

ChalkTalk

THE HILLSBOROUGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018-2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT THE GIFT OF SERVICE LEARNING

Just a few short weeks ago, a team of educators and parents from each of our school sites met to discuss service learning in the Hillsborough City School District. For many years, our students have participated in valuable service learning activities. We knew that unifying our work, while celebrating the unique contributions of each school site, would provide an even greater opportunity for our students to embrace what it truly means to serve others.

Our district defines service learning as a *teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience with a mission to prepare students to be leaders of positive change in their work while instilling a lifelong passion for service.* We want our service learning program to empower students to take action to positively and directly impact needs in local, regional and global communities.

Through the process of service learning, students take ownership of their learning in choosing the organizations they support. Students have participated in creating care packages for soldiers through the Treats for Troops program, they have cleaned beaches as part of the Pacific Beach Coalition Clean-Up Day and they have generously participated in food and clothing drives, supporting our local Samaritan House.

During this time of year we are reminded of the many reasons to give thanks. I thank our students, staff, families and community for always thinking about how to best serve others - it truly is the best gift we can give.

Louann Carlomagno,
Superintendent



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Leadership at our four school sites is full of new energy. Our three elementary principals have begun their second year at each of their schools, and are working together as a fabulous team of "PrinciPals". This fall at Crocker we welcomed our new middle school principal Mrs. Maria Brady, who comes to us from a decade of experience at our neighboring San Mateo-Foster City School District.



At Crocker Middle School we also opened a new MakerSpace, thanks to a generous donation from the Hillsborough Schools Foundation. The MakerSpace has materials, equipment, devices, a laser cutter, a 3D printer, and much more. While our teachers are still training themselves on everything the space has to offer, we already have a MakerSpace elective running this first trimester. Our plans are to expand the use of this space, not just as a standalone STEM class, but also as a drop-in resource for all subject areas, and possibly even for after-school activities for the whole community through Hillsborough Recreation.

Hillsborough is blessed with a moderate climate, but there are still a handful of days in the fall and again in the spring where our classrooms become too hot and stuffy for optimal learning. We are looking into improving natural ventilation across our district with energy-efficient solutions, and hope to have improvements in place prior to the return of warm weather in the early summer.

We have also continued the exciting process of Facilities Master Planning. After a dozen input gathering sessions in the spring, our architects returned with a first draft of their Master Plan. Following another set of meetings this fall for staff, parents, and the larger community, at each of the school sites, the architects have taken the extensive feedback and are currently updating their draft designs. The Master Plan proposal will be presented to the School Board at 4:30 PM on December 11, 2019 at Crocker Middle School in the Lecture Hall, and the general public is welcome to attend. At a subsequent Board meeting in 2020, the Board may decide to ask the voters of Hillsborough to approve a General Obligation Bond for facilities construction on the November 2020 election ballot.

As always, the school district is grateful for the Town of Hillsborough's long-standing, continual, and enthusiastic support. Happy Holidays!

Don Geddis
President, Hillsborough City School Board

2020-2021 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration will be held at the Hillsborough City School District Office - 300 El Cerrito Avenue, Hillsborough (*continued on page 3*)

SCHOOL	DATE	WITH SIBLINGS -currently enrolled in HCSD K-8 schools*	New Students WITHOUT SIBLINGS K-5
WEST	Wednesday, December 4, 2019	8:30 - 12:00	12:45 - 4:00 pm
NORTH	Thursday, December 5, 2019	8:30 - 12:00	12:45 - 4:00 pm
SOUTH	Friday, December 6, 2019	8:30 - 12:00	12:45 - 4:00 pm

*Siblings attending Hillsborough Recreation (Pre-School Program) should register during the "without siblings" designated time.

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SOUTH HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL

Fall is in the air and the beginning of the school year is well underway. In September, families enjoyed good old fashioned fun at the South School Social where a pie eating contest, a game of tug of war and a mascot Tiger roared a big welcome to all. In October, the South School library was transformed into an Arctic Adventure filled with an avalanche of books. Promoting a love for reading and an opportunity for families to gather for a special evening, select food trucks offered up delectable meals and an entertaining parrot show took to the stage with flying colors. In addition, South School hosted a District Wide Special Olympics Soccer Skills event to celebrate students of all abilities and to share in inclusive activities that engage and empower young people. Athletes, coaches, and fans in the stands truly made this event memorable. In November, we saw a school wide effort around Veteran's Day. With the help of a former HPD member and wonderful parent volunteers, students and families participated in a Treats for Troops campaign to bring joy and reminders of home to the brave men and women who work overseas. South School is a place that values community building, promotes a love for learning, and honors diversity.

