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Hilliard Hi-lights

September 2009

From the Principal...

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year. On August 26th we greeted students in grades 1-4 and on August 27, our kindergartners joined us. Finally, on August 31st we greeted our youngest students, the preschoolers. Together our enrollment is over 300!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful opening. A special thank you to Mrs. Cooley, who worked very hard to have everything prepared for students, parents and staff. She is excellent at her work and one of Hilliard's greatest assets.

As always, the Hilliard teachers prepared classrooms so that students begin their learning the first day. Their continued commitment to careful preparation for all students is remarkable.

New to our Hilliard staff is Mr. Will Wilson who will teach art. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of California State University and Case Western Reserve and resides in Pepper Pike with his wife and two children.

Also joining our staff is preschool teacher, Miss Melissa Duns who graduated from Miami University and preschool attendant, Miss Kelly Carroll, who has an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Rio Grande Community College. Joining us from the Dover staff as assistant head custodian is Mr. Dave Basch. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

I look forward to working again with PTA President, Mrs. Patty McHugh. She has already been busy demonstrating her leadership skills as she organizes PTA for another successful year. Please remember to join PTA and support all of their important activities and events throughout the year.

I am very proud to share our excellent Hilliard Report Card results. Once again, the students performed at their highest levels on the Ohio Achievement Tests. Of course, our continued success has been built on the

pledge that everyone works together... parents, teacher, students and staff. The results are very clear... working for the success of every child produces positive results.

Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 from 6:00-7:30 pm. PTA sells pizza in the cafeteria and there are many of the district's important groups represented and located in our gym. Students and parents are welcome to visit classrooms anytime between 6:00 and 7:30. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Remember to use the Westlake website for information (www.wlake.org) and as always we welcome your input and encourage you to contact any of our teachers should you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress.

I look forward to another successful year. Remember, you are always welcome at Hilliard.



PTA Membership

A gift to your child that lasts a lifetime.

such as Market Day, Fun Fair, Fall Festival and more.

What do you remember most about your school experience? Chances are, it's a day out of the ordinary that stands out the most, like one of the activities mentioned above. Help us make those life long memories for your child today with a membership in PTA. To join us, please send a check for \$10.00 to your child's classroom teacher. Make the check payable to "Hilliard PTA" and indicate "membership" in the memo notation. You'll be glad you did!

The PTA contributes so much to your child's experiences while attending Hilliard. The PTA provides many exciting programs like the COSI science day, field trips to cultural performances, visits from artists and authors and Field Day. These programs are made possible through various fund raising efforts

Denis Lowe ~ 331-0346

From the President...

Welcome back everyone! I am ready to work with you on another great year. My name is Patty McHugh and I am excited to begin my second year as President of our PTA. I have 2 children at Hilliard: Maggie in 1st grade and Tommy in 4th grade. I also have a daughter Kate in 6th grade.

While enjoying the lazy days of summer, many dedicated PTA members continued to work on various projects to have everything ready for the first day of school. I am so proud to be part of a group of dedicated parents. Truly without the help of each other the PTA would not be able to support our school, staff and community. My heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation goes out to our entire board and committee chair people. By working together, we have achieved

more with your time and talent.

Membership- "Lend a hand, together we can!" Please take time to read over the membership packet and all the important information presented in it. I hope all parents will consider becoming members of Hilliard PTA. There are many levels of commitment from being a member to being an active volunteer. **To join PTA will show your commitment to our school.**

Volunteering- Volunteers are important and vital part of our PTA. Volunteering is a rewarding way to become involved in your child's education. Research shows that when there is a strong home school partnership, not only do students benefit, but parents, teachers, principals and community benefit too! Please be sure to fill out the Volunteer Form that came home

with your membership folder.

Meetings Do you want to know what is going on at school? Hilliard PTA meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 am in the Cafeteria. This year Hilliard PTA will be having 2 evening meetings; our first evening meeting will be October 8. Please accept our invitation to come and learn first hand what is happening at Hilliard. Our next meeting is September 17. Preschool children are welcome.

