

## Winter Break is here!

Happy Winter Break! There is no school from Monday, December 25, through Friday, January 5. We will return to school on Monday, January 8. We hope you have a lovely winter holiday with family and friends! We will see you back at Hillside after the break.

## Variety Show

The Hillside Variety Show is planned for January 26th at Westside Middle School starting at 6:00 pm until all acts are over (around 8:00 pm.). Auditions will be at Hillside on January 16th, 17th, and 18th after school from 3:45 until about 4:30 p.m. Acts should last 2 minutes or less. A flyers and permission slip will be coming home on the 22nd. Students who wish to audition should bring their signed permission slip to their audition.

## Robotics Expo

The Nebraska Robotics Expo (<http://neroboticsexpo.unl.edu/>) will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. This is a great way to expose students of all ages to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) concepts. If you are looking for an engaging science activity, you might consider this event!

## Thank you to Winter Breakfast Parent Volunteers!

We would like to thank sincerely the many parent volunteers who appeared at Hillside today to cover the many duties of our dedicated staff. Parents supervised out front, in the cafeteria, at bus drop-off, and in the carpool line. We are so appreciative of the opportunity we had as a staff to gather and celebrate the holiday season together! Hillside parents are THE BEST!

# Children's Behavioral Health Presentations

We would like to continue to remind you of a valuable collaboration in place between Westside Community Schools and Children's Behavioral Health at Children's Hospital & Medical Center. This partnership allows us to address the mental health needs of our children and families districtwide. The services offered through the Student Assistance Program include free assessments and short-term counseling, where students and their parents are invited to complete two free face-to-face sessions. Children's Behavioral Health therapists are able to help you address any cognitive, emotional, developmental or personal issues that your student or family might be facing. Students and families have two options:

1. Contact your Counselor, Social Worker or School Psychologist for information about Children's Behavioral Health, or
2. Call Children's Behavioral Health directly at 402-955-3900 to schedule an appointment. Children's Behavioral Health is located at 1000 North 90th Street (southwest corner of 90th & Western Streets.)

In addition, Westside Community Schools will host several **free parent seminars** offering valuable information from experts at Children's Hospital & Medical Center. All seminars run from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

**January 23, 2018 @ Westbrook Elementary Topic: Coping Skills**

February 20, 2018 @ Paddock Road Elementary Topic: Anxiety

March 7, 2018 @ Westside Middle School Topic: Test Anxiety

April 18, 2018 @ Oakdale Elementary Topic: Social Media

May 8, 2018 @ Sunset Hills Elementary Topic: Self-Harming Behaviors

We believe this partnership with Children's Behavioral Health will continue to enhance the existing mental health supports for students and families within the Westside Community Schools. Please feel free to contact your school for more information.

## MAP Testing

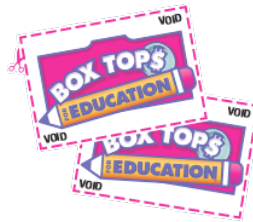
MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing has begun in many of our classrooms. Some teachers are ready to send home scores, so watch for communication from classroom teachers. MAP testing will conclude December 22, 2017. Scores may not reach you until after winter break. Thank you!

## Box Tops

Keep collecting those Box Tops!!!! The biggest box top contest of the year will be announced soon!!!!



Don't Forget to Collect  
BOX TOPS!



## Hillside Water Bottles for Sale in the Office

Hillside water bottles are available in our main office. The cost of a water bottle is \$5.00. These are nifty, color-changing water bottles (they turn blue when there is cold water inside). Please take the extra step of identifying your child's water bottle with a name or initials printed on it in permanent marker! All water bottles look the same.

## January 15, 2018, is Martin Luther King Day

There will be no school on Monday, January 15, 2018. On that day, staff will participate in a day of professional learning.