



The Hill School
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TAKE NOTE

NOVEMBER 22, 2023



2023-2024 Parent Annual Giving Challenge

23 days to go!
**Thank you to the 35% of parents that have
already participated!**

Go to <http://www.thehillschool.org/giving> to donate.
Thank you for your support!

Ski Club 2024



Information and sign up for this year's Ski Club are on pages 8 and 9. A rental form, if needed, may be downloaded from The Hill School website under "Helpful Links."

To learn more about snow sports and The Hill School's Ski Club, please join us for a Headmaster Coffee on Tuesday, November 28th at 8:30am.

Coming up at Hill:

Mon., November 27	School re-opens
Tues., November 28	Headmaster Coffee: Ski Club, 8:30am, Alumni Room
Sat., December 3rd	Christmas in Middleburg
Dec. 4th- Dec. 7th	Hill School Book Fair- Theatre Lobby
Tues., December 5	Environmental Club - 4:00 - 5:00pm, Art Room. Community Book Read discussion with Treavor and Kasia, 6:00pm Hill School Theatre JV Boys Basketball vs. Cornerstone at Hill. Game 3:30pm, dismissal 4:45pm. V Boys Basketball vs. Cornerstone at Hill. Game 4:30pm, dismissal 5:45pm. V Girls Basketball vs. Cornerstone at Cornerstone. Game 3:30pm, dismissal 5:00pm.

AVAILABLE: 5 parakeets free to a good home, cage and food included. Contact Nettie at (802) 279-1032 or email nettie@pshift.com.

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR FULL TUITION FAMILIES

- FEBRUARY 1ST - 2024-2025 CONTRACTS WILL BE POPULATED IN YOUR BIGSIS PORTAL.
- FEBRUARY 16TH - 2024-2025 CONTRACTS ARE DUE BACK TO ENSURE SPOTS ARE HELD.

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR FINANCIAL AID FAMILIES

- NOVEMBER 27TH - THE FAST (FINANCIAL AID FOR SCHOOL TUITION) PROCESS IS OPEN - CLICK [HERE](#) TO BEGIN.
- FEBRUARY 1ST - DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.
- FEBRUARY / MARCH - FINANCIAL AID CONTRACTS WILL BE POPULATED IN YOUR BIGSIS PORTAL.
- CONTRACTS ARE DUE TWO WEEKS AFTER THEY ARE ISSUED.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING RE-ENROLLMENT IN GENERAL PLEASE CONTACT KELLY JOHNSON.
QUESTIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL AID OR PAYMENT PLANS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SARAH SCHRODER.



Join The Hill School for Christmas in Middleburg

Christmas in Middleburg is Saturday, December 2nd.

****The Parade Float is now full, please email Amy Miller to be added to the Waitlist****

Parent Volunteers are still needed to stuff goody bags/prep and to clean up

DROP OFF: On the cross-campus road at 1:15 pm.
Hill School's line-up spot is #7 (First float off The Plains Road).
No children may join the float after we start moving.

PICK UP: At the art circle after the Hill float arrives on campus
(approximately 2:45 pm).

SIGN UP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A9AE23A1FE3-45754678-christmas#/Questions?>

Contact Kelly Johnson kjohnson@thehillschool.org or Amy Miller amyfitzmiller@gmail.com

More on Christmas in Middleburg—<https://christmasinmiddleburg.org/>

**ORDER
NOW**

Hill School Store

**Please Note:
Order placed by November 24th,
will be available for pick up on
December 14th.**

[HTTPS://THEHILLSCHOOL.FUTURASTORES.COM](https://thehillschool.futurastores.com)

COMMUNITY BOOK READ

**November 15th | 8:30am | Alumni Room
Mini-Book Club**

Join us for an informal book club to begin
the conversation.

December 5th | 6:00pm | Theater

Join Treavor and Kasia for a large group
discussion.

Childcare for current Hill School students
is available and pizza will be provided.

