

Hart's Hill Highlights

November- December 2024

I hope this message finds you and your families well and enjoying the fall season. It's amazing how quickly time flies! As we approach the holiday season and complete our first two months of school, I am overjoyed when reflecting on the incredible start to the school year we've had. Our teachers and students are working hard in their classrooms, building lasting friendships, and making wonderful memories along the way.

As we look ahead to November and December, I'm excited to share some upcoming activities and initiatives at Hart's Hill that will bring our community closer and create enriching experiences for our students, staff, and families. These events are sure to make a positive impact, and we look forward to your support and participation!

This year, we're making a change to how report cards will be completed and distributed. Starting this school year, we have transitioned to a standards-based report card system and moved from four marking periods to a trimester schedule. More specific information regarding these changes will be communicated to you in the coming weeks leading up to and at parent/teacher conferences, which will be held on November 20th, November 26th, and December 6th. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and build a strong partnership with teachers. If you have yet to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please contact them as soon as possible. Reminder: It will be a noon dismissal on those three dates for students.

Here at Hart's Hill, we've already kicked off the school year with some fantastic events, including our Ice Cream Social/Scholastic Book Fair, Fire Prevention Day, Jared Campbell Anti-Bullying Assembly and Bullying Prevention Walk, Love Like Olivia Day, Fall Fest, and our Veteran's Day/Election Day Flag display. Coming up, we'll have our annual "Turkey Trot" on November 23rd at 10:00 a.m. and a new exciting event, "Stories with Santa," on December 7th at 9:00 a.m. - more information will be sent in the coming weeks. Hart's Hill Elementary's Holiday Concert will also take place on December 10th. Many of these events are made possible through the hard work and support of our PTO, so a big thank you to them! If you're interested in joining the PTO, our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. in our library.

We're looking forward to an exciting holiday season filled with joy, learning, and community engagement. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. Wishing you and your families a warm and wonderful November and December!

Sincerely,
Luke M. Manolescu
Mr. Manolescu
Building Principal

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Hart's Hill Updates

Please keep in mind that school hours are from **9:20 - 3:30 daily**. In order to maximize instructional time, please try to schedule appointments outside of the school day whenever possible. Students who are picked up by their parents will be called to the office at 3:20pm. Please be sure to send a note with your child each time they will be picked up early. Students will not be called to the office earlier unless they have an appointment. Any pickups prior to 3:20 without a legal excuse will be documented in our attendance system as unexcused. Please be sure to always have photo identification with you and be ready to show it to Mrs. Farr when asked. Students cannot be dropped off to school prior to 9:10am.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Hart's Hill Turkey Trot: 11/23 @ 10

Stories with Santa: 12/7 @ 9-11

Holiday Concert: 12/10 @ 6:30

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 20

Tuesday, November 26

Friday, December 6

NOON DISMISSAL

PTO Meetings

November 18: 6pm Library

December 16: 6pm Library

Board of Education Meetings

November 5: 7pm West Road El.

December 3: 7pm Central Offices

Cold Weather/ Recess!

Parents/ guardians, we are outside for recess every chance we get. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing during the winter months. This includes winter boots, gloves/mittens, hats, winter jackets/sweatshirts, and snow pants. Please label all items with your child's name so that we can return them should they get lost.

School Closing Due to Weather Conditions/Emergencies

Occasionally, it may be necessary to close school or delay its opening. To know if school will be delayed or closed, please tune in to one of the following stations:

WIBX—950 AM WRUN—1150 AM WUTR-TV Utica
WKTV—Utica WIXT —TV—Syracuse WTVH Utica
Spectrum Cable News

The District also utilizes Parent Square to send out automated communications regarding school closings and delays.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DELIVERIES TO SCHOOL OFFICE

Attention: Parents

If you are bringing in an item for your child, please be sure that the items are labeled with child's name and teacher. This is very important so that the items arrive to their proper destination.

SCHOOL NOTES

When sending notes to school please be sure the teachers name and your child's first and last name are on the note. If anyone other than the parent/guardian is picking up your child, please be sure to always put their name and be sure they arrive at the office with identification. If your child is absent a note will be needed when they return to school.