I look forward to continue working together with the parents and staff effectively as a team so that Hilliard can be the best it can offer to our children. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions. See you at Open House on September 15!

Hi-Lights from the Library



Hilliard students have begun their enthusiastic trips to our library and the librarian is looking forward to another busy year. We have received many new books during the summer months, and hope that our students will enjoy reading them.

Students generally come to the library twice during the week, once for instruction and once for check out. The children are taught library skills and book selection; they listen to great literature, and are introduced to various authors and illustrators. There are also special activities which highlight the school year, such as the Book Fair, an author visit and Buckeye

Children's Book Award voting.

Library materials are checked out for one week. At the end of that week, the student must either return the item or renew it. Hilliard has no fines for overdue materials, but if a book is lost or damaged beyond repair, the family is asked to pay the replacement cost. This follows the district policy for replacement of lost or damaged items.

Because this is the beginning of the school year, we are anxious to introduce you to the Birthday Book Club. If your child wants to donate a book to our library in celebration of their birthday, it is really very easy. Your child can come to the library and make a selection from the Birthday Book Box. We will notify you as to the

cost of the book and, when it is paid for, a dedication plate will be placed in the book. The book will then be sent to your child in their classroom. Birthday Book Club members will also enjoy seeing their name on the Birthday Book bulletin board in the library. Once your child has read their book, it will be placed in circulation for other Hilliard students to enjoy. As the supply of Birthday Books dwindles, the money collected from donated books will be used to make new purchases.

If you have any questions about overdue books or any other library matters, feel free to contact the librarian, Kim Geletka, at 250-1156 or geletka@wlake.org.

Birthday Books

The library would like to thank the following students (and their generous parents) for their donations of birthday books to our library. In addition to the students, we received donations from three teachers as well! These books were donated late in the 2008-2009 school year, and so **the classrooms show last year's teachers.** THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Classroom</u>
Abby Ogonek	Nov. 19	<u>The Penderwicks on Gardam Street</u>	Jeanne Birdsall	4KT
Mariam Tadross	Apr. 27	<u>Mia</u>	Laurence Yep	3ES
Emilee Skutt	May 27	<u>Marley: A Dog Like No Other</u>	John Grogan	4KT
Maddie May	May 30	<u>Pippi Longstocking</u>	Astrid Lindgren	4MCB
Alex Needham	July 2	<u>I Spy Spooky Night</u>	Walter Wick	1FD
Miss McBride	May 30	<u>Ohio Jack's House Trains Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator What To Do About Alice?</u>	Kathleen W. Deady Karen Magnuson Beil Lynn Curlee Shelley Moore Tanaka Barbara Kerley	
Jessica Barrick	July 7	<u>When Dinosaurs Came with Everything</u>	Elise Broach	1FD
Will Chappel	July 19	<u>Chameleon, Chameleon</u>	Joy Cowley	2LP
Brianna Bergenstein	Aug. 12	<u>How Big Is It?</u>	Ben Hillman	3RS
Mrs. Roush	Aug. 13	<u>Butterflies and Moths</u>	Nic Bishop	
Mrs. Schultz (as a gift to Hilliard in honor of her retirement)		<u>Llama Llama Red Pajama</u> <u>Turtle's Penguin Day</u> <u>Elephants Cannot Dance!</u> <u>Gooney Bird Is So Absurd</u> <u>A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever</u> <u>Abe's Honest Words</u>	Anna Dewdne Valeri Gorbachev Mo Willems Lois Lowry Marla Frazee Doreen Rappaport	For Preschool For Kindergarten For 1 st Grade For 2 nd Grade For 3 rd Grade For 4 th Grade



Eyes and Ears

Is there a new baby in the family? Is someone ill or in the hospital? Has there been a death in the family of a classmate? If you hear of any happenings in your child's classroom, please let me know so that PTA can send a card to the family. **Thank you!**

Candace Van Dyke
vdf2220@sbcglobal.net
440-617-0107

Help Hilliard Earn with Campbell's!

