

Grandfriends' Day at Hillside September 8

Hillside's Grandfriends' Day is coming up Friday, September 8, in the North Gym. As has become our custom, we will enjoy the talents of a storyteller on this special day. Please invite a grandparent (or a friend who serves in that role for your child/children). This is a day to celebrate the invaluable relationships we enjoy with the grandparents in our lives. Check in for this event will be at the double doors just outside the North Gym entrance. Grades 3-6 will enjoy the storyteller from 1:00-1:45, and grades K-2 will enjoy the storyteller from 2:00-2:45 or so.

Girl Scouts Information

There is an informational meeting for Girl Scouts on Tuesday, September 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Westside Middle School in the cafeteria. If you'd like more information about Girl Scouts, please contact Marcy Browning at 402-779-8210 or email her at mbrowning@girlscoutsnebraska.org. See attached flyer.

Multi-tiered System of Supports for students in Westside

Westside Community Schools continues the implementation of MTSS, which stands for Multi-Tiered System of Supports.

What is MTSS? MTSS is a process of providing instruction and support to promote the academic and behavioral success of all children. Individual children's progress is monitored and results are used to make decisions about further instruction and intervention. The MTSS process is flexible and designed to meet the needs of all students. This process allows for a continuum of support based entirely on students' individual needs. This support may be provided with other students by the classroom teacher or other support staff, either within or outside the classroom.

What does this mean for my child? A key component of the MTSS process is that all children receive high quality instruction in their classroom. Universal screenings are used to

review the progress of all students and are given three times per year. As a result of the screening, students may be identified as needing supplemental intervention in addition to instruction they are receiving in their classroom. If your child is identified as needing intervention you will receive notification. Please contact your child's building principal with questions.

Playground Use After School

As always, Club 66, the after-school care program, is in operation from dismissal until 6:00 p.m. most days. Club 66 has use of Hillside's **upper playground and kindergarten playground**, and the children in the care of Club 66 should be the only children on these two playgrounds until 6:00 p.m. If you wish to accompany your child to the Hillside grounds to play, there is a lower playground with swings, a slide, etc., a blacktop area, and a baseball field for children to use before 6:00 p.m.

Because of safety requirements, Club 66 students are the only students who should be on the upper playground until 6:00 p.m. Thank you for observing this guideline.

Communication from Teachers

Communicating with families is very important to Hillside teachers. You may have already begun receiving weekly communication from classroom teachers (either individually or as a grade level team). We hope that news from the classroom will help you to have productive conversations with your student about school. Connecting with our students and those who care for them at home helps us to support learning!

Have a great weekend!

-Cynthia Bailey, Principal