NURSE UPDATES

Mrs. Bauernfeind

Please keep your children home if they are sick with any of the following:

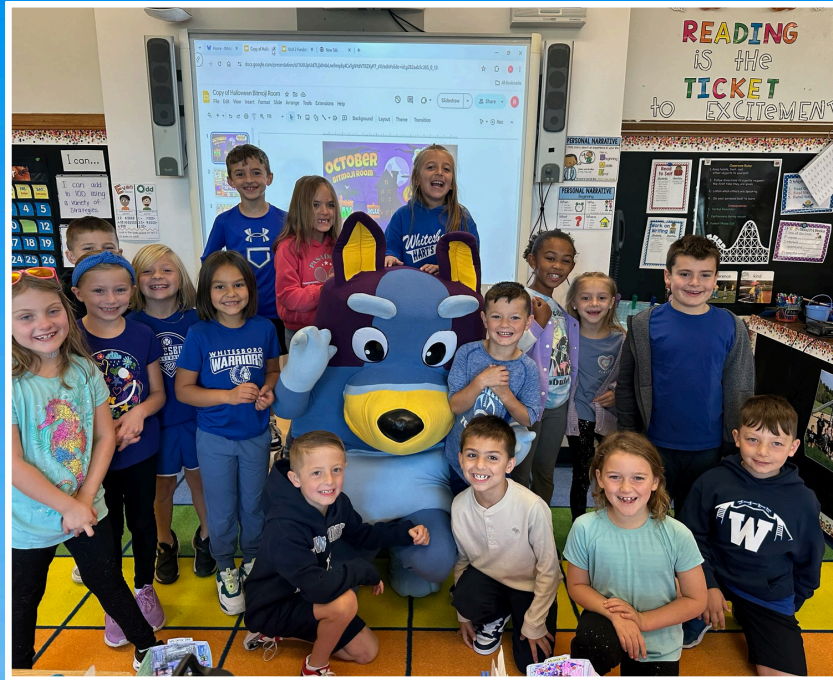
- Fever (100°F or greater) or chills—must be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of medication, before returning
- Persistent or “wet” cough
- Head lice—must be cleared by the nurse before returning after treatment
- Headache
- Severe congestion
- Nausea or vomiting—must be 24 hours free before returning
- Diarrhea—must be 24 hours free before returning
- Unexplained rash

Physicals are due for those children in K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade per New York State Department of Education. Please send in a copy of your child's most recent physical if you haven't already done so. If there is a problem getting your child a physical, please call the health office at 315-266-3434.

- Please keep contact numbers updated so I can reach you if your child is ill.
- With the cold weather approaching, please supply your child with chap stick if they tend to get chapped lips.
- Kindergarten parents, please remember to keep a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack for accidents or spills.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding your child attending school, 315-266-3434. Thank you.

Bluey Visits Hart's Hill!



Bluey helped kick off our October theme of 'Kindness' by greeting students as they arrived to school. Bluey also stopped by each classroom to kickstart the day!

Thanks, Bluey!



Jared Campbell

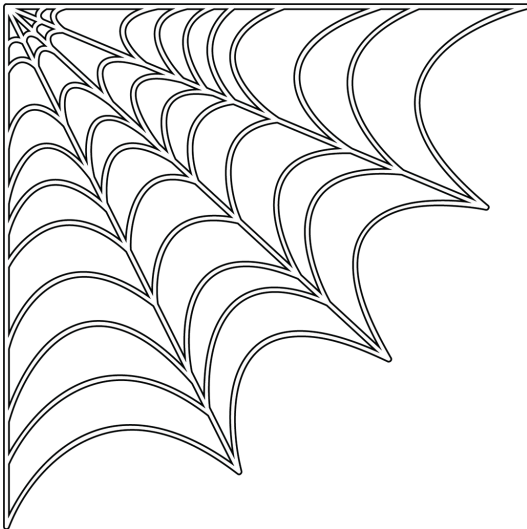


Jared Campbell visits Hart's Hill on October 16, 2024. Students in K-5 experienced singer/songwriter Jared Campbell as he shared his message about kindness, friendship, and being confident young students. Jared spread his message through inspirational stories and his talent of singing and playing the guitar.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Whitestown Police Department spends time with K-5 students to discuss Halloween Safety.





