



The Hill School
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October 9, 2025

Friday, October 10th 9-10:30 AM
A coffee and chat with Chief Jones
Middleburg Police Dept.
10 W. Marshall St.
RSVP to bettertogether@thehillschool.org

Lost and Found.

Coming on campus for Parent Teacher Conferences? Please swing by the theater lobby to check the lost and found for items that might belong to your family.

CENTENNIAL SWAG

Click HERE

Check back often for new items.
Contact [Kelly Johnson](mailto:Kelly.Johnson@thehillschool.org) for more sizes.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Each week students gather together for assembly. Parents are welcome to attend any assembly. Please sign-in at the Front Desk.

- 10-15** All-School: Learn about training puppies to become service animals with Mrs. McNaughton and Mrs. McCaskey.
- 10-14** Mr. Lord will share about his summer adventure touring Norway on motorcycle at this rescheduled Lower School Assembly at 11 a.m.

Head of School Coffee

THE FINANCES OF HILL:
WHERE DOES THE MONEY
COME FROM AND WHERE
DOES IT GO?

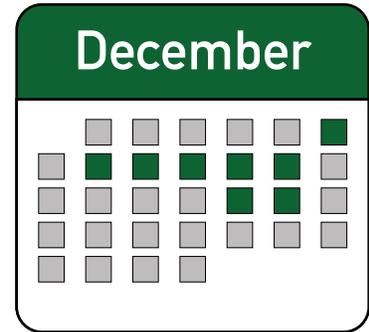
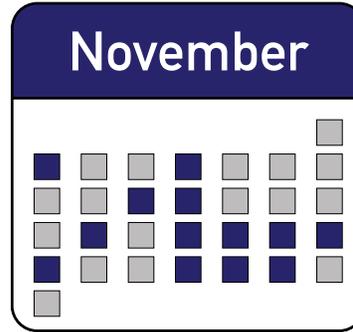
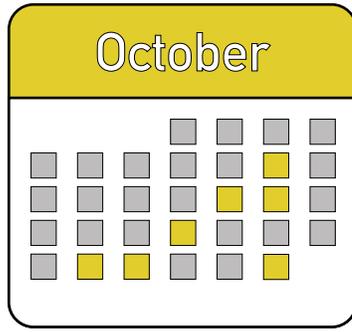
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
8:30 AM**

ALUMNI ROOM

with Treavor Lord, Head of School,
and the Business and Development Offices

UPCOMING @ Hill

The [2025-2026 Academic Calendar](#) is available on the Hill School website.



- 10** Arboretum Day
- 10** [Coffee with a Cop](#)
9 a.m., M'burg Town Hall
- 16** [Parent Conference Day](#)
No School
- 17** Fall Holiday
No School
- 22** [Head of School Coffee](#)
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 27** [Ride Your Pony to School Day](#)
7 a.m., Stonehedge Farm
- 28** [ESLC Coffee](#)
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 31** [Grandparents' Luncheon](#)
12:30 p.m., Theater
- 31** [Halloween at Hill](#)
1:30 p.m., Amphitheater
- 2** Daylight Savings Ends
- 5** Make-up Picture Day
- 11** Professional Development Day, No School
- 12** 4-8 Cross-Country Race
1:45 p.m.
- 17** [New Parent Coffee](#)
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 17** [Holiday Boutique](#) Opens
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 19** Better Together hosts
Friendsgiving
- 20** [Holiday Cocktail Party](#)
5 p.m., Alumni Room
- 20** 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater
- 21** Holiday Boutique Closes
6 p.m., Alumni Room
- 21** 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater
- 22** 8th Grade Play
7 p.m., Theater
- 23** 8th Grade Play
2 p.m., Theater
- 26** Alumni Pancake Breakfast
10 a.m., Lunchroom
- 26** Thanksgiving Assembly
11 a.m., M'burg Methodist
- 26** Thanksgiving Vacation Begins
Noon Dismissal
- 27** Thanksgiving Day
No School
- 28** Thanksgiving Vacation
No School
- 6** Christmas in Middleburg
JK-3 Parade Float
- 8** Fall Book Fair
Theater Lobby
- 9** Fall Book Fair
Theater Lobby
- 10** Fall Book Fair
Theater Lobby
- 11** Fall Book Fair
Theater Lobby
- 12** JK-3 Holiday Program
9 a.m., Theater
- 18** St. George and the Dragon
- 19** 4-7 Holiday Program
10:30 a.m., Theater
- 19** Winter Holiday Begins
Noon Dismissal



The PTC Needs You!



