



The Hill School
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February 26, 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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone
who helped to ensure the
eighth grade's Bingo for
Books fundraiser was a
success!

WE REACHED OUR GOAL!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

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



3/4 ALL-SCHOOL AT 11 A.M. MRS. HALLISSEY WILL SHARE ABOUT IRISH DANCE AND CULTURE.



3/6 ALL-SCHOOL AT 11 A.M. FOURTH GRADE WILL PERFORM THEIR CLASS MUSICAL, THE JUNGLE BOOKS KIDS.



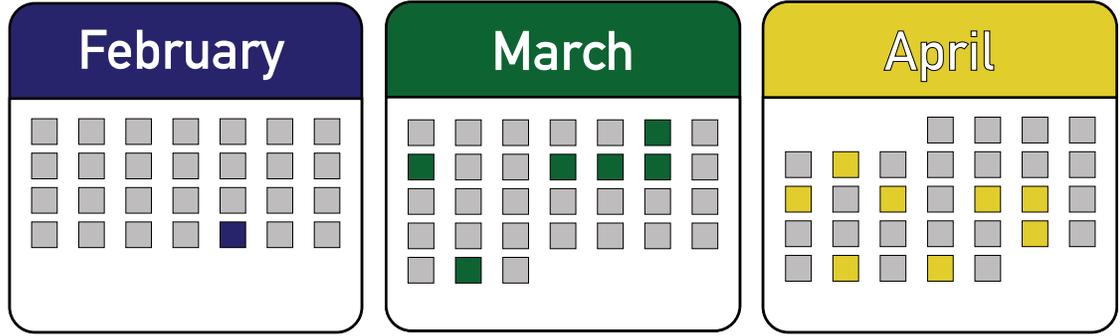
Culture Study March 11 - 13

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](#).

UPCOMING @ Hill

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



26 [Community Book Read](#)
6 p.m., Theater

6 [4G Play](#)
7 p.m., Theater

8 Daylight Savings Begins

11 Culture Study: Vietnam

12 Culture Study: Vietnam

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

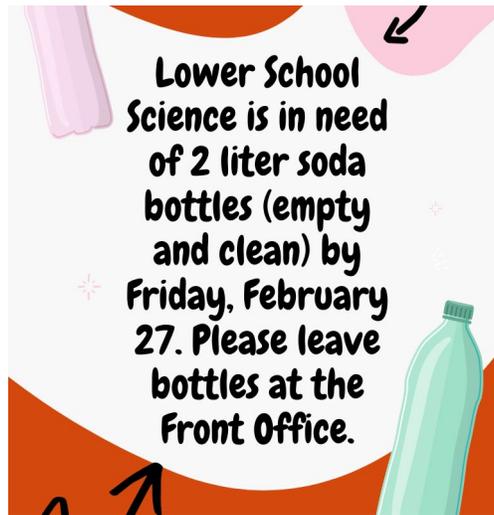
17 Spring Holiday
No School

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



The PTC Needs You!



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

- **Culture Study.** Parent volunteers are needed to support a number of activities during Hill's annual Culture Study. [Sign-up on ParentSquare.](#)
- **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.](#)

THE CLASSIFIEDS

- For Hire. Dominick Fedorchak (young adult) available for house sitting and dog sitting, farm work. Please call or text 973-432-1918.
- Available. Short-term rental in Boca Grande, FL, during the tarpon season. Contact Vicki Kelly for details.



Programs at Hill

Science 'Learning without Walls'

At Hill School, science is an active journey that transforms our expansive campus into a living laboratory.

By blending lab investigations with environmental stewardship, we turn every student into a working scientist. Our curriculum ensures that whether a student is studying the rock cycle on a campus hike or exploring electricity by building complex circuits, they are developing the critical thinking skills necessary to navigate a complex world. We don't just teach science; we invite students to experience the interconnectedness of our ecosystems and the fundamental building blocks of life, fostering a lifelong curiosity about the natural and physical world.



