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February 19, 2026

The Education School Life Committee presents

# THE CHILDHOOD ROOTS OF ADULT HAPPINESS

A Panel Discussion with Distinguished Alumni



## moderators



Hannah Finn '11  
Current Hill Faculty

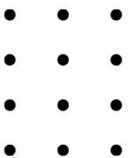


Mike Wipfler  
Former Hill Faculty

Thursday, February 26, at 6 p.m.

Sheila C. Johnson  
Performing Arts Center

Light dinner and complimentary  
on-site childcare provided.



## panelists



Porcha Dodson '93



Fletcher Slater '98



Reid O'Connor '09



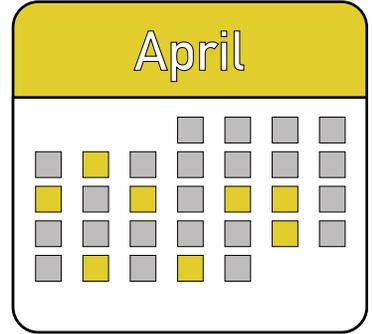
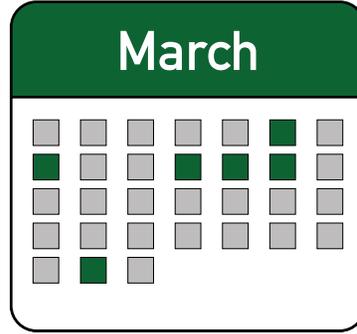
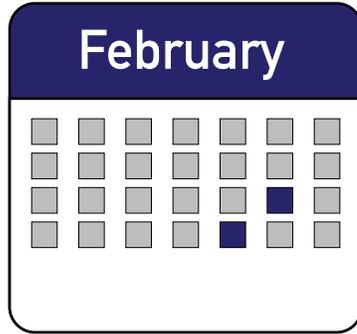
Tara Ebrahimi '98



Max Tufts '94

# UPCOMING @ Hill

The [2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#) is now available on the Hill School website.



- 20** [Student Talent Show](#)  
1:30 p.m., Theater
- 20** [Bingo for Books](#)  
5 p.m., Lunchroom
- 26** [Head of School Coffee](#)  
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 26** [Community Book Read](#)  
6 p.m., Theater
- 6** [4G Play](#)  
7 p.m., Theater
- 8** Daylight Savings Begins
- 11** Culture Study: Vietnam
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- 13** Culture Study: Vietnam
- 13** Spring Break Begins  
Noon Dismissal
- 30** School Resumes
- 6** Student Council Spirit Week Begins
- 12** [Sporting Clay Invitational](#)  
9 a.m., Oak Spring

- 14** Poetry Reception
- 16** Parent Conference Day  
No School
- 17** Spring Holiday  
No School
- 24** Ride Your Bike to School Day  
7:30 a.m., Art Circle
- 24** Drama Club Performance  
7 p.m., Theater
- 27** Professional Development Day  
No School
- 29** Teacher Appreciation Day

## BINGO FOR BOOKS

The 8th grade will host a night of bingo, books, food and fun for the whole family to fundraise for their class gift.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Lunchroom

**Buy tickets online or at the door.**

**\$15/person**

Includes: 2 slices of pizza, chips, dessert, drink, and unlimited bingo cards.

*Click here*

## SKI CLUB

Thank you to Silvia Fleming, Alex Ekels, and Helen Watson-Obecina for their work organizing another successful Ski Club season!

Congratulations to all students who participated in Ski Club this year! It was great to celebrate all you learned at last week's Mini Olympics. A special congratulations to this year's trophy winners:

- Fastest Overall Skier**  
Liam Wipfler
- Fastest Girl Skier**  
Isabel Rammes
- Fastest Boy Snowboarder**  
Cole Zenzano
- Fastest Girl Snowboarder**  
Abigail Lamb

**Lower School Science is in need of 2 liter soda bottles (empty and clean) by Friday, February 27. Please leave bottles at the Front Office.**

## Head of School Coffee

### THE CHILDHOOD ROOTS OF ADULT HAPPINESS

JOIN US FOR A MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW WE, AS PARENTS, CAN NURTURE HAPPINESS AND RESILIENCE IN OUR CHILDREN.



THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 26  
8:30 AM

ALUMNI ROOM

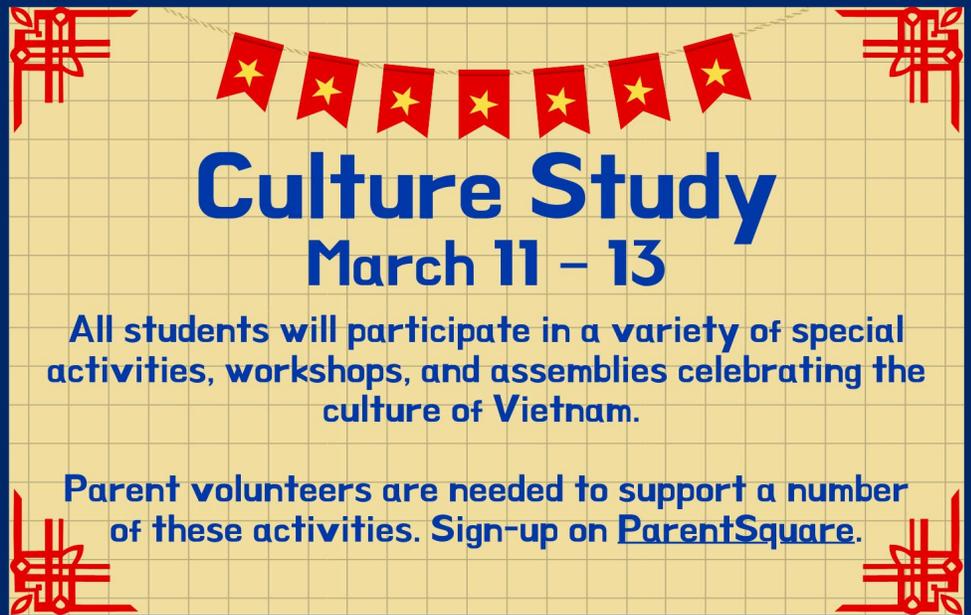
with Treavor Lord, Head of School,  
and Kasia Daum, School Counselor

## The PTC Needs You!



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

- **Faculty Lounge Restock.** Check out the [sign-up on ParentSquare](#). Items requested by Wednesday, February 25.
- **Fresh Fruit Mondays.** Help the PTC share fresh fruit with Hill's faculty and staff each week. [Sign-up for Spring on ParentSquare](#).
- **Ice Cream Wednesdays.** Through Wednesday, May 27. Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Sign-up for Spring on ParentSquare](#).



## Culture Study

### March 11 - 13

All students will participate in a variety of special activities, workshops, and assemblies celebrating the culture of Vietnam.

Parent volunteers are needed to support a number of these activities. [Sign-up on ParentSquare](#).



## CENTENNIAL GALA & AUCTION

Help make our once-in-a-century celebration truly unforgettable.

*Your support brings this milestone to life.*



**PARENT INFORMATION PACKAGE**

Visit our Parent Acquisition Information Package to explore the many ways you can contribute and be part of this historic event.

If you have questions about the Centennial Gala, Auction donations, sponsorship opportunities, or volunteering, please contact Kim Medica at [kmedica@thehillschool.org](mailto:kmedica@thehillschool.org).

*Together, we honor 100 years of Hill School – and invest in the future of our children.*



**DONATE OR LEARN MORE**



[bidpal.net/2026CentennialGala](https://bidpal.net/2026CentennialGala)

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

EACH WEEK STUDENTS GATHER TOGETHER FOR ASSEMBLY. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY ASSEMBLY. PLEASE SIGN-IN AT THE FRONT DESK.

2/25 MS. GIBSON AND COACH ROSZEL WILL SHARE HOW MATHEMATICIANS HAVE CHANGED SPORTS. SPECIFICALLY BASKETBALL. AT THE PROFESSIONAL AND COLLEGIATE LEVEL.