Lina Butte, Principal



NORTH HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that Halloween is over and we are well on our way through the month of November! Although it seems as if the year just started, this is the perfect time to focus on gratitude. Personally, I am grateful for my family, friends, and to be serving as our district's North School Principal. I am so proud of our North Stars who selected their new slogan: "North Stars are the best by far!"

On October 25, 2019, 28 kindergarten through fifth grade classroom delegates, along with Superintendent Carlomagno, Hillsborough Mayor Shawn Christianson, HCSD Board of Trustees members Gilbert Wai and An Huang Chen, and Larry Raffo signed and ratified our updated North School Constitution for 2019-20. We are proud of our Constitution which is aligned with our HCSD Essential Outcomes.

On November 1, 2019, we hosted our second annual Recology Assembly led by our NPG President, Breigh McCall and our Green Team Student Commissioner, Conrad. Following the assemblies, our fourth and fifth grade Table Troopers honored any student or staff member who brought a reusable water bottle to lunch with a spectacular North Star Sticker! And on November 8, 2019, North took the plunge and removed all plastic water bottles from the Choice Lunch program.

I would like to thank our North community and especially Kim Keyak for her ever-present photography as well as Kim Oliff for showcasing, communicating and celebrating our new and traditional events!

Heidi Felt, Principal





WEST HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL WEST SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN "WALKING WEDNESDAY"

On Wednesday, October 23 West School hosted "Walking Wednesday," which encouraged students and parents to walk to school. Walking Wednesday included walking school busses, which met at the corners of Barbara and Denise and Ralston and Darrell. The walking school busses included parent volunteers to lead the "bus" of students and ensure they crossed streets safely. When students arrived at West School, they were greeted with cheering and also a selection of prizes they could choose from to celebrate them walking to school. We also had students counting the cars in the drop off line that morning, so we see the impact of walking to school. On an average day, we have over 100 cars come through our drop-off, on Walking Wednesday, we had only 27! Great job, Wildcats!

Heather Mata, Principal

CROCKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

This first trimester at Crocker began with our theme *Know my Name Face and Story*. This is a universal theme for our educators, students and parents. So many wonderful events have allowed us all to learn more about each and every Crocker Viking. In September, site administration presented grade level networking meetings with parents; individualized grade level sessions presented school-wide expectations and supports. Also in September, *Student Leadership* spirit assemblies built community and school connectedness for all students and staff. October brought opportunities for student WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) leaders to shine hosting our first annual *5th Grade Shadow Days*. Counselor Bonnie Slater and WEB prepared an exciting day complete with a red carpet welcome, and carnival style games showcasing a variety of school projects for our prospective Vikings. As well as, student led tours, in which fifth graders learned first hand what makes Crocker an outstanding Hillsborough public school! We ended October with a *Prospective Parent Tour*. Parents loved being welcomed into classrooms by our WEB leader tour guides. The morning concluded with a panel discussion. Our panel's comments were informative and inspiring. It was great to hear from a variety of stakeholders about what makes a Crocker education unique and outstanding.

I am so proud and privileged to be a part of the Crocker learning community, and I have spent these past weeks focusing on building relationships with parents, students and educators. I'm so pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with educators individually, in grade level teams, department teams and whole staff meetings; learning about professional goals and instructional practices, as well as, having time to make personal connections. I look forward to continuing to partner with and lead our Crocker community, as we continue to provide an outstanding education for all students.

Maria Brady, Principal



2020-2021 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION *(continued)*

Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1, 2020 and live within the boundaries of Hillsborough. If you are unsure of your home school, please view the HCSD website <http://www.hcsd.k12.ca.us> under Parents and Community/ Registration.

CROCKER REGISTRATION

Monday, December 9, 2019

8:30 – 4:00 pm

The registration process for new students that live within the boundaries of Hillsborough entering kindergarten through eighth grade is ongoing.

All items listed below are needed to register your child:

1. Your child's ORIGINAL birth certificate
2. Your child's most current Immunization records/booklet
3. A current water or PG & E bill
4. Your 2019 – 2020 property tax bill or lease agreement (notarized)
5. Auto Insurance, last year's taxes or home insurance



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break	
December 11	Board Meeting 6:00 PM	Crocker Lecture Hall
December 20 -January 6	Winter Break	
January 15	Board Meeting 6:00 PM	Crocker Lecture Hall

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