

# HILLCREST PDS HAPPENINGS

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

Happy Fall to All!! Our 1st six weeks went by very quickly and we are ready for amazing things to happen in the 2nd six weeks. Around this time of year we see more illnesses. We are encouraging students to cover their coughs and sneezes, not drink/eat after each other and to wash their hands frequently. If your child has a fever, he/she must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. The number of tardies are increasing. Our school day begins at 8 am. We need your child in class, unpacked and ready to learn by that time. Our teachers begin the day with activities to build a sense of family in the classroom. We do not want your student missing out. Thank you for a strong start to the 2019-20 school year and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Carnival!

Jennifer Lundquist

### Team Hillcrest

This month's featured team members: *5<sup>th</sup> Grade*



Name: Alberta Aldrich

Years in education: 2

Years at HPDS: 2

Favorite subject to teach:  
Science

Where she grew up: San Angelo

Something unique she wants you to know: She was highly impacted by her 4th grade science teacher. She still remembers some of the lessons and has implemented those into her own teaching!



Name: Mary Davis

Years in education: 27

Years at HPDS: 20

Favorite subject to teach:  
English/Language Arts and Japanese

Where she grew up: Tokyo, Japan

Something unique she wants you to know: She attended Hillcrest the first year of integration in WISD. Her principal's name was Mr. Gasperson.



Name: Katherine Weaver

Years in education: 11

Years at HPDS: 2

Favorite subject to teach:  
Math

Where she grew up: Jackson, MS.

Something unique she wants you to know: She loves adventure and has even been bungee jumping.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ 10/1 Fall Picture Day
- ❖ 10/3 Report cards home
- ❖ 10/3 Big Kahuna pick up 1:00-5:00 pm
- ❖ 10/3 Dental Clinic
- ❖ 10/4 Big Kahuna Limo Ride/pizza
- ❖ 10/5 Sho Co Rehearsal 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- ❖ 10/7 CDMC 5:00 pm
- ❖ 10/8 PTA and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade performance 6:00-7:00 pm
- ❖ 10/14 Student Holiday/Staff Inservice
- ❖ 10/21 Progress reports
- ❖ 10/21-25 Red Ribbon Week
- ❖ 10/24 Fall Carnival 5:30-7:30 pm

### Showtime Company Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday, October 1 3:45-4:45 pm	Thursday, October 17 3:45-4:45 pm
Thursday, October 3 3:45-4:45 pm	Tuesday, October 22 3:45-4:45 pm
Saturday, October 5 9:00 am- 5:00 pm	Tuesday, October 29 3:45-4:45 pm
Thursday, October 10 3:45-4:45 pm	Performance: January 23-25



# FINE ARTS FOCUS



The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start in the music room. We are singing, playing instruments, listening and moving to music. The students are working hard to improve and learn new skills.

We have many exciting opportunities for music making this school year. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will perform at our Hillcrest PDS October PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there. All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited and encouraged to participate in the program.

The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will perform at the November PTA meeting on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. More information about that coming soon.

Mark your calendars now for our All-School Winter Holiday Music Program on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. I hope all Hillcrest families will join us at the First United Methodist Church at 4901 Cobbs Drive. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. and should conclude by 8:00.

Parents, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you have about music classes and events at 772-4286. Until next time – keep a song in your heart!

Mrs. Hoover



# art



Fall is in full swing and our budding artists have painted bright, beautiful apples. Our older artists are working hard on their contest pieces to submit to the Peace Poster Contest and the Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest. Those pieces will be featured in next month's newsletter. Be on the lookout!!!

Mrs. Weatherly





# PTA NEWS



PTA would like to thank all the families that participated in Big Kahuna this year!! Big Kahuna was a GREAT success, and we could not have made it happen without you.

Delivery for Big Kahuna will be on October 3rd. Please pick up your items from 1-5 pm. The limo ride will be October 4th. Thanks again for supporting HPDS PTA, and helping to give back to your school!!

HPDS PTA now has a new way for you to join and show your support, you can join 2 ways: online at [www.joinPTA.org](http://www.joinPTA.org), or by returning the membership form along with your payment to your teacher. The class with 100% membership will win a pizza party!

October is carnival month, this year's carnival will be October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. Come join us for food, games, cake walk silent auction, and so much more!! If you would like to volunteer, help setup, provide baked items for the cake walk, sell tickets for this year's Carnival, or donate to the Carnival, contact us at our new email address- [hillcrestpdspta@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrestpdspta@gmail.com)

Please join us for this month's PTA meeting and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade musical performance Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm in the cafeteria.

Thanks again for all your support for HPDS PTA!!

## Free Educational Apps



- Brain Pop
- Brain Pop Jr.
- Spelling City
- Sushi Monster
- Math Ninja
- Pic Collage Kids
- National Geographic Kids
- Canva
- Spelling Magic 1&2

- Lumosity
- Underground Mysteries Thinking Puzzle Games
- Lego Junior
- Multiplication Flash Cards
- Sight Words Learning Games

HPDS FRIENDLY REMINDER: STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING MEDICATION TO SCHOOL. PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO *BRING MEDICATION DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL NURSE* AND SIGN A PERMISSION SLIP.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



Name: Pam Deputy

Years in education: 17

Years at HPDS: 3 (1 as a teacher and 2 as a student)

Favorite subject to teach:  
Reading

Where she grew up: Moved to Waco when she was 5

Something unique she wants you to know: She used to catch tarantulas to scare her sister.



Name: Karen Reeves

Years in education:

Years at HPDS:

Favorite subject to teach:

Where she grew up:

Something unique she wants you to know:



Name: Olivia Ulmer

Years in education: 5

Years at HPDS: 2

Favorite subject to teach:  
Math

Where she grew up:  
Marietta, GA

Something unique she wants you to know: She qualified for a sprint triathlon in West Point, GA.

## Did You Know?

The "PDS" in Hillcrest PDS (HPDS) stands for Professional Development School. HPDS Elementary opened over 20 years ago as the first professional development school in the Baylor/Waco ISD partnership. This partnership was created to provide practical experiences and training for Baylor School of Education students. Baylor students get real-world experience working with our HPDS students. HPDS provides Baylor candidates experience at the sophomore, junior, and senior level. Hillcrest is proud to have been a part of preparing teachers for the last 20 years, and looks forward to preparing teachers for many more years to come. To learn more about the Baylor School of Education, go to their website: [www.baylor.edu/soe](http://www.baylor.edu/soe) or find them on Facebook.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Everywhere Learning Trip To Prude Ranch

The 5th grade trip to Fort Davis, Texas is next month: Nov. 12-15. We are looking forward to participating in the McDonald Observatory's Star Party, hiking into a canyon with guides from the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, exploring the historic sites of Fort Davis, and experiencing the wonders of Prude Ranch as "cowboys/cowgirls" in West Texas. Parents, we will communicate with you from the Davis Mountains through the Remind 101 messaging system, so be sure to be signed up to receive the updates of our journey. Our second payment day is coming up on Monday, Oct. 7 from 4-6 in room 203. See you there!