



# Principal's Message

*Happy April!* I hope that everyone is safe and healthy. The April newsletter is usually when I put out a laundry list of events for the remainder of the school year. I was hesitant to put this list out with the unknown status of this school year. However, I'm going to remain optimistic that we may return to school at some point this year. Below is a list of possible upcoming events at Hilltop. Events that have already been cancelled have been struck through. Please continue to check our district website, as well as our official Facebook page for the most recent updates and information. I truly miss the students of Hilltop and hope to have them back safely at school as soon as possible.

<del>April 1-2:</del>	<del>9:15-11:00 am</del>	<del>3rd grade AIR Assessment - ELA</del>
April 3:	2:00-3:00 pm	Kindergarten "Muffins with Mom"
April 8:	9:00am-2:00 pm	Kindergarten Registration
	6:30 pm	PTA general meeting (Hilltop library)
April 9:	9:00 am	PTA general meeting (Hilltop cafeteria)
	10:45am-1:45 pm	"Fun in the Sun" Day
April 10-19:		Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
April 27-May 1:		Hilltop's Christie Campaign
<del>April 27-28:</del>	<del>9:15-11:00 am</del>	<del>4th grade AIR Assessment - Mathematics</del>
<del>April 29-30:</del>	<del>9:15-11:00 am</del>	<del>3rd grade AIR Assessment - Mathematics</del>
May 4-8 :		Staff Appreciation/Right to Read Week
May 7:	9:30/2:00/6:30	4th grade's "Evening of Art and Music"
May 8:		Student Appreciation Day
May 15:	All Day	Vehicle Career Day
May 22:	All Day	4th grade Science Fair
		<b>Last day for lunch with your child</b>
May 25:		Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
May 28:	9:30/2:00/6:30	3rd grade's "Famous Americans"
May 29:	11:00-3:00	4th grade Picnic
	All Day	1st grade Wagon Trails field trip
	All Day	3rd grade Canfield Walk
June 2:	9:00 am	4th grade Spelling Bee
	2:00 pm	4th grade Math Bee
	All Day	Kindergarten to Cleveland Zoo
June 4:	9:30 am	4th Grade Graduation
	1:45-3:15 pm	End of Year parties
	3:30 pm	4th Grade "Clap-Out"

As always, if you have any ideas, questions, comments, or concerns about Hilltop, please contact me anytime. I can be reached by phone at 330.533.9806 or by email at [jmaroni@canfieldschools.net](mailto:jmaroni@canfieldschools.net).

Joe Maroni

## Kindergarten Update

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We are truly missing our kindergarten students. We are currently keeping in touch via "Class Tag," through which we are able to post daily messages, stories, and short lessons. With the help of their parents, students are able to post pictures and messages to share with the class. They are also working on Scoot Pad videos and lessons as well as the packet of practice work provided by the teachers. Parents are encouraged to contact us via email with any questions or issues as we are in daily communication. We appreciate how hard our students and parents are working.

## 1st Grade Update

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The First Grade Teachers are so proud of ALL first graders for stepping up to the plate. They have been busy at home on ScootPad for both math and ELA, reading on Raz Kids, enjoying Brainpop Jr., and completing work packets. We have enjoyed chatting with many of you on zoom and google meet. We would like to thank all of our parents for your patience and understanding. You have been great! We would like to send healthy wishes and prayers to all our Hilltop Families . We miss you!

## 2nd Grade Update

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Second grade teachers are extremely proud of the support that our students are receiving at home! It has been a pleasure to see the hard work our students are putting forth in achieving academic growth through digital assignments. Scoot-Pad, RAZ-kids and Google Classroom have been a few of the online programs that have allowed us to monitor our students' achievements from home. We look forward to possibly having a "Google Meeting" so that we can see everyone and socialize together. A good goal to have for your child at this time is an hour of work per school day. Please know that we are always here for your child if they have any questions or concerns. Again, thank you for all of your support at home and stay healthy!

## 3rd Grade Update

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The third grade teachers would like to thank our parents for all of their support and understanding during our transition to online learning. We are in contact with our parents and students weekly, and are utilizing Google classroom for assignments, practices, and reviews. In addition, teachers have been able to chat on Google classroom as well as administer Google Hangouts as another means of communicating. Transitioning into weeks two and three, daily assignments and activities will continue. We are here to help in any way during this process.

## 4th Grade Update

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Well- we miss our kids!! They have all been working hard in Scootpad with math and ELA questions. They are in google classroom completing Crosswalk pages. They have researched presidents and read about fossils, rocks, and minerals. Our students are doing a great job with all the new changes, and we are really proud of them. We are all learning how to adjust and try things differently. Ms. Summers wants to remind them to look on her website for recorder music and songs for the musical show to practice. Reading a good book or getting out in the yard for some fresh air are fun things to do as well. As always, we don't want our students to stress. We are all doing the best we can.

## Music

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If you have not had a chance during our move to online instruction, please visit my website, which is accessible from the Hilltop Elementary School Homepage. Third and fourth grade students can continue practicing their recorders with their lesson books and for the younger students, I've provided activities for them to work on at home. Please check back often for new activities. I would love to see what the students have been doing musically at home and can be reached at [ssummers@canfieldschools.net](mailto:ssummers@canfieldschools.net), for questions, concerns, or to share your photos, videos, and drawings.

## Physical Education

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I hope this finds all of our Hilltop families well. The specialists and I are putting together some exciting "Watch and Do" videos for your students to enjoy with the goal of remaining in connection to them and to keep them moving and will provide access to them soon. In the meantime, I encourage you whenever possible as a family to work with your students on their April goals of throwing, catching, and striking. Whether inside or outside, keep safety in mind and get creative with paper, plastic, and even "air" balls to address these goals as a great way to engage hand-eye coordination.

## Library

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I would like to thank everyone for their help in making both Book Fair and Grandparents Day a big success. If you have not had a chance to look at my webpage, please do so. In addition to weekly lessons found there, there are many educational websites that the students can be exploring. On behalf of the specialists and principals of both elementary buildings, I would like to share that in the coming weeks we will be offering challenges and activities on video that will be shared on the Canfield Hilltop Elementary YouTube site. Teachers have been getting information out to parents on how to access this. Please tell my students that I think of them often.

## Art

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April's focus in Art, will be upon "People in Art". In this unit, we will be learning specifically about famous artists and the ways in which they have been inspired by other people around the world and how they have inspired others. We will be exploring individual artists, as well as works by entire cultures of people throughout history

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*We will create an educational environment which challenges each student to achieve at their highest potential, leading to top 10 rankings in Ohio by 2022.*

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*As a community, we educate, motivate, and innovate for individual lifelong success.*

**A Prayer in the Time of a Pandemic**

(from Saint Mary's College; Notre Dame, IN)

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

AMEN

Stay safe and healthy. Hope to see everyone very soon.— JM