RSVP to Kelly Johnson:

kjohnson@thehillschool.org

December 6th | 8:30am

Headmaster's Coffee

NEVER ENOUGH



When Achievement
Culture Becomes Toxic—And
What We Can Do About It

JENNIFER BREHENY WALLACE

**10% off at Middleburg Books
for the Hill Community.**

SHARE THE JOY OF THE SEASON WITH OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND
SUPPORT THE HILL SCHOOL
GIVING TREE PROGRAM

CLICK HERE
FOR THE AMAZON WISH LIST

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
EMILY TYLER AT ETYLER@THEHILLSCHOOL.ORG

UNWRAPPED GIFTS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO
THE HILL SCHOOL
130 SOUTH MADISON STREET MIDDLEBURG 20117

GIFTS WILL BE PICKED UP ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
THANK YOU!



**Attention
parents!**

Hill's annual book fair is back and a number of parent volunteers are needed to ensure this event is a success.

Come volunteer with us and help host an awesome book fair! Please check out our **Sign-Up Genius** to volunteer.

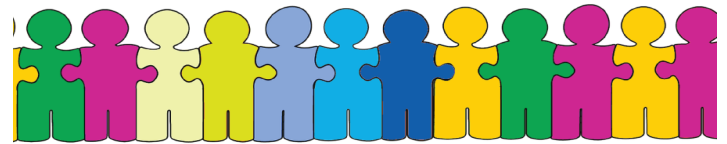
Email us with any questions at bookfair1@thehillsschool.org.

Culture & Inclusion Interest Meeting

This meeting will explore the level of parent interest in revitalizing the Culture & Inclusion Parent Club. This club was originally created to support Hill families in raising kind, culturally competent, and empathetic children.

December 8 | 8:30 a.m.
Alumni Room

Interested but can't make it?
Email Jill Hottel:
jill.hottel@gmail.com



learn to

the **coders**
SCHOOL



change the



*Classes will
be held at
Hill School*

Parent Info Session
The Hill School
Alumni Conference Room
Wednesday, November 29th
8:45-9:45am

ashburn.thecoderschool.com

DANCE AT HILL



6 WEEK SESSION

TUESDAYS NOV 7-DEC 12
THURSDAYS NOV 9- JAN 4

\$240

TUESDAYS

3:00-4:00 HIP HOP (K-2ND GRADE)
4:00-5:00 HIP HOP (2ND-4TH GRADE)

THURSDAYS

3:00-4:00 HIP HOP (JK-1ST GRADE)
4:00-5:00 BROADWAY JAZZ(2ND-4TH GRADE)

EMAIL TO REGISTER

JENNAHIDEDANCEPROJECT@GMAIL.COM





the
**Tree
Lighting**

Friday, December 1st

at

THE PINK BOX

5:00 P.M.

Please join in at the foot of the town
Christmas Tree in the Pink Box Garden
(corner of Madison and Marshall)
for caroling and refreshments.

A special thanks to Middleburg Business & Professional Association, Four Winds Tree Experts,
Middleburg Common Grounds, and The Woolley Fox for help supporting this event.



JOIN US!

For a stimulating and
entertaining evening with:

TOM SWEITZER

Co-founder, Creative Director, and Head of
Music Therapy at the renowned
Middleburg nonprofit, A Place to Be

Tom will discuss his new play "20 Seconds"
followed by a talk and audience Q&A about
his writing and acting career.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2023
6:00PM

Buchanan Hall in Upperville
Free and open to the public



Middleburg Library
Advisory Board, Inc.



GUM TREE FARM

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

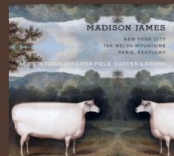
Guest artisans showcased at Gum Tree Farm Designs

December 13th & 14th
10 - 5

103 W Federal St, Middleburg Virginia



Sissy Yates Jewelry



Madison James



Gum Tree Farm

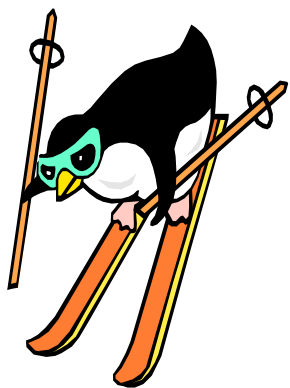


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Ski Club 2024

Ski Club will meet on Fridays (weather permitting) during January / February at Bryce.

