



## *Pursuing Excellence for Every Child*

### **3rd Annual Hike for Hillandale a Smashing Success!**

The 3rd Annual Hike for Hillandale was a smashing success thanks to the wonderful students, staff and parent volunteers. We could not have asked for a more perfect day for a hike! Wool E. Bull, mascot for the Durham Bulls, was on hand to kick off the Hike with the Fifth Graders, and he went room to



room to say hello to most of our students.

It was great seeing students excited about being outside,

getting active, having fun and enjoying the nature trail. Every student received a 3rd Annual "I Hiked for Hillandale" magnet that can proudly be displayed on the family vehicle or on the refrigerator!

The total money raised by the Hike, along with the grand prize and raffle winners, will be announced at the October 20 General PTA meeting. We look forward to awarding the top classrooms with a pizza party and a popsicle party. Come to the PTA meeting to see who wins! (You do not have to be present to win!) The student who brings in the most money will win a Wii game system with a sports game included!

We salute each and every student who made any contribution, no matter what the amount. We had one student whose family is having a very difficult time and has next to nothing, yet this student gave all the money he had in the world. It does not matter how much the contribution was, what is amazing is how this student gave everything he had to support his school! We had many kids who received

### **From Our Principal**

Dear Hillandale Families,

Our first quarter has come to an end. I hope each of you have had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to review progress and goals. If you have not, please be sure to call the school or send a note to your child's teacher to set a time to meet.

Hillandale continues to prioritize reading skill development. Reading is fundamental to all other areas of study. We are not only working to help children recognize letters, sounds and words, but to build understanding of what they read. Your reading to your child can make all the difference in the world. Research proves that children perform best in school when they are read to at home. We have a wide variety of high interest books in our Media Center. Each child has the opportunity to select at least one book each time they go to Media. Ask your child to

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donations from their siblings and/or who made donations from their own piggy banks! Wow, what amazing kids we have at Hillandale! These donations mean as much to the PTA as the large donations because it shows that the students value their school, the programs and items the PTA provides. Watching them turn in their envelopes, you could see the sense of pride that they have knowing they helped support their school!

Thank you to each student and family that participated by making a contribution to the Hike for Hillandale. This event would not be possible without the participation of the countless parent volunteers and the entire Hillandale family! We especially want to thank Linda Walters, Lynette Coyne, Mona Riggsbee, Shelley Turkington and Julie Reo for their many hours of work tallying the results of the hike!

-With sincere gratitude and thanks, Michelle Fox and Meg Yarbrough, Fall Fundraising Chairs.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## Tuesday, October 20 General PTA Meeting

### Visit the Book Fair

(opens at 6:30 p.m.)

General PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### "Original Works of Art" are Coming Soon!

Hillandale will be running the Original Works Program this fall. Each child will have the opportunity to have their very own artwork reproduced onto a variety of high-quality products including magnets, mugs and mouse pads, ceramic tiles, t-shirts, note cards and more. Each child is eligible to participate. Once the artwork is created, parents can select which products they would like to feature the artwork. The program is designed to encourage creativity and student self-esteem. The resulting products make unique gifts that are practical for any season or occasion.

During the last week in October, your child's artwork will be sent home with a brochure and order form. Please return the form by November 6. Orders will arrive at Hillandale just before Winter Break... Think of all the creative gifts you can give this year! Proceeds will benefit our school, and your child's education (a school-run fundraiser, not PTA program).

### Helping Hillandale AND Helping the Environment - FREE

Hillandale is sensitive to the strain that the economy is having on our households. We are trying to generate money for our children's education through efforts that do not ask families for money. So, don't throw away those used Capri Sun drink pouches...remove the straw from the empty pack, flatten it, and send it to school to be turned in for cash. We receive 2 cents per pouch. It doesn't sound like much, but with over 600 children, it can add up. So far, this recycling/fundraising effort has collected \$75. That's 3,750 pouches collected so far! We are also collecting used printer cartridges. Place your used cartridges in a plastic bag and send them to school with your child. Collection location is in the Office. Thank you for reducing, recycling, and supporting your school!

### Portion Distortion

Check out this challenge from the National Institute of Health: <http://hp2010.nhlbi.nih.gov/portion/index.htm> to see if you can pass the Portion Distortion quizzes, and then "blast off" with this game from the Centers for Disease Control: [www.mypyramid.gov/kids\\_game](http://www.mypyramid.gov/kids_game).

**Reminder:** If you are interested in taking part in the site-based committee looking into health and wellness, please contact Julie Reo at [jreo@nc.rr.com](mailto:jreo@nc.rr.com) or 383-9805.