Campbell's Labels for Education Program Awards Free Educational Merchandise

For over 30 years, Campbell's labels for education program has awarded over \$100 million in free merchandise to schools nation-

wide. Hilliard Elementary is asking parents, teachers and friends in the community to collect Campbell's product proof of purchase that can be redeem for free educational merchandise. For a complete list of products and point value visit

labelsforeducation.com

For more information on how to be a part of Hilliard Elementary labels for Education collection drive, contact the school coordinator, Briana Imwalle at brikoby31@yahoo.com or 440-871-3529.



Help Hilliard Earn with Box Tops for Education!

Welcome to another great year at Hilliard! My name is Melissa Grimes and I'm the volunteer coordinator for Box Tops for Education. This year, our goal is to raise \$500.00 to help purchase items for our school.

Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books.

Clip — Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Shop — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM (btf.com/marketplace). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase

is automatically donated to our school. There is no additional cost to your purchase and many exclusive deals and discounts can be found!

Buy books — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

One of the easiest ways you can help is to sign up to support our school at **btf.com**. You will learn about new and easy ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs.

Exclusive web benefits:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops

- Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops

- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands

- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

Plus, you can sign up for email newsletters to receive new product updates, and Box Tops members-only deals and discounts at Box Tops MarketplaceSM retail stores.

As an incentive the children will be able to receive a small treat for bringing in box tops. Every month send in at least 25 box tops, cut and bagged, into school and you child will receive a treat from me and also have their name in the monthly school newsletter.

I'm looking forward to a successful school year!

Melissa Grimes

Help Hilliard Earn with Giant Eagle!

This fund raiser earned over **\$3,700** for our PTA last year. For each card sold **5% goes directly to PTA**. That means our sales were over \$70,000. We had a few major purchasers and would like to especially thank Mr. Don Gibson (grandfather of a Hilliard student) and Mr. Michael Boukzim (father of a Hilliard student). Over half of our sales are credited to them – thank you gentlemen! It is easy to participate in this program. Just let me know what you need by 10:45 a.m. and I can have cards ready for you by the end of the school day for pick up. Send a note with your child or **call Miss Reisdorff, Kindergarten teacher, at 899-3075 ext 2008**.



Help Hilliard Earn with Market Day!

Welcome back Hilliard families! School is back in session which means lunches need to be packed and quick dinners need to be planned. That's where Market Day can help us all. Our first sale date for 2009/2010 is Saturday, September 19, 2009, 10:15 a.m. All internet orders must be in by September 15th so please do not delay. Order forms for the September sale will be sent home with your children but orders may be placed via internet at www.marketday.com. By registering on-line, you will receive valuable monthly coupons for redemption when you place your order on-line. It's that easy!

Thank you to our 2008/2009 team members, Bobbie Gibson, Laura Gulla, Jeff Detwiler, and Melissa Grimes for all of their hard work in

making Market Day a fundraising success. And a huge thank you to the parents, families and friends who place orders every month to support Hilliard Elementary.

We raised approximately \$4,600 for Hilliard PTA during the 2008/2009 school year. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,000! Money raised via Market Day pays for several things at Hilliard: Celebrate the Arts Day, Ice Cream Social, Fourth Grade Recognition, COSI in December, first day popsicles and first day folders. Market Day is important to Hilliard families. It offers high quality and nutritious food at affordable prices. By doing your grocery shopping with Market Day, you will be feeding your family while enhancing your child's education. Finally, Market Day requires NO door-to-door

selling.

We welcome any help from parents who have an hour or two each month to unload the truck and fill orders. If you would like to assist, please contact: Jennifer Miller at jenmiller@wowway.com or Melissa Grimes at psy-chogrimes@yahoo.com. Thank you to Theresa Mazzeo, Christine Wrightsman, Sydney Wrightsman, Candace Van Dyke and Diane Reisdorff for your help during the July sale.

Jennifer Miller
(440) 356-2780

Melissa Grimes
(440) 835-5889
Market Day Co-Chairs



Noon Aides – Parent Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parents to volunteer a small amount of time to be Noon Aides during the 2009 - 2010 Hilliard school year. Please consider helping the teacher assistants and students in the cafeteria during the lunch hours of 10:50 – 12:30. The main duties of the Noon Aide include

opening containers, helping out with forgotten utensils and condiments, wiping down tables, and assisting the children to eat in a respectful and timely manner.