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| 1. | Friday, January 5 | (Extra early dismissal from school: JK-8 11:30) |
| 2. | Friday, January 12 | School will dismiss at 12:00 for JK-8 |
| 3. | Friday, January 19 | School will dismiss at 12:00 for JK-8 |
| 4. | Friday, January 26 | School will dismiss at 12:00 for JK-8 |
| 5. | Friday, February 2 | School will dismiss at 12:00 for JK-8 |
| 6. | Friday, February 9 | MINI-OLYMPICS (More information will be sent home later) |

Siblings not enrolled at Hill are welcome to join us, however, the minimum age for ski class is four years. Family friends who wish to ski with us are welcome, but only children signed up for the season have space in the ski classes.

All Hill School students are welcome to participate. **Children in Grades JK-3 must be accompanied by a parent or an adult who is responsible for them and is willing to assist the children during and after their classes (especially beginner skiers).**

COST: Option #1: Without rental: **\$265** (includes lessons, slope fees)
Option #2: With ski / snowboard rental: **\$385** (includes lessons, slope fees, ski/board/boots rental, w/o helmet)
Option #3: With equipment plus helmet rental: **\$435** (includes all of the above plus a helmet rental)

Prices are for the entire season. Adjustments will be made only for sessions cancelled by Hill School or Bryce Resort.

Parents who ski may purchase their ski lift tickets at the counter at a discount group rate (\$24 on half-days, \$30 on full days). Equipment rentals for parents are also available (\$20 per day, \$8 for helmets).

Rental information: Students and parents may sign up for the whole season and have their equipment set up in advance. All rentals charged to Hill School will be billed for the whole season regardless of how often the equipment is used. No charges to the Hill School account will be accepted by Bryce at the counter, ONLY rental forms submitted by the School, are allowed. All forms at the counter at Bryce are on a cash-only basis. If you or your child are renting the equipment, please obtain the rental form as soon as possible and return no later than DECEMBER 12th.

Rental forms are also available through a link on the Hill School webpage.
See www.thehillschool.org



Please note: ALL Hill School students and ALL Ski Club participants are required to wear helmets on the ski slopes.

Riding the ski lift can be dangerous, particularly if children are inattentive and/or play with the equipment (i.e. rocking the chair on purpose, opening the safety bar, wiggling around, etc). We encourage JK to 3 parents to ride with their children and/or establish safety rules for their families. Those family rules might include that children may only ride the ski lift if there is at least one adult on the chair with them, or that the chair lift group must include at least an older student. The ski lift attendants' main responsibility is to ensure that people safely board the lift. They will not be able to enforce parent-established rules. Ski instructors will include lift safety into their lessons. Any violation of safe riding practices will be reported, and students will lose their lift tickets.

Snow Boarding is open to children in Grades 3 through 8. Spaces in the classes are limited and will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

Please complete the attached sign up sheet and questionnaire about the child's ski/board experiences. Please print out and return to office or email to Silvia Fleming (sfleming@thehillschool.org).

If, after the first lesson, you feel that your child is in the wrong group, please talk to Silvia. If the instructor's observations are similar to yours, adjustments will be made. Often instructors also suggest changes. Please remember: Ski Club is for having fun skiing, learning the basics, and for being with your friends.



Ski Club sign up and Skiing / Boarding Experience

Students who participated last year have notes on their skill level from the instructors and will be put into classes based on these ratings. Adjustments will be made after the first lesson.

Name of child

My child will be:

- ____ Skiing
____ Snowboarding (Third grade and up)

He/she will need:

- ____ Rentals from Bryce, and we will complete the form *(Please make sure you indicate helmet yes or no)*
____ **No** rentals

He / she has: __ no (or very little) experience

 __ participated in Ski Club last year *(instructors have given students skill ratings, so no need to complete questions below –answer only the ski lift question)*

 __ had additional experience since Ski Club last winter *(please explain)*

 __ was not in Ski Club last year but has some experience *(please complete the questions below)*

Everyone answers:

- | | | |
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| __ My child has no experience with ski lifts | | |
| __ My child can ride the small carpet lift | ____ alone | ____ with an adult |
| __ My child can ride the long carpet lift | ____ alone | ____ with an adult |
| __ My child can ride the big quad lift | ____ alone | ____ with an adult |

New participants only:

These questions are all based on Bryce layout/ ski lifts. Please approximate equivalent for other resorts.