HART'S HILL FALL FEST

October 25, 2024



On October 25, 2024, Hart's Hill teachers, staff, students, and community members came together for an exciting, fun-filled evening of festivities and fantastic costumes! Students had the opportunity to visit each classroom in the building for a special trick-or-treat experience. At the end of the evening, families enjoyed delicious cider donuts and cider in the cafeteria. In the gymnasium, students participated in a "Monster Stomp," where they could win even more treats! A great time was had by all. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Hart's Hill teachers and staff for making this event possible. Special thanks to the Hart's Hill PTO, the various organizations that generously donated treats, and all the parents and guardians who contributed candy. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated!



BULLYING PREVENTION WALK

HARTS HILL ELEMENTARY

Hart's Hill students and teachers participated in an Annual Bullying Prevention Walk on Friday, October 25, 2024. This event aimed to raise awareness about bullying and promote a culture of kindness, respect, and inclusion within our school community. Each classroom created a unique poster that highlighted the various themes that have been discussed in school related to "Bullying Prevention Month". Students from each classroom then carried the posters during our special walk. Combined with our special guest musician, Jared Campbell, students worked hard to spread the message of being a good friend and lifting each other up!





Veterans Day/ Election Day Remembrance:

Hart's Hill 5th graders prepared for Veterans Day and Election Day by placing over 100 flags to honor the men and women who served our country. The flags will remind students of our Veterans and the many sacrifices they have made for our country. On Friday, November 8, Hart's Hill welcomed Retired Army 1st Sergeant Bob Mitchell. Bob spoke to students during announcements about his experience, the importance of Veterans Day, and how we can honor our Veterans. In addition, the flags placed outside will serve as a reminder for students and spark conversations about the Presidential Election and the process behind how a new President is elected. A special thank you goes to the Whitestown Vets Club for donating the flags, and to our PTO members for their help in organizing the pickup and drop-off.



HART'S HILL ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

Scheduled for: November 23, 2024

Location: Hart's Hill Elementary School

Time: 10:00 am (***adjustment***)

1/4 Mile: 10:00 am

3K: 10:15 am

Race Entries: \$3.00

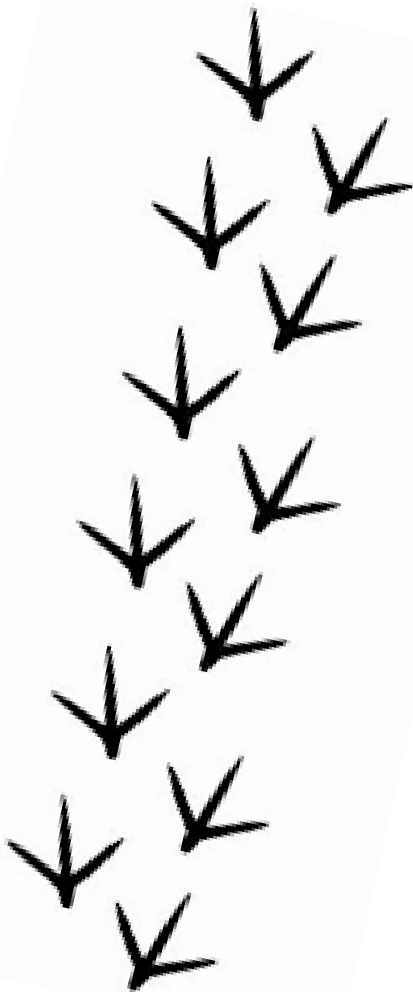
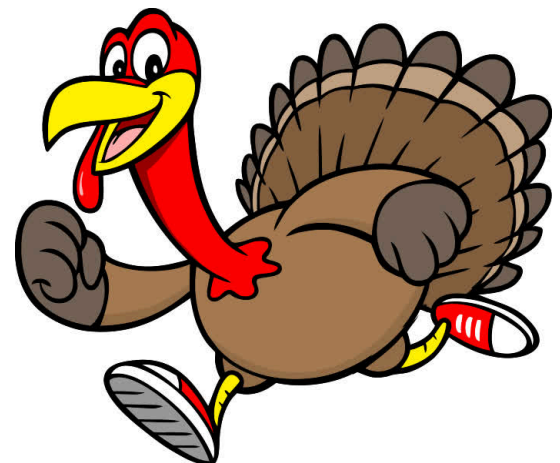
proceeds will be donated to the Woodhaven Wildlife Center

