



The Hill School
540-687-5897
www.thehillschool.org

April 9, 2026

DOGS ON CAMPUS

Dogs are welcome on the Hill School property but we ask that you keep a few guidelines in mind whenever you are on the property:

- All dogs should remain on leash.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning-up after their dogs (this is especially important on walking trails).
- In general, dogs should not be in or around the core campus when school is in session.



Everyone is welcome to use the trails around campus, whether to exercise, enjoy the beautiful outdoors, or walk their dogs. These guidelines help ensure the safety and well-being of all members of our community. Thank you.



Register Now

PLEASE JOIN US

2026 HILL SCHOOL SPORTING CLAYS INVITATIONAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
FLIGHT 1 - 10AM/FLIGHT 2 - 1PM

OAK SPRING
8551 OAK SPRING ROAD
UPPERVILLE, VA



9 AM CHECK-IN BEGINS FLIGHT 1
10 AM START FOR FLIGHT 1
12 PM CHECK-IN FOR FLIGHT 2
1 PM START FOR FLIGHT 2

\$150 FOR 60 TARGET COURSE
LIMITED AMMUNITION AVAILABLE - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS
BREAKFAST BY LE SELVA AND LUNCH BY SEXI-MEXI

QUESTIONS? CONTACT [TREAVOR LORD](mailto:TREAVOR.LORD@THEHILLSCHOOL.ORG) AT 540-687-5897

PAJAMA DAY



Students in Grades 3 through 5 are invited to join the Student Council for Minute to Win It! Head to the gym after school on Friday, April 10, for the fun and games. Students should be picked up at 4 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

SPRING DANCE

GRADES 6-8

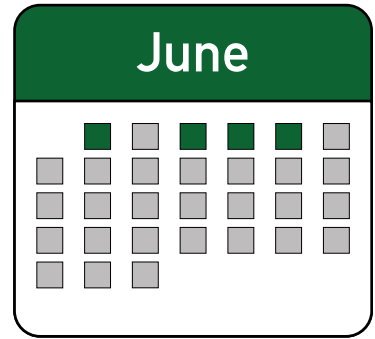
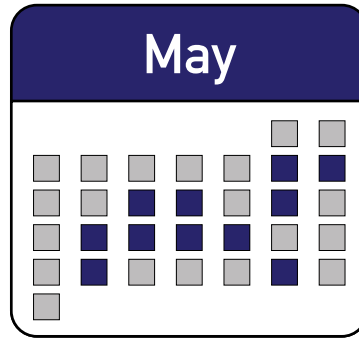
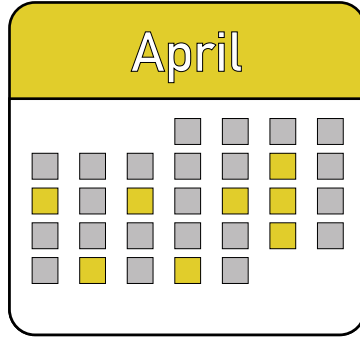
\$8 ADMISSION INCLUDES DINNER

COMPLETE PERMISSION SLIP HERE

FRIDAY, APRIL 10
THEATER
5 TO 6:30 P.M.

UPCOMING @ Hill


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



- 10** Minute-to-Win-It (Gr. 3-5)
3:15 p.m., Gym
- 10** [Upper School Dance](#) (Gr. 6-8)
5 p.m., Theater
- 12** [Sporting Clay Invitational](#)
9 a.m., Oak Spring
- 14** [Poetry Show & Reception](#)
5 p.m., Theater Lobby
- 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](#)
- 8** [Grandparents & Special Friends Day](#), Noon Dismissal
- 8** Homecoming Tailgate
6 p.m., Amphitheater
- 9** [Centennial Gala & Auction](#)
6:30 p.m., Gym

- 12** [Head of School Coffee](#)
8.30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 13** Spanish Assembly
9 a.m., Amphitheater
- 15** 6G Play
7 p.m., Theater
- 18** [Spring Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 19** [Spring Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 20** [Spring Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 25** Memorial Day
No School
- 29** [Coffeehouse Concert](#)
1:30 p.m., Theater
- 1** Green & White Day
- 3** 5-8 Honor Roll & 8 Awards
Assembly, 10:30 a.m.
- 4** Last Day for JK-3
Regular Dismissal
- 5** Last Day for 4-8
Noon Dismissal
- 5** Commencement
5 p.m., Gym

The PTC Needs You!



