



Principal's Message

Well.... I could have never imagined that I would be writing the last Principal's Message of the 2019-2020 school year under these circumstances. The thought of a global pandemic was something I had only seen in Hollywood movies. I never imagined it could actually happen here, but it has. I worry every day about the safety of my family, the students and staff of Hilltop, and all of the people that I know and care about. Anyone who knows me knows that my number one priority is the safety of Hilltop. I take that responsibility very seriously. I hope that everyone is safe and healthy and normalcy returns sooner rather than later.

To our 4th graders, I am sorry that your time at Hilltop is ending this way. We had so many activities for you as your finished your year. We are still talking about ways that we may recognize your accomplishments. We will keep you informed of any decisions that are made through our all-call system. I am extremely proud of each of you. I wish the you the best of luck at CVMS . Remember, you will always be Hilltoppers!

To our K-3 students, things will get back to normal at some point. You will return to Hilltop and schooling will resume. Your teachers and I are really looking forward to working and learning with you. We will see you again in the fall. (I hope.)

To our parents, grandparents, and guardians... Thank you for being outstanding substitute teachers throughout this closure. We know how hard this job can be even for those of us who have done this job for a long time. You have supported us throughout this closure and we greatly appreciated all of your hard work. We hope to have your children back at Hilltop as soon as possible so you can get back to your lives, careers, and routines.

Some final housekeeping issues...

- ◆ We will be scheduling times for students to come to Hilltop to retrieve personal items that they may have left in the building. We will send out an all-call once those details are finalized.
- ◆ If you have outstanding library books or have borrowed a Chromebook from the school, those will be collected on the same date that we allow students to pick up personal items.
- ◆ We will be contacting anyone who has pre-registered on our website for Kindergarten registration. We will be using myconferencetime.com to schedule appointments. If you know anyone who does not have any students at Hilltop but needs to register a new kindergartener, please have them contact the Hilltop office for more information.

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.

Joe Maroni

Kindergarten Update

The kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Foutty, Miss Manning, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Zetts miss seeing their students every day. They also miss seeing their first, second, third and fourth grade friends in the hallway daily. The kindergarten teachers hope that all their friends are well and embracing homeschooling with hopes that they see each other very soon. In kindergarten the students are enjoying Lexia and Scootpad daily. The children enjoy google slides daily to introduce and review skills in math and reading. They are working on fluency of their addition and subtraction facts to 5. The students are learning about long vowels and writing sentences to a prompt. In science and social studies the children are enjoying stories, songs, movements and activities about living things. Bugs were first and will be followed by zoo animals, birds, farm animals, and ocean creatures. The kindergarten teachers remind everyone to keep washing your hands and being kind to everyone.

1st Grade Update

Here we are, and it's May. Usually in the first grade this is a very exciting time. We would be busy writing to our CH PenPals, enjoying field day, learning about all the animals we would get to see at Wagon Trails, and getting excited about our last day party. Unfortunately, this year is different. Although it is not what we planned, it has taught us a lot. As teachers, we have become better with technology, figured out how to conduct zoom meetings, worked on alternative ways to teach and learn, and have never missed our students as much. Our first graders have made us so proud of what they have been able to accomplish. They too have figured out the computer, worked on ScootPad, read through Razkids, learned from LEXIA, and attended video chats. Along the way, we all have been stressed, overwhelmed, even lost... but we figured it out! We first grade teachers feel we are so blessed to have had the opportunity to learn together with amazing students and families. We want to thank you for all your patience, guidance and especially support. This is surely a year we will never forget!

2nd Grade Update

The second grade teachers would like to thank our students and their families for working so hard to keep up with the second grade work slides! We hope you are enjoying some of the fun reading, science, and math activities! We also hope you are able to take some time to enjoy being with your families and spending some time together. We have enjoyed the time that we did have with our students, and have missed seeing them in person! Stay safe and healthy and try to do your best each day to be kind to each other!

3rd Grade Update

Thank you to the third graders and their families for doing such a fabulous job working from home. We are very proud of how seriously they are working and how much effort they are putting forth. May is starting off with the always exciting Right to Read week. Be sure to send pictures to your teacher of your kids taking part in the activities from home. This month we will be researching our Famous Americans and sharing what we have learned. Reading comprehension continues to be a priority. Math will focus on multiplication and other major concepts that will help students excel as they enter 4th grade. As this year comes to an end, we are pleased to see how much these third graders have grown and are looking forward to seeing them become the leaders of Hilltop next year.

4th Grade Update

Our fourth graders are working so hard at home on their assignments. It is great to see them in Google Meets and Zoom meetings. We continue to be proud of our students, and we hope that they will remember all the fun times we had this year. Obviously this is not how any of us envisioned the school year ending way back in August when we first met. We wish them good luck at the middle school, and we know that we will see them again.

Specialists

Please make sure to sign on to our specialists' teacher web pages, located on Hilltop's Home Page, for enrichment activities during this homebound period. Or, take a moment to check out the special activities that they have prepared now:

Mrs. Hockensmith (library and media) <http://phockensmithlibrary.weebly.com/index.html>

Mrs. Leonard (visual art) <https://sites.google.com/canfieldschools.net/mrs-leonards-website/home>

Mrs. Magyar (phys ed) <https://sites.google.com/canfieldschools.net/mrsmagyarpe/home?authuser=2>

Ms. Summers (music) <https://ssummersmusic.weebly.com/>