Please submit the race entry flyer that will be sent home with students. Return to Mrs.

Carrock and/or Mrs. Pezdek ASAP.

Refreshments provided.

T-shirts are available for pre-order ONLY - please see the attached order form that was sent home with the Turkey Trot Flyer.



Hart's Hill Elementary Presents: Stories with Santa!

Actual Mr. and Mrs. Claus
that will be on site!



Saturday, December 7, 2024: 9am-11am
More information will be sent home in the coming week!

Hart's Hill Elementary Cafeteria
Stories read by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, hot chocolate,
crafts, and cookie decorating.

\$5.00 per child/ \$20.00 limit per family
All proceeds will go toward 5th grade fundraising!

NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/5: 7 PM Board of Ed Meeting, Marcy Elem.

11/11: Veterans Day–NO SCHOOL

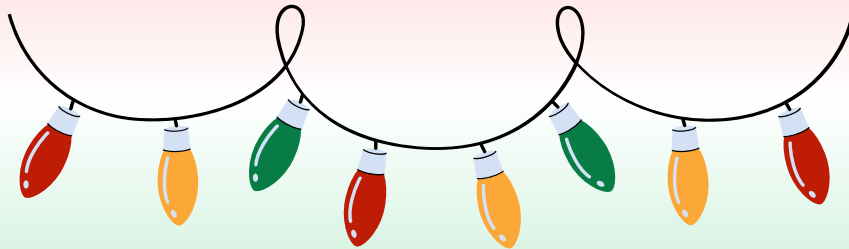
11/18: PTO Meeting–6 PM

11/20: P/T Conferences–NOON DIMISSAL

11/23: Hart's Hill Turkey Trot–10 AM

11/26: P/T Conferences–NOON DISMISSAL

11/27,28,29: THANKSGIVING RECESS–NO SCHOOL



DECEMBER EVENTS

12/3: 7 PM Board of Ed Meeting

12/6: P/T Conferences–NOON DISMISSAL

12/10: Holiday Concert, Middle School, 6:30PM


12/23 through 1/3: WINTER RECESS–NO SCHOOL



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 DAY 5	2
3	4 DAY 6	5 Election Day Bd of Ed Mtg. 7 PM Marcy Elementary DAY 1	6 DAY 2	7 DAY 3	8 DAY 4	9
10	11 Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL	12 DAY 5	13 DAY 6	14 DAY 1	15 DAY 2	16
17	18 Hart's Hill PTO Meeting 6 PM DAY 3	19 DAY 4	20 Parent/Teacher Conferences <u>Noon Dismissal</u> DAY 5	21 DAY 6	22 DAY 1	23 Turkey Trot 10 AM
24	25 DAY 2	26 Parent/Teacher Conferences <u>Noon Dismissal</u> DAY 3	27	28 	29	30

Thanksgiving Recess



December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 DAY 4	3 Board of Ed Meeting 7 PM DAY 5	4 DAY 6	5 DAY 1	6 Parent/Teacher Conferences <u>Noon Dismissal</u> DAY 2	7
8	9 DAY 3	10 Holiday Concert Middle School 6:30 PM DAY 4	11 DAY 5	12 DAY 6	13 DAY 1	14
15	16 Hart's Hill PTO Meeting 6 PM DAY 2	17 DAY 3	18 DAY 4	19 DAY 5	20 DAY 6	21 Winter Begins 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
WINTER RECESS						
29	30 WINTER RECESS	31 New Year's Eve WINTER RECESS				