There are a number of ways to be involved at Hill. Grandparents are welcome to help, too!

- **Fresh Fruit Mondays.** Help the PTC share fresh fruit with Hill's faculty and staff each week. [Sign-up on ParentSquare.](#)
- **Ice Cream Wednesdays.** Starting Wednesday, October 1. Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Sign-up on ParentSquare.](#)
- **Faculty Lounge Restock.** Check out the [sign-up on ParentSquare.](#) Items requested by Wednesday, October 15.
- **Halloweenie Lunch.** Parent volunteers are needed to prep, cook, serve, and clean-up. [Sign-up on ParentSquare.](#)

Ride Your Pony to School

The tradition continues on Monday, October 27. Students are invited to ride to school from Stonehedge Farm. Questions may be directed to [Tom Wiseman](#). No riders will be permitted to ride without a proper helmet and signed waiver. No exceptions.



[More Information](#)

[Register Here](#)

THE CLASSIFIEDS

- Charming 4BR 2BA cottage overlooking panoramic mountain views and located in scenic easement. Stone fireplace, granite countertops, large walk in closets, high ceilings throughout, separate shower & soaking tub, French doors to slate patio. Very private & minutes from downtown Middleburg. \$3900/month. Call Kelli (703-966-9432) for more information.
- Lindsay Anderson, Director of STEAM Education at Foxcroft School, is looking for aquarium equipment for her marine science classroom. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact her via [email](#).
- Christian Lyman is available for personal training sessions and is able and willing to work with children and/or adults. Call 540-878-0337 or [email](#).



Programs at Hill

Mentoring 6-8th Grade

At Hill, 6th–8th graders step into the special role of mentor. Sixth graders pair up with our youngest students in JK and Kindergarten every other week, while 7th and 8th graders spend time weekly with 1st–3rd graders, joining them in classroom and sports activities.

Mentors become teachers, role models, and friends. They lend a hand with skills, share kindness and encouragement, and bring a sense of fun—all while learning how to lead in ways that will stay with them well beyond Hill.

The mentoring program weaves friendships and connections across grades, helping everyone feel part of something bigger—the caring, close-knit Hill community.



Programs at Hill

Mentoring Jk - 3rd Grade

At Hill, the Mentoring program focuses on relationships and connections. A few of the many highlights from the Mentees' perspective include:

- They have a friend/role model to look up to.
- They feel connected to something bigger than themselves and their classmates.
- They get hugs, high fives, and shout-outs as they move around campus (encouraging positive self-esteem).
- They gain confidence.
- They feel valued and listened to.
- They learn what it's like to forge a strong relationship.
- They get guidance and encouragement in academics, art, creativity, and reading.
- They feel loved!

ATHLETICS @ Hill

Game day schedule changes will be communicated by **Coach Zach Roszel** via [ParentSquare](#).

[View the full Fall Athletic Game Schedule here.](#)

Wednesday, October 15

- Grade 4 Play Day @ LCDS. Game @ 12:30 p.m. Dismissal @ 4 p.m.
- Grade 5 Play Day @ Hill. Game @ 12:30 p.m. Dismissal @ 4 p.m.



the childhood roots of adult happiness

COMMUNITY BOOK READ

"A pioneering contribution... Once again this extraordinary child psychologist has shown us how to help our children flourish."
—MEL LEVINE, M.D.
New York Times bestselling author of Mind at a Time

Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness is a research-informed guide to helping children build lasting joy, connection, and confidence—qualities that support lifelong well-being.

A longtime favorite in our Hill community, this inspiring book by Dr. Edward Hallowell has been chosen in honor of our Centennial Celebration. We look forward to using it as a springboard for meaningful conversations about how we, as parents, can nurture happiness and resilience in our children.

SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION SCHOOL LIFE COMMITTEE

After School Programs



HP Soccer Foundations. On Wednesdays for Kindergarten through Grade 3. September 17 through October 29. [Click here for more information.](#)



Girls on the Run. On Mondays and Fridays. For girls in Grades 3 and 4. From September 22 through November 24. [Click here for more information](#) or [click here to register.](#)



Drama Club. Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades 5 through 8. From October 1 through April. Concludes with a performance in April. [Registration is now open!](#)



Art Club. On Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Kindergarten through Grade 4. From October 2 through December 18. [Click here to register.](#)



The Coder School. On Thursdays. [Kindergarten through Grade 2](#) at 3 p.m. [Grades 3 through 5](#) at 4 p.m. From October 2 through December 18.



Kyle's Karate. On Thursdays. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 5. Fall session from October 2 through December 18. Winter Session from January 8 through March 12. [Click here for more information.](#)



Silver Knights Chess Academy. On Mondays. Kindergarten through Grade 8. From October 13 through December 15. [Click here for more information.](#)



Dance at Hill. On Mondays. Boys only class (Kindergarten through Grade 4). From October 21 through December 15. [Click here for more information.](#) [Special trial class for JK & K](#) on Monday, October 20.



THE COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL
OF THE PIEDMONT

presents

THE CHANGING SEASONS
PIANO RECITAL

Jisoo Kim and Andrew Wood will perform
piano works by Debussy, Beethoven,
Chopin, and Rachmaninoff

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 2 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church
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IN MIDDLEBURG

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needed**

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HOUR OR TWO TO HELP WITH SET UP,
BREAK DOWN, AND A FEW THINGS IN
BETWEEN. IF YOU'RE ABLE AND
WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS
SPECIAL COMMUNITY TRADITION
PLEASE SIGN UP HERE.**



LOST BARREL
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UPCOMING EVENTS

**EVERY MONDAY 4-9PM
FAMILY DINNER NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD | UNTIL 930PM
TAYLOR SWIFT PARTY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH | 3-6PM
TOUCH - A - TRUCK**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH | 9-11AM
FALL FAMILY BREAKFAST
*TICKET REQUIRED***

VISIT LOSTBARREL.COM FOR DETAILS!

Dornin Lab

The Third Grade Dornin Lab on October 3 was a three-hour follow-up to their campout at the Dornin Science Barn. After waking up and having breakfast, the Third Graders immersed themselves in an outdoor, hands-on learning experience connecting ecology, sensory awareness, and crafts using natural materials found on-site. The day began with a morning circle around the campfire and then moved into the woods to play *Eagle Eye*, a hide-and-seek style game that builds stealth, patience, and observation skills as students take on the roles of young Monacan hunters sneaking up on an "eagle" without being seen.

The core of the morning featured three rotating activities—*Acorn Figures*, *Willow Weaving*, and *Fire Keeper*. Two of the activities, *Acorn Figures* and *Willow Weaving*, explored how to use forest materials creatively. Students rotated through each activity and learned about local plants and traditional ecological knowledge while practicing creativity and fine motor skills. *Fire Keeper* is a game of stealth where students practiced quiet movement and focused listening through "Fox Walking" and "Deer Ears." One blindfolded player, the Fire Keeper, guards the "fire" in the center of a circle while others, the Scouts, attempt to sneak in and steal it without being detected. The game emphasizes patience, awareness, and self-control.

The morning concluded with a group cleanup and reflection at the Science Barn before walking back to school together, reinforcing themes of gratitude, respect for the land, and community.

Kindergarten had their own 90-minute Dornin Lab in the afternoon. They engaged in outdoor games and creative nature-based activities that build observation, movement, and imagination. They began with *Fox in the Forest* and *Eagle Eye*, two stealth games that develop awareness, agility, and focus. Next, in *Nutty Squirrels*, students explored animal behavior by gathering and caching nuts like squirrels while walking through the woods, and then tested their memory by trying to find all of their caches again. The day concluded with the Kindergarteners building *Fairy Houses*. The students collected natural materials to craft and decorate small woodland shelters, blending creativity with ecological curiosity.

