



The Hill School  
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October 30, 2025

## Halloween Candy Donations

If you enjoy trick-or-treating with your children in town please consider dropping off a couple bags of candy before Halloween. The candy will be distributed to Hill faculty and staff who live in town and open their doors to all children who flock to Middleburg to celebrate.

It is a small way we can thank and help them for the big job they do in making it a fun evening for our children. Candy can be dropped off at the Front Desk through Friday, October 31.

**Picture Retakes**

Picture retakes will occur on Wednesday, November 5, from 8 to 10 a.m. Have your child bring the whole envelope back to school (remove the class picture if applicable).

### Lost and Found.

Lost and Found will be in the lobby during Halloween at Hill. Take a moment to see if any of it belongs to your family. Unclaimed items will be donated on Monday, December 1.

**HALLOWEEN AT HILL**  
**ALL SCHOOL HALLOWEENIE LUNCH**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Hot Dogs or Black Bean Burgers  
Lay's Potato Chips  
Clementine Oranges  
Apple Cider

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MENU OR WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO HAVE A GLUTEN-FREE BUN, CONTACT EMILY TYLER [ETYLER@THEHILLSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:ETYLER@THEHILLSCHOOL.ORG)

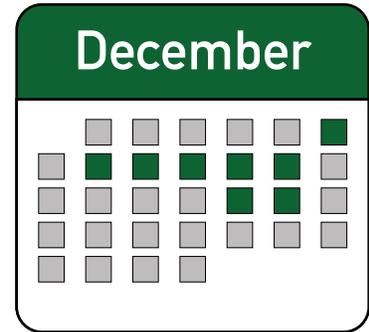
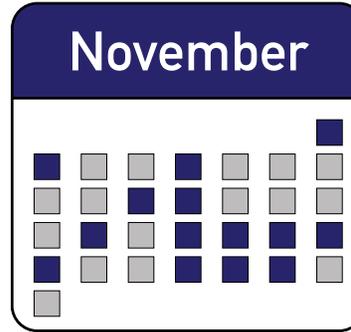
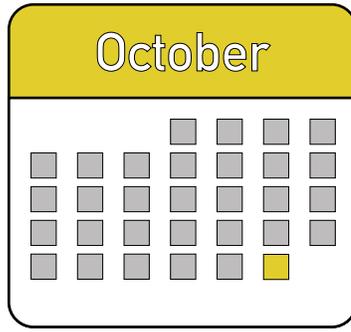
**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

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

- 11.5 All-school: Ms. Gibson will lead assembly in Russian, testing the students' skills with context clues as they learn some new words.
- 11.7 Lower School: Mrs. Hallissey will lead the students in an interactive storytime.

# UPCOMING @ Hill

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



- 31** [Grandparents' Luncheon](#)  
12:30 p.m., Theater
- 31** [Halloween at Hill](#)  
1:30 p.m., Amphitheater
- 1** Ski Club Registration Begins
- 2** Daylight Savings Ends
- 5** Make-up Picture Day
- 11** Professional Development Day, No School
- 12** [Ski Club Info Session](#)  
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 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** [Friendsgiving](#)  
5:30 p.m., Lunchroom
- 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  
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- 10** Fall Book Fair  
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- 10** Ski Club Registration Ends
- 11** Fall Book Fair  
Theater Lobby
- 12** JK-3 Holiday Program  
9 a.m., Theater
- 12** Cookie Exchange  
2:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- 18** St. George and the Dragon
- 19** 4-7 Holiday Program  
10:30 a.m., Theater
- 19** Winter Holiday Begins  
Noon Dismissal

## SKI CLUB 2026 REGISTRATION

Ski Club registration for 2026 opens Saturday, November 1. To register, log into [Ravenna](#), navigate to the Parents tab, and click Forms in the sidebar. Registration and forms must be complete by Wednesday, December 10. Contact [Silvia Fleming](#) with questions.





# Hill School Dads' Basketball

- Wednesday nights: 7:30pm – 9pm, starting November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Location: The Hill School Gym
- All skill levels welcome!
- Contact Mike Wipfler if interested:  
Cell: (301) 801 -1478  
Email: mikewipfler79@gmail.com



## After School Programs

-  Art Club. On Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Kindergarten through Grade 4. From October 2 through December 18. [Click here to register.](#)
-  Kyle's Karate. On Thursdays. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 5. 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: JK through Grade 5 and a Boys only class. On Tuesdays: Grade 1 through 5. From October 21 through December 16. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Apple Tart Workshop!