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

- **2026-2027 Room Parents.** Three parent volunteers are needed per grade to serve as room parents. Email [Jill Hottel](#) to learn more.
- **Ice Cream Make-Up Day.** Three parent volunteers needed for this off-cycle ice cream lunch on Friday, April 24. Sign-up [on ParentSquare](#).
- **Teacher Appreciation Week.** Check out ways to get involved and show your appreciation to Hill's faculty and staff [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](#).



Programs at Hill

Visual Arts

The Hill School's Visual Arts Program fosters creativity, visual literacy, and technical skill through a developmentally appropriate curriculum for students in Grades 1-8. Students explore a variety of materials and techniques while building confidence in critical thinking, problem-solving, and visual expression. Instruction in the elements of art, principles of design, and art history provides a strong foundation across cultures and time periods.

Through experimentation and reflection, students develop their artistic voice while practicing collaboration and responsible material use. In a supportive studio environment, they grow intellectually and creatively—leaving Hill with confidence, curiosity, and a lasting appreciation for the visual arts.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH AT HILL!

Celebrate poetry at an all-school poetry reading on Tuesday, April 14, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the theater lobby. Students from JK through 8 are invited to read their works. Refreshments will be served.

A poetry show, displaying a poem by every student in the school, will hang on the wall of the dance studio and will remain up for a week so parents and visitors can browse at their leisure.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 @ 5 P.M.

SHEILA C. JOHNSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

THE CLASSIFIEDS

- Ponies for Lease. [Click here](#) to get more information. Serious inquiries only.
- Rental Needed. Del and Mary Wilson (owners of Middleburg Physical Therapy) are looking for a home to rent. If you know of one, please call Mary at 571-215-9514.

ATHLETICS @ Hill

Game day schedule changes are communicated by **Coach Zach Rozzel** via [ParentSquare](#). View the full Athletic Game Spring Schedule [here](#).

Tuesday, April 14

- Boys Lacrosse vs. Powhatan @ Hill. Game @ 3:30 p.m. Dismissal @ 4:45 p.m.
- Girls Lacrosse vs. Powhatan @ Powhatan. Game @ 3:30 p.m. Dismissal @ 5:15 p.m.



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: April 15th
Time: 6:30 p.m. (EDT)
ID: 856 1545 2607
 Passcode: 376526



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

Isabella.cardona@facesandcultures.com



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RIDE YOUR



Register HERE

24 APR 2026

MEET AT ART CIRCLE

START 7:30AM

TO SCHOOL

GOT QUESTIONS? EMAIL JILL HOTTEL.

TICKETS TO THE PARTY OF THE CENTURY ARE ON SALE NOW!

THE HILL SCHOOL CENTENNIAL GALA & AUCTION
Saturday, May 9, 2026

Cocktails • Dinner • Dancing
Black Tie • Hill School Gymnasium



SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE

LIMITED SEATING – GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

RSVP BY APRIL 24, 2026

**THIS IS THE NIGHT.
THIS IS THE YEAR.
THIS IS HILL.**

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Friday, May 8, 2026

- 9:00 - 9:45 Optional Campus Walking Tour
- 9:45 Coffee and Refreshments
- 10:00 Welcome by Treavor Lord - Head of School
- 10:15-11:45 Classroom Activities & JK- 5 Spring Concert
- 11:45 Maypole
- 12:00 Dismissal