### DO THE MATH!

- Do you know that your school receives \$0.10 per box top that we turn in? We have over 600 students. If every household submits one box top a month, that's \$60.00...FREE...just for clipping a box top. The box top emblem is on hundreds of products. You can find them on cereal boxes, tissue boxes, toilet tissue wrappings, boxed meals, canned goods, and many more. Please take a look at your groceries. You probably have labels you didn't even know about. It would be a good chore for your children to look through the cupboards for box top labels. They can keep track of the number of labels you turn in to keep a count of the money your family donates just by sending a box top to school. So, don't throw away any box, can or packaging without checking to make sure you aren't throwing away money!



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# Celebrate Student Creativity with REFLECTIONS

REFLECTIONS is a National PTA sponsored program which celebrates and encourages creativity in our children. There is an appreciable link between the arts and learning in all levels of education.

Your child may participate in one of six categories: visual art, literary art, photography, music composition, dance choreography, and film/video production. There are rules and requirements for each category available on our [www.hillandalepta.com](http://www.hillandalepta.com) website, through your teacher, and Mrs. DeVito. All entries will be recognized at the Hillandale Elementary level at a future General PTA meeting. Entries will be due before the November Thanksgiving Break. This year's theme, "Beauty Is..." should inspire the entry.

For more information please visit the [hillandalepta.com](http://hillandalepta.com) website, and click on the Reflections link, or have your child ask their teacher how they can participate, and for the entry forms and category guidelines. Several teachers may have their students incorporate this into their standard course of study. Please support your student by filling out the entry form when it comes home!

Reflections Chair,  
Jeannette Brossart, [Jbromom@aol.com](mailto:Jbromom@aol.com)



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## *Math Moments*

### **The Economy – Making Dollars and Sense**

The pun is intended. While money is not an objective in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (SCoS), it is to be used as one of several means to help students understand the operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division – as well as the concept behind decimals. The foundation to be established has students being able to count coins and bills by identifying these items from both the heads and the tails sides of the coins and the front and the back of the bills. Students are also asked to make change after a purchase. All of these skills need a basic understanding of what money is, what it looks like, and how it is used. Sadly, many of our students do not have these basics due to the fact that the only thing they see used to pay for goods and services are credit and debit cards – also known as “plastic.” If a family is only using “plastic,” students do not understand the concept of purchasing – they simply assume that if you have a card, you swipe it and the thing you want magically is yours. In fact, there are many reports of college students getting into significant debt because they are now targeted by credit card companies and are illiterate as to how these cards really work; i.e., you have to pay back the money that you used!

The encouragement here is two-fold. First, if you use plastic as your primary form of making purchases, please sit down with your children and let them see you writing a check to the credit card company or doing your on-line banking. Don't leave them with

the impression that having plastic means that you just get things. Second, give your children lots of practice identifying and counting real money and even paying for items that they would like to buy with this real money. This might mean for older students that they figure out how much change they should receive before they go to make the purchase. A short conversation about taxes will come in handy here.

In this economy where every penny counts, help to make certain that your children gain an understanding about money.

**Book Corner Recommendation:** One Grain of Rice by Demi. There are many variations on this story, but this version is beautifully illustrated. The Raja owns lots of the rice and is not taking care of his people in a famine. Rani, a village girl, does a kindness to the Raja and is rewarded. Her request – Day 1 she gets one grain of rice, Day two and every day after for 30 days the amount of rice given gets doubled from the day before. Get ready for some big numbers and a surprised Raja.

#### **Math Riddle**

Math Riddle from last month – Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7 8 (ate) 9!

New Riddle: What did the Baby Acorn say to the Mother Tree many years after he dropped to the ground? (*answer next issue*)

## Media Minutes

### Birthday Book Giveaways!

With Book Fair proceeds, the Media Center bought enough books for each student to receive a complimentary book this year to celebrate their birthday. To date we have given books to the students with July, August and September birthdays. October and November birthdays will be celebrated over the next few weeks.

**CHARGE!** discussions are completed. *More Stories Huey Tells* by Ann Cameron and *Kneeknock Rise* by Natalie Babbitt were the selections for this semester



*Among the Hillandale students who completed the Durham County Public Library Summer Reading Program were Cierra McGee, and Bridget Fox. Second row: DeAnna Dickerson and Matt Dickerson.*

for 2/3rd grades and 4/5th grades, respectively. There was a tremendous sign-up to read the books. We even had a waiting list for the 2/3rd grade selection. In January, we'll sign-up for the February discussions.

### Book Fair -- Destination Reading

The Scholastic Book Fair is October 19-23. The theme is "Destination Reading." We hope each of you will be able to make the Book Fair a Reading Destination" and join us on a trip around the world of reading. Stop by the library and have some fun and add good books to your personal home libraries, or find gifts for the holidays to share with people you care about that love to read.