Join Emily Tyler  
for a  
Parent - Child  
Apple Tart Workshop  
Friday, November 21  
3-5 PM  
Peard Lunchroom  
Cost per family \$75

Your Package Includes:  
1 9" removable bottom tart pan, OXO peeler, bench scraper, and recipe book (for apple, blueberry, cherry and pumpkin tarts). You will prepare one complete apple tart to bake at home along with 3 additional crusts.

To sign up or for questions email Emily Tyler at [etyler@thehillsschool.org](mailto:etyler@thehillsschool.org)



### Middleburg Garden Club Greens Sale

Fraser Fir Wreath 22"..... \$40.00  
White Pine Roping 25".....\$45.00  
Red Velvet Bow (Large) .....\$15.00

Two Delivery Dates

Pick Up at the Middleburg Community Center  
November 25th - 10:00am to 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 6:00pm  
December 2nd - 10:00am to 12:00pm

\*\*Special pickup arrangements can be made ahead using the email address below\*\*

Order Deadline - Monday, November 10th

To order use the QR code Below

Please send inquiries to:  
[middleburggardenclub596@gmail.com](mailto:middleburggardenclub596@gmail.com)



## THE CLASSIFIEDS

- Log cabin available to rent on Crednal. For information please contact Anna Dees by phone or text at 703-625-0463.



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WAKEFIELD SCHOOL

# NAVIGATING ONLINE SAFETY: A PARENT EDUCATION EVENT

Presented in Partnership  
with the FBI Washington  
Field Office

• LIVE TALK + Q&A

WEDNESDAY  
**NOV 5**  
AT 6 PM



RSVP HERE



## SAVE THE DATE

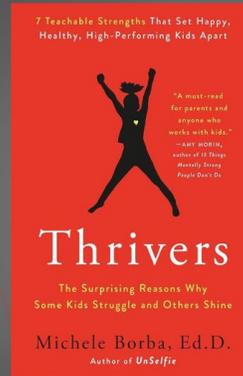
Join us for **Artists in Middleburg’s** Fall Fundraiser  
Celebrating 10 Years of Art and Community

*Palettes with a Purpose*  
Support the Arts, Sustain Your Community

Sunday, November 2, 2025  
2:00 to 5:00 PM  
Buchanan Hall  
Upperville, Virginia

You’re cordially invited to an evening with  
*Dr. Michele Borba*

Author of *Thrivers*



RSVP  
HERE

Wednesday, November 5, 2025  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Powhatan Henkel Activities Center

# Dornin Lab

On October 24 the Second and Sixth Grades each participated in their own Dornin Labs. Both labs focused on predator/prey relationships through hunting and stalking activities. The Second Grade Dornin Lab combined high-energy play with opportunities for deep observation and sensory awareness. Students began with *Palm Tag*, a high-energy tagging game that encourages awareness of movement and surroundings while providing a fun, physical outlet. Then the Second Grade joined with their Eighth Grade mentors to walk out to the forest to play *Predators Seek Prey* and *Bob the Weasel*. In *Predators Seek Prey* half the mentor/mentee pairs moved into the forest to be “prey” (hidiers) by being still and camouflaging themselves, as fawns do in the forest. The other half of the pairs, the “predators” (seekers), moved quietly and applied all their senses to detect them. While one half of the group set themselves up as hidden prey, the other half played *Bob the Weasel*, a playful group challenge that sharpens wide-angle vision, teamwork, and focus while maintaining high-engagement. The groups rotated roles to experience both perspectives to reinforce their understanding of the forest ecology and animal behavior. The Sixth Grade Dornin Lab explored themes of stealth, strategy, and sportsmanship. Students begin with a high-energy tagging game, *Tail Tag*, where they must guard their own tail while attempting to steal others’, reinforcing awareness, quick movement, and fair play. They then transitioned to *Samurai Sword*, a focused stalking activity where “ninjas” move silently across leaf-strewn grass to steal a treasure from a blindfolded samurai without being struck by their pool noodle sword. This game challenges students to manage noise, emotions, and teamwork while learning how patience and precision can overcome pure speed. The final challenge, *Possum Hunt*, brings these skills into the forest environment. Students act as possums hiding and stalking along a woodland trail, navigating natural cover, freezing when spotted, and sneaking to recover hidden bandanas. With Ms. Dornin playing the hunter, the game emphasizes camouflage, slow deliberate movement, and risk-reward decision making. Together, the activities build confidence in both active chase dynamics and quiet stealth, helping students understand predator-prey relationships while practicing keen observation and self-control.