2/27 JK WILL PERFORM THE THREE LITTLE WOLVES AND THE BIG BAD PIG.



proudly present

**ENVIRONMENTAL FILM NIGHT 2025**  
*Water's Way: Thinking Like a Watershed*

SCAN HERE

Friday, February 27, 2026 | Doors Open 5:30 PM | Movie at 6:15 PM

The Hill School's Sheila C. Johnson Performing Art Center  
130 Madison St, Middleburg, VA 20117

**ABOUT THIS FREE EVENT**

Step into the hidden history of the Chesapeake Bay watershed through *Water's Way: Thinking Like a Watershed*, produced by The Bay Journal. Once shaped by millions of beaver ponds and natural wetlands, this landscape was designed to slow, spread, and filter water as it moved through creeks and rivers toward the Bay. Over time, development, agriculture, and the channelization of streams have disrupted these natural systems—leaving behind what scientists call an “ecological amnesia” about how watersheds once functioned. Through compelling storytelling and stunning visuals, *Water's Way* explores how natural elements like beavers, trees, and restored wetlands could help repair these processes and improve water quality once again.

Before and after the screening, converse with local conservation professionals about watershed health and practical ways communities can support restoration efforts close to home. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is encouraged. Donations are graciously accepted.

**2026 BEST OF LOUDOUN**  
Loudoun Times-Mirror

**VOTE FOR US DAILY!**

The Best of Loudoun contest recognizes favorite local businesses, organizations, people and attractions, in hundreds of categories, in Loudoun County. Beginning Friday, February 20, through Tuesday, March 3, you can [vote daily](#) for your Loudoun County favorites, including The Hill School. The Hill School is nominated for Best Private School and Best Camp/Summer Program.

**ART LESSONS**  
ALICE PORTER, MAT  
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA  
EMAIL: APORTERART@YAHOO.COM

February 14-17 openings with a wide variety of skills offered. Weekly rates and one-time "try it's"

4TH GRADE PRESENTS

The Disney **Jungle Book** KIDS

SHEILA C. JOHNSON  
PERFORMING ARTS  
CENTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 6  
7 P.M.

**SUMMER CAMPS @ HILL**

**NOW LIVE**  
(click here)

**Informational Meeting**

Host a young cultural ambassador from Guatemala for **8 weeks** as an opportunity to enrich your home with global connections and friendships.

**Date:** March 6th  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**At:** The Hill School

Join us at this meeting with **Isabella Cardona**, Faces Coordinator to **learn** more.

[Isabella.cardona@facesandcultures.com](mailto:Isabella.cardona@facesandcultures.com) [+502 4149 1947](tel:+50241491947)

The Hill School has been part of this amazing cultural exchange program for Guatemalan students for years, and we are excited to keep it going!

[Faces and Our Cultures](#) provides Guatemalan students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in our community for eight enriching weeks. During their stay, these ambassadors will fully integrate into our school community and participate in all school activities.

The program runs from Sunday, October 18, through Saturday, December 12.

To become cultural ambassadors, participants undergo a thorough selection process and extensive preparation throughout the year. Each child will be matched with a student close in age and of the same gender. The host family provides homestay for eight weeks, making the students part of the routine, activities, rules, curfews, and house chores as another member of the family. Hill School kindly provides school materials and school-related activities.

Help Alumna Margot St. Germain ('24) in the Fight for a Blood Cancer Cure!!

A blood cancer diagnosis is devastating for everyone involved and with Blood Cancer United, I am working to lessen that blow. The funds that I raise will go towards improving patients' and families' qualities of life while being treated.

Ways to Donate:

1. Online through my personal fundraising link: <https://pages.ills.org/svoy/ncs/svoynova26/mstgermain>
2. Online isn't your thing? I can help with donations through donor-advised funds, Stock transfers, wires, or checks! Just ask!!
3. Check if your company has a Matching Program. It's an easy way to double your impact!!
4. Join my email list! I would love to keep in touch: <https://forms.gle/LHPfPrBvrFXT6Mok8>

If you have corporate connections, I'd love introductions!! It can make a HUGE difference!