____ My child can stop the skis / board anytime

____ My child can curve left and right

____ My child uses the “Pizza Pie” technique to turn

____ My child makes parallel turns

____ My child is comfortable with the small, gentle hill next to the short carpet lift and skis there alone

____ My child is comfortable with the somewhat steeper hill next to the long carpet lift and skis / boards it independently

____ My child is only comfortable with the “Red Eye” (easiest, blue) slope

____ My child can independently ski / board down any slope at Bryce

Please note anything below and/or attached that you would like us to take into consideration:



Get ready for... **Fall Book Fair!**

Monday, December 4, through Thursday, December 7
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (Noon on Thursday)

All proceeds will go to the Teacher Book Fund.

Questions?

bookfair1@thehillschool.org

The Book Fair will accept payments in cash, check, school charge to BigSIS (see below), or credit card (if a parent is present).

Give your child permission to charge Book Fair purchases to your BigSIS account!

1. Login to your BigSIS portal: <https://thehillschool.bigsis.com/portal>.
2. Go to Parents Tab at the top, then click the Forms Tab where you will find a Book Fair Permission Slip for each child.
3. Permission slips are due by Friday, December 1.

Any charges made to BigSIS (not to exceed the authorized amount) will appear on your next scheduled payment. If you have any BigSIS questions, please contact Sarah Schroder at sschroder@thehillschool.org.

If a child does not have a permission slip on file (indicating that they MAY/MAY NOT use school charge), we will allow them to charge ONE book up to \$20 to your account.

Volunteers Needed!

December 1 & 4-7



Hill's annual book fair is back and a number of parent volunteers are needed to ensure this event is a success.

Volunteers are needed over the course of a week to help with everything from unpacking and organizing, to running check-out and shuffling kids through the fair, to tearing-down and packing up.

Come volunteer with us and help host an awesome book fair!
Please check out our **Sign-Up Genius** to volunteer.

Email **bookfair1@thehillschool.org** with any questions.

MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD, INC.
THROUGH
MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY & MIDDLEBURG BOOKS

2023 HOLIDAY BOOK Giveaway

DECEMBER 1, 2023 - JANUARY 15, 2024

To encourage holiday reading, the Middleburg Library Advisory Board is giving away new books to children and teenagers in the community while encouraging visits to Middleburg Library. We hope that families will visit the library often and check out many books for free!

To participate, a child must:

- 1) have or register for a Loudoun County Public Library card at Middleburg Library
- 2) Check out at least one book while visiting the library.
- 3) Ages infant to senior in high school
- 4) Register with Middleburg Library staff to receive a \$20.00 gift card for use at Middleburg Books
- 5) Use the gift card at Middleburg Books

Middleburg Library is located at 101 Reed St, Middleburg, VA
Middleburg Books is located at 17 South Madison St, Middleburg, VA



Middleburg Library
Advisory Board, Inc.

PIEDMONT CHILD CARE CENTER
PRESENTS

Breakfast with Santa

Enjoy breakfast and take photos with Santa!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Buchanan Hall

Choose from 3 available seatings, starting at
8:00 am, 8:45 am or 9:30 am

\$15 PER ADULT, \$10 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12

**Scan the QR code, visit piedmontchildcare.org/events,
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EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
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Thursday, November 30th, 2023
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, December 1st, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Marketplace
Free and Open to the Public

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South Atlantic Region
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Shenandoah District

TAKE NOTE SUBMISSIONS

Take Note is published
weekly each Thursday.

DEADLINE for submission
of items is

NOON on Tuesday.

E-mail articles and/or
classified ads to:

takenote@thehillsschool.org.

Ad format: JPEG or PNG,
3X5 vertical and 7X5
horizontal

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Get your holiday shopping done at Posh!

Clothing and accessories from Preemie - 10/12 yrs.



Save 20% on full-priced items

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