Dear Parents, Students & Staff,

Welcome back! This year, we will kick off our *The Colors of Character* initiative in September. Each month, we will be focusing on a specific character trait from our Second Step Program and the Counseling Program. By wearing a particular color on a given day, students and staff are joining together to take a stand against bullying and spreading a message of *respect*, *courage*, *curiosity*, and *kindness*. Thank you for your continued support!

Date Color and Purpose

September 13th Welcome back. Let's celebrate! Wear clothes that represent our theme, Welcome to the Hillside TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More!

September 27th Wear your best school spirit clothing to show **Citizenship!** We show Citizenship by following the school rules, giving back to your community, and showing kindness and respect to others.

October 16th Wear ORANGE for UNITY DAY to show that we are upstanders! PACER's National It takes Courage to stand up for yourself and others. We are a bucket Bullying Prevention filling school UNITED against bullying!

Center's UNITY DAY

November 22nd Wear **PURPLE** to show **Gratitude** and appreciation for each other, our families, and our school through our words and actions.

Dec. 16th-20th Holiday Spirit Week TBA.

January 28th Wear **GREEN** to show **Perseverance**. We never give up, even when things get hard.

Feb. 10th-14th **Kindness Spirit Week TBA**. Feb 14th, wear **RED/PINK** for Random Acts of Kindness Week. It's a celebration of all the ways we can become a positive influence in each other's lives.

March 28th Wear TIE DYE to celebrate **Diversity**.

May 2nd Wear **YELLOW** in celebration of **Friendship** to show RESPECT. We follow the "Golden Rule"— Treating others the way you would like to be treated.

June 6th Career Day! Dress up to show others what you want to be when you grow up.

Sincerely,
Counseling Department:
Dr. Bloom, School Psychologist
Mr. Forcinito, School Psychologist
Mrs. Snyder, School Counselor