Before the Book Fair, on Thursday, October 15, we held a "Teachers dress as their favorite book characters" Contest. The kids voted for their favorite character and the winning teacher received \$20 in Book Fair books.

### Book Fair Schedule

October 19: Book Fair hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 20th: Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Special Event: PTA Meeting and an Art Show. (6:30-8:00 p.m.) The Book Fair is open for visiting and purchasing.

October 21: Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Special Event: (8:15-8:45 a.m.) Bagels and Books with an Adult -3-5 Graders. Children and adults enjoy a bagel and juice together as you look through the Book Fair and make your selections.

October 22: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Special Event: (8:15-8:45 a.m.) Bagels and Books with an Adult -Kindergarten-2nd Graders. Come enjoy a bagel and a cup of juice with a favorite adult and child as you look through the Book Fair and make your selections.

October 23: Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Last chance to pick up those books you wanted to add to your collection. Let the Book Fair be your Reading Destination for locating great books to read or share. Be sure to come in and check out the wonderful selection of books, before it's over.

**VOLUNTEERS**, as always, make for a successful Book Fair. We still need volunteers to help younger kids write their wish lists, help locate books from student wish lists or teacher wish lists, help check patrons out, help straighten books after a class visit or during an event, and serve juice and bagels at our Bagels and Books events. If you can help, PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

## Hillandale Students Have Artwork on Display in our Community!

Congratulations to the following artists who are representing Hillandale at this year's North Carolina State Fair:



**Leonardo Finazzo, Nya Furtick, Connor Moore, Maranda Mynatt, Emily Smith, and Onki Yeung.**

Also, **Valeria Flores Ibanez, Huda Mustafa, and Kinki Yeung** have artwork created last year on display at the DPS Administrative Buildings for this entire school year. Great job, artists!

# Hike for Hillandale: Thanks to everyone for a great day!



For more Hike for Hillandale photos visit: [www.hillandalepta.com](http://www.hillandalepta.com)

## Upcoming Events

October 19-23 .....	Fall Book Fair
October 20 .....	General PTA Meeting and Book Fair
October 23 .....	End of First Grading Period
October 26 .....	Student Vacation Day
October 27 .....	Beginning of second grading period
November 2 .....	Original Works Fundraiser
November 3 .....	PTA Board Meeting
November 11 .....	Veteran's Day Student Holiday
November 18 .....	Early Release
November 25-27.....	Thanksgiving Holidays



## New! EC PTA

The new Exceptional Children's PTA (EC PTA) falls under the umbrella of the Durham Council of PTAs and will work as a part of each individual school's PTA. The group is comprised of parents, teachers and administrators to provide support, resources and help to parents of exceptional children in the Durham Public School system. Both DPS and the EC PTA want to work to improve opportunities for Exceptional Children through alignment of curriculum and instruction, staff training, and parent and teacher involvement.

The Hillandale PTA has established a new EC Committee to be a liaison between the EC PTA and the Hillandale PTA. If you have a child or an interest in the Exceptional Children's program at Hillandale, and you are interested in being part of this exciting new program, please contact Hillandale PTA President Julie Reo for more information, [jreo@nc.rr.com](mailto:jreo@nc.rr.com)

The EC PTA will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Hillandale Training Center at 6:30 p.m. For more information check out the EC PTA website: <http://www.ecpta-durhamnc.webs.com>.

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share her/his book with you. Read the book together, discuss the book, the illustrations and the characters. You will not only be helping your child's reading development, but building fond memories, as well.

If you would like additional reading material, please give me a call to make arrangements to have leveled books sent home with your child.

Report cards will go out Friday, October 30th. Please be sure to check your child's book bag for the report card.

With the first nine weeks behind us, we are looking to the second nine weeks, and the onset of winter. Life becomes hectic for all of us. Please help your child keep a routine by eating well and getting a good night's rest. The holidays will be more enjoyable for everyone.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the many events that are planned for the coming months. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to give me a call, or send me an email at [sandi.bates@dpsnc.net](mailto:sandi.bates@dpsnc.net), with any questions you may have.

Kindest regards,  
Sandi Bates  
Principal

## Grandparents Support Group

DPS believes in the Power of Parents – and Grandparents! That is why they are partnering with the Durham County Cooperative Extension to offer support for grandparents who are raising or helping to raise their grandchildren.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support and Education Group will meet the second Thursday of the month through December. Future dates are November 12 and December 11. All meetings will be held from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the DPS Staff Development Center, 2107 Hillandale Road. To attend, call Peggy Kernodle, 560-0523 or email [pkernodle@co.durham.nc.us](mailto:pkernodle@co.durham.nc.us). Refreshments provided.

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