Programs at Hill

Science Grades JK - 8

Beginning in Lower School, students build strong observation skills through immersive outdoor experiences. From Junior Kindergarteners tracking animal prints and role-playing as paleontologists, to fourth and fifth graders identifying native butterflies, testing stream health, and engineering bluebird nesting boxes, students learn by doing. Whether building shelters, planting gardens for a harvest dinner, or constructing wind vanes to track weather, they discover that science is a vibrant, ongoing process happening right in their own backyard.

In Upper School, the focus shifts to exploring the "how" and "why" through hands-on lab work and experimentation. Students use microscopes to study cells, extract DNA, and measure photosynthesis, while the periodic table and chemical reactions become tools for understanding matter. By investigating the principles of motion, forces, and Newton's Laws, students connect abstract equations and concepts to real-world physics, bringing science vividly to life.

7TH GRADE CHOCOLATE-COVERED FUNDRAISER



MARSHMALLOWS



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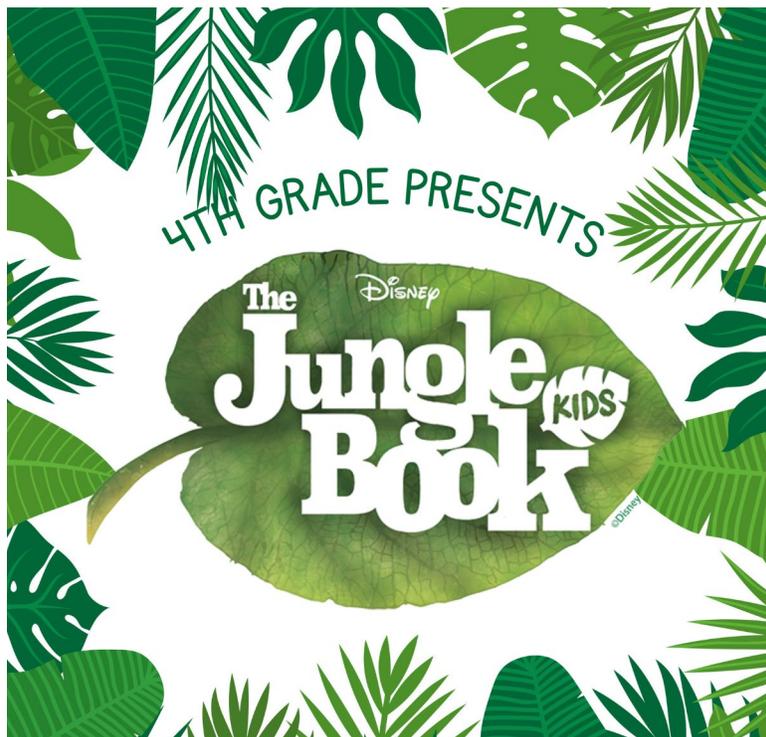
DONUT HOLES

1. FILL OUT ORDER FORM. IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER CHILD IN YOUR FAMILY.
2. SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6.
3. TREATS WILL BE DELIVERED AT LUNCH ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10.
4. TO PAY: BRING CASH OR CHECK TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 12.



St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital

Benefitting:



SHEILA C. JOHNSON
PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
7 P.M.

DID YOU MISS
THIS WEEK'S

Head of School Coffee



THE
CHILDHOOD
ROOTS OF
ADULT
HAPPINESS

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

READ HILL'S PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT TO SEE HOW HILL'S HOLISTIC APPROACH TO EDUCATION REFLECTS THE TENETS OF THIS BOOK.

JOIN US THIS EVENING FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH HILL ALUMNI EXPLORING HOW THEIR TIME AT HILL CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR OWN HAPPINESS.



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



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.

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



DONATE OR LEARN MORE



bidpal.net/2026CentennialGala

And now...a message from the Librarian

It's hard to believe that Culture Study and Spring Break are almost here! I am hoping you can help our students return library books before Friday, March 13. We are trying to get back as many books as possible before break starts.

I really appreciate your students' enthusiasm for books, and look forward to seeing them in the library soon!

Marnie Buta

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



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

Blood Cancer United
Student Visionaries of the Year

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.lls.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/LHPfPrBvrEXT6Mok8>

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

Contact me at stgermainmag@wakefieldschool.org

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

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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.



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.