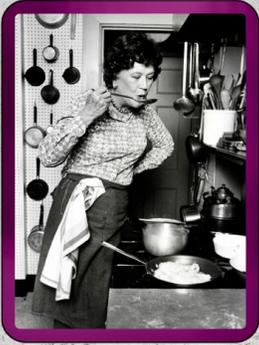
Contact me at [stgermainm@wakefieldschool.org](mailto:stgermainm@wakefieldschool.org)

**LOUDOUN LYRIC OPERA**

presents

**BAKING WITH DIVAS!**

February 14-22, 2026  
Saturdays at 7:00 pm | Sundays at 4:00 pm  
Dreamscapes Performing Arts Center  
21014 Whitfield Pl, Sterling VA 20165



"I only wish I could have sung it like that when I originally did it!" - Julia Child  
Experience the "most theatrical of French chefs" through opera!

featuring "Bon Appétit!" text by Julia Child  
also featuring "The Italian Lesson" text by Ruth Draper  
music by Lee Hoiby

Tickets available now!



Thanks to our partners:



[loudounlyricopera.org](http://loudounlyricopera.org)

**Middleburg Smiles**

Middleburg Smiles is a family-friendly dental office, offering a full range of services, including:

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- Dental implants
- Invisalign®
- Cosmetic restorations
- TMJ therapy
- Advanced restorative

All care is provided by our dedicated dentist, Dr. Kelly Lincoln, who has been proudly serving patients in Loudoun County for over 15 years.

Dr. Lincoln is passionate about delivering personalized, high-quality care in a comfortable and welcoming environment.

**We are currently accepting new patients.**

**CONTACT US TO SCHEDULE A VISIT.**

**Middleburg Smiles** 204 East Federal Street  
540-687-6363 Middleburg, VA 20118



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*18th Annual Candlelight Concert*

Amit Peled, cello  
Daniel del Pino, piano

*Cellobrations!*

**February 22, 2026**  
**5:30 pm**

The Home of Tom & Nancy Dungan  
7152 Rockhill Mill Road  
The Plains, VA 20198

Tickets \$150  
[piedmontmusic.org](http://piedmontmusic.org)  
540.592.3040



Community Music School  
of the Piedmont



**Armchair Travel**  
*The Renaissance*



**Rust Library**  
Thursday, Feb. 26  
6:30 p.m.

Art historian John Daum presents spectacular Renaissance art, showcasing masterworks from the High Renaissance by artists from Florence, Venice, and the Low Countries of Northern Europe.

**Grade 9-Adults**





# Hill School

## Centennial Spring Weekend

May 8-9, 2026

Please join us for an unforgettable  
Centennial Spring Weekend celebrating 100 years of The Hill School

Let's gather as a community to honor our history, reconnect with fellow families, and toast to the next century!

**FRIDAY | MAY 8**  
**6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Hill School Centennial Party Tent**

### *Homecoming Tailgate Through the Decades*

A spirited, community wide celebration for the Hill community. Enjoy touches from every era as you reconnect with classmates, families, teachers, and friends over great food, drinks, and laughter.

This is a free event for all ages.

### **Who Should Attend**

This Centennial Spring Weekend is designed for all who have been part of Hill's story:

- Alumni and Former Parents.
- Current Families.
- Grandparents and Special Friends.
- Faculty, past and present.
- Friends of The Hill School.

***Save the Dates & Stay Tuned for more Details!***

**SATURDAY | MAY 9**  
**6:30 pm to 11:00 pm**  
**Hill School Gymnasium**

### *The Party of the Century Centennial Gala*

A black-tie evening celebrating 100 years of Hill School. Guests will enjoy dinner, live music, and our annual auction as we raise a glass to our past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to the next century of The Hill School.

Invitation to follow. Must be over 21 to attend.