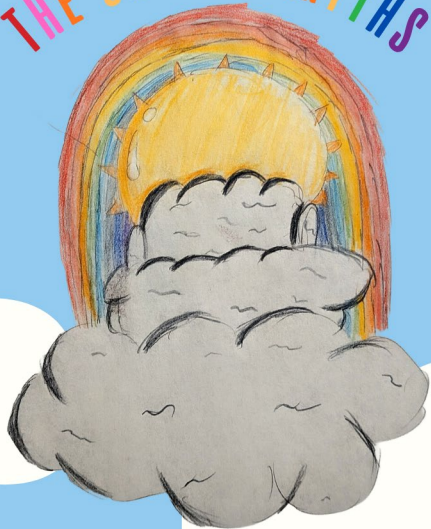
Campus Walking Tour Departure & Registration, Coffee, and Refreshments
The Peard Music and Lunchroom Building

The Hill School
130 South Madison Street
Middleburg, Virginia

rsvp@thehillschool.org

HILL'S DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

THE GAME OF MYTHS



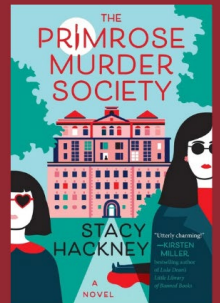
7 P.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 24
SHEILA C. JOHNSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Artwork by Pippa Tunc

MIDDLEBURG BOOKS PRESENTS
AN AFTERNOON WITH STACY HACKNEY AT GREENHILL CELEBRATING THE PRIMROSE MURDER SOCIETY

Friday, April 24th
11:30AM- 1:30PM

GREENHILL VINEYARDS
23595 WINERY LANE
MIDDLEBURG, VA 20117



The Dyslexic Fiddler Crab Learning Experience

Discover your "huge-claw strengths" with comics, science, and creativity

The Story Behind the Claws

Dyslexic brains grow in beautifully uneven ways—much like the claws of a fiddler crab. The "big claw" symbolizes their strengths: creativity, storytelling, problem-solving, humor, and big-picture thinking. The "small claw" represents the real, daily challenges of reading and writing. This interactive workshop helps students understand both claws—to strengthen what feels hard while celebrating the extraordinary gifts they already carry.



What Educators Are Saying

"Parents expressed deep gratitude — and even a few tears — as students proudly shared their big-claw strengths at home."

— Director, Pratt Learning Center, Cumberland, MD

About the Presenter

Nancy Knor

- Reading Specialist with 30+ years of experience
- Author of *The Dyslexic Fiddler Crab: A Survival Guide for Students*
- Certified in NILD Level I & II and OG Plus
- B.S. in Elementary & Special Education, Vanderbilt University
- nancyknor@gmail.com

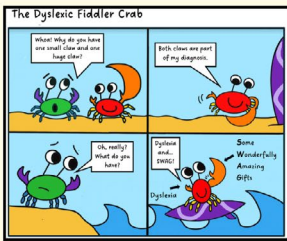
Come Join Us!

When: April 19, 2026, from 2:00–3:30

Where: Fusion Academy
19300 Promenade Dr.
Leesburg, Va. 20176

What Students Do

- Learn the science and story behind the fiddler crab metaphor
- Explore how the brain learns and why dyslexia is a difference, not a defect
- Create their own comic-book crab that celebrates their "huge-claw strengths"
- Meet Swag the Fiddler Crab and his puppet friends.
- Leave with a new sense of pride and possibility



SUMMER CAMPS @ HILL

NOW LIVE

(click here)

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...GRAB YOUR WALKING SHOES AND JOIN YOUR MPD OFFICERS AND NEIGHBORS!

JOIN US ON APRIL 22ND AT 5:30 PM
STARTING AT TOWN HALL
LOCATED AT 10 W MARSHALL ST

WEATHER PERMITTING

4 West Marshall St. Middleburg, VA 20117
Open Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm

LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION!

5K / 10K RACE & KIDS FUN RUN

THE MIDDLEBURG COMMUNITY CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