The Noon Aides are greatly appreciated by the school staff... and your

child will be excited to see you, too! Volunteer days can be scheduled as once a month or more, and also on a flexible or routine basis. If you are available to help out in the lunchroom or have any questions, please contact Betsy Kaiser at bet-syk@mac.com or 440-892-7674.

Greetings from the Hi Five Store!

While our children are now off to school, I have a small request. If you have any "gently" worn toys etc. to donate to the Hi Five store it would be greatly appreciated. Also, many of us have found "red tag" sales at Marcs and Pat Catans which is another great source. Lots of these items are perfect donations for the Hi Five

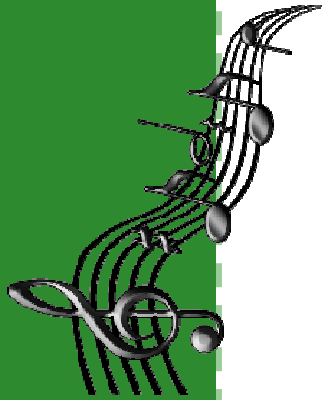
store. Cool rulers, crayons, pencils, baseball cards, colored pencil packets, coloring books, jump ropes, travel games, erasers, pens, stationary, fun notebooks, plastic bracelets and rings, any Indians or Cavs items, anything related to sports and stickers. These are just some suggested ideas. One reminder, small pieces are a hazard to

younger siblings! Any creative ideas/donations you many have are greatly appreciated by our children. Donations can be dropped off to Mrs. Meecha's class room or call me and we will make arrangements! My phone number is 440-892-6961 or email me at mj.stempel@juno.com Thanks for your help.

A Note from the Treasurer

The budget for the 2009-2010 has been established and will be voted on for approval at our PTA meeting on September 17. If you are making purchases for the PTA, *please be sure to check how much you are allotted to spend for your committee PRIOR to buying.* The 2009-2010 Budget will be in the PTA box in the office. The check request for reimbursement can be found in an envelope on the PTA board in the main hallway. You can place check requests in the PTA mailbox. All Reimbursement forms need to be filled out before checks can be issued. Because the PTA is a tax exempt organization, we will not reimburse tax. The Certificates of Exemption can be used for your PTA purchases so that you can avoid paying the tax. If you have any questions, please email me at hurd.heather@yahoo.com.

Music...The Universal Language



Music is a wonderful skill for any child, and research shows how studying music can help children develop in other areas such as improved reasoning capacity and problem solving skills, improved math and language performance, better memory, and greater social and team skills.

Music Boosters is an organization that supports and promotes the arts through musical education and performance in our schools, for all students, in all grades, and in all forms.

Your paid membership in Music Boosters can help us make a successful program even better.

Membership forms were included in the first day folders sent home with all Hilliard students or check out the web site:

www.westlakemb.org for additional forms. A Music Boosters representative will be at Open House with additional forms and to answer any questions. We look forward to meeting you!

Hi-Lights in Reading

Welcome back students and families! It was a delightful summer, but I look forward to returning to Hilliard in August, refreshed from the break and ready to tackle a new year of learning. Our Hilliard family – teachers, administrators, support staff and parents -continue to share a common vision of high expectations to assure learning success for all of our students. We are proud of our Hilliard students who consistently work hard to achieve excellence. Our goal is to provide our students with high quality instruction within a literacy-rich environment, combined with plentiful opportunities for speaking, reading, writing and math development. We are also aware that partnering with our parents to provide reading, writing and math opportunities in

the home promotes success for our students.

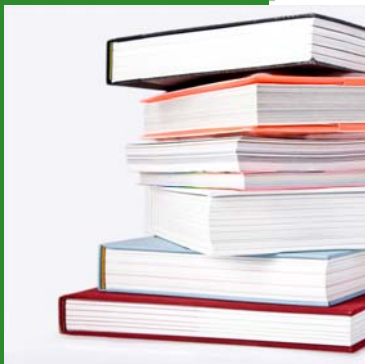
This summer your child had the opportunity to continue strengthening reading, writing and math skills by participating in Hilliard's Sensational Summer Reading and Math Program. I am very pleased with the number of blue bookmarks and projects that the children have brought back. By the end of this week, Mrs. Geletka and I would like to have all of the bookmarks and projects returned. In a few weeks, at a special assembly, we will acknowledge and reward those students who participated and completed the requirements of the program. Thank you for your support and encouragement of this summer activity.

