day would not have been possible without the much-needed help from parents. Thank you to all of you who were able to volunteer your time and help out. Special thanks to those of you who manned stations and who helped with the setting up and taking down of equipment. Thank you too to parents who volunteered their shade canopies for the day. Well done to you boys and girls for your commitment to doing your absolute best. How inspiring it was to see you all trying every activity, even the ones that you found tough. We witnessed much dedication and sportsmanship throughout the day!

Hillsborough Birthdays

A special birthday wish to all our summer birthday boys and girls. May your day be happy and filled with wonderful memories. The following students celebrate their birthdays in **the month of June:**

June Birthdays:

Jun K. (4th), Bryce K. (7th), Zeinab R. (14th), Lauren L. (14th), Emily O. (17th), Patrick M. (17th), Nicole S. (18th), Suwemi C. (19th), Aaron S. (22nd), Michelle C. (24th), Toring S. (27th).
Staff members: Mrs. Adamson (23rd)



July Birthdays:

Elizabeth F. (4th), Aidan J. (7th), Aleen A. (9th), Hallie W. (10th), Danielle R. (12th), Joseph F. (12th), Tessa D. (12th), Chase T. (15th), Kieana S. (16th), Aidan P. (20th), Joe J. (22nd), Kiley T. (29th). Danny E. (30th), Charlie P. (31st).
Staff Members: Miss Jessica (9th), Miss Erin (12th), and Mrs. Linkous (18th)

August Birthdays:

Kourosh M. (1st), Sara Mohamed (2nd), Robin L. (5th), Kiera D. (8th), Kayvon P. (12th), Stella C. (12th), Matthew F. (12th), Hunter L. (14th), Mona L. (14th), Sydney J. (18th), CJ W. (22nd), Chloe C. (27th), and Nawaf A. (27th).
Staff Members: Mr. Michael (6th), Miss Gayle (13th), Miss Tami (15th), Mrs. Blanco (15th), and Mr. Gutierrez (26th). Happy Birthday to all of you!

Third Grade Wild Animal Park Overnight Trip – A Word from Mrs. Hammond

On May 13th, Hillsborough's third graders had the wonderful opportunity to spend the night at San Diego's Wild Animal Park! The students were well fed with hamburgers, s'mores, hot cocoa, and pancakes in the morning! One great thing about this field trip is that we got to be there after the park closed and before the park opened the next morning. That means we were able to see the nocturnal animals during their most active times. The students and parents all had a chance to pet a crocodile. One might think a crocodile's skin is rough, but it's actually very smooth. During our morning tour we were given the chance to compare our arm sizes to the wingspan of a California condor. Wow, they are huge! We also got to see a four-day-old mountain goat that still wasn't strong on his feet, and a 6-week-old elephant! Considering the animal it was, the elephant was pretty tiny, yet weighed in at about 300 pounds! I look forward to taking my class again next year and to creating yet another set of magical memories. Thank you to the parents for your enthusiasm and involvement in this terrific trip. You helped make it a huge success.

Raffle Basket Fundraiser Update

All money collected from the raffle basket fundraiser held this week will go towards the Carnival Evening (hairspray, popcorn machine, drinks station, prizes, face painters, balloon maker, talent show winner prizes, additional baskets, and booth items), as well as towards this year's Camp Hillsborough – our 2009 summer camp. Thank you to all of you for your crucial support in this year's fundraisers throughout the year – what a difference it makes!

Library Updates

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Alberty, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Masek, and Mrs. Steele for their uncompromising help in the library this past month (and throughout the year). Together, they have managed to shelve all the remaining books from our last Book Fair, leaving us ready to begin work on our new cataloging system. A special thanks to Mrs. Steele for giving up her precious time every Wednesday morning last month to work in the library. She has been working hard on preparing the shelves and finding any errors –

both of which will promise to make the cataloging run that much smoother. We are pleased to report that the cataloging software and hardware (including an electronic scanner) has been purchased – thanks to your contributions to our jog-a-thon in April. Our next goal is to begin the very tedious task of inputting the many books from our library into the system, after which time we can begin bar-coding each book and ultimately move into the 21st century. Whoo-hoo! Thank you Mrs. Steele, for your crucial input in this project.

Character Awards

During the month of May we focused on the character trait, 'respect'. Finding a way to, no matter what the situation, act with respect to those around us, regardless of our personal feelings, is not easy. Congratulations to the following students who shone in this particular area: Samantha C., Ava M., Julia R., Camryn B., Elizabeth F., Amanda K., Jeffery F., Hunter L., Seth C., Robin L., Kiana T., Aaron F., Naji D., Aaron S., and Stella C. What fine role models you serve for the rest of us. Thank you for your show or respect in so many aspects of life.

Staff Appreciation Week – Thank You

All of Hillsborough staff would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the incredible luncheon and gifts bestowed upon them last month. The luncheon was such a treat – from the food to the decorations and the games. Thank you to all of you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. The day left everyone feeling so very appreciated – thank you to all of you.

A Word from Miss Pizzi

Art

What a success our Eric Carle projects were in May! I say with pride that all of the K-5th grade students' caterpillars and seahorses turned out just darling! For the month of June, we are wrapping up the academic year with some fun activities/crafts to get us excited for summer. I am SO proud of all of the flourishing artists that have come through Room 3 this year, and I can't wait to see the astonishing artwork the 2009-2010 school year will bring!

Computers

As things settle down in the computer lab this month, I'd like to thank you all of my students for their continuing efforts and hard work this year. I have seen all of you grow so much, and I can't wait to see where next year will take us! I'd also like to wish special congratulations to our graduating 8th grade class- I know you all will thrive in high school next year! Have a great summer everyone! ☺

A Word from Mrs. Blanco

Wow! What a fantastic year we have had. This school year has gone by **so fast!** It seems as though it was only yesterday that we were starting the school year. Hillsborough students have discovered that they can speak, read, write, and even entertain their classmates in Spanish. This was evident during the month of May

when the junior high students welcomed the opportunity to study poetry. **The results were amazing!** These students showed confidence and enthusiasm during their five minutes in the spotlight. The month of May is also the perfect time to read about the cultural aspect of the Spanish language and about its various holidays. For example, Cinco de Mayo (the fifth of May) is one of two days, which commemorates the independence of Mexico. Although Mexico's official Independence Day is el Dieciseis de Septiembre (September 16th), **Cinco de Mayo** is a day to celebrate pride, independence, and freedom. **Viva la Fiesta!** I wish you all a **long and restful summer vacation**. If you're in the area come on by and say **hola** - room 9.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Mrs. Blanco

Foreign Language Department Head

A Word from Mr. Macias

I would like to thank all the students for making all my P.E. classes so much fun and enjoyable this year. For the month of June, all students will be playing fun and exciting games in P.E. class such as dodge ball and capture the flag. The 4th and 5th grade students will have the opportunity to use the school's swimming pool during their last days of PE. Mrs. Batarse has volunteered her certified life guarding services and time to supervise the 4th and 5th students while they take part in swim. Students must turn in their signed permission slip if they wish to take part in this opportunity. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to speak with me.

Thank you,
Mr. Macias

State Science Fair

An enormous round of congratulations goes out to 7th grader Aaron F. and 8th grader Aaron S., both of whom qualified to participate in this year's State Science Fair competition. Competing at this level has provided both of them with the upper hand for future projects and we salute their achievements.