Please mark your calendar

for the *Hilliard Family Reading and Math Literacy Night* which will take place on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. This year, the Fall Literacy and Math Night will include Pre-K, Kindergarten, first and second grade students. A second Literacy Night will be held for students in grades 3 and 4 in the Spring. More details will follow in the October Hi-Lights.

I encourage Hilliard parents to continue to participate in your children's learning and to show your children that reading and learning is valued in your home. Your involvement, support and interest will all contribute to their success.

Have a wonderful school year! Don't forget to read **to** and **with** your children every day!



Classroom Parties

My name is Kyoko Ozawa Hong and I'm a mother of four boys with 2 at Hilliard this year. Natalie Bohan is a mother of 3 boys with her 2 younger boys (twin boys) here at Hilliard. For this school year, Natalie Bohan and I will be coordinating the purchase and distribution of the PTA funded snacks for the children's class parties. We implemented this program last year with a lot of positive feedback. This program will help keep the snacks consistent with all the classrooms and alleviate par-

ents from having to bake or buy party snacks for individual classes. We will continue to keep the snacks healthy and peanut and nut free. If you have a child with other certain allergies, please let me know and we will try our best to make the snacks safe for your child. We could also use a few volunteers from each class for all the parties. Please look for a sign up sheet in your child's classrooms at the open house for **Party snack helpers** to distribute the snacks for your classrooms. All you'll be re-

quired to do is to gather the snacks displayed in the cafeteria and transport them to your designated classrooms. If you have any suggestions on snack ideas, I'd love to hear them. For information please contact me anytime. My email address is kyokoozawa@hotmail.com.

Kyoko Ozawa Hong

c(216)262-4407

h(440)871-2792



Husky Spirit Wear Sale

Don't miss out! Hilliard Elementary PTA is having its annual Husky Spirit Wear Sale. There are t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and back sacks with the husky logo available. This is not a fundraising event but a chance to display your school spirit! Please watch

for order forms to be sent home with the students in the next few weeks. Please return the order forms to school with your check made payable to: Hilliard Elementary PTA. Please call Melissa Laux at 440-899-7834 should you have any questions. Thank you!!

PTA Bake Sale/Pizza Sale

The Hilliard PTA will be having a Bake Sale and Pizza Sale at the Hilliard Open House on September 15th. We are looking for volunteers to make baked goods for the sale; we are asking for two dozen. The day of the sale we will have a table set up on the stage for you to leave your baked goods. Make sure you label them with your name and your child(ren)'s class.

We will be having a pizza sale as well. The prices* will be as follows:

1 Slice of Pizza for 1.50

3 Slices of Pizza for 5.00

1 Whole Pizza for 10.00

*All prices include a drink.

If you are interested in baking,

or volunteering to take a shift at either the bake sale or pizza sale please call Gail Golembiewski at 216-798-2773 or email me at golembiewski-gail@yahoo.com.



Thank you, and let's make this first bake sale/pizza sale a success for the children of Hilliard.



School Directory

In order to be included in the 2009-2010 Hilliard School Directory, please be sure to complete and return the School Directory form found in your child's first day folder. Forms should be given to your child's teacher no later than September 15, 2009.

AUGUST—SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	First Day of Pre-school				Bus evacuation drill and assembly (a.m.)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day—No School		Room Mothers meeting in cafeteria 9:15 am		Patriot Day—wear red, white and blue	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Picture Day 	Open House 6:00—7:30 pm Pizza/Bake Sale in cafeteria		Constitution Day PTA Meeting—Cafeteria 9:00a		Market Day Pickup 10:15-11:15 am Rosh Hoshanah
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30			
	Yom Kippur October Hi-Lights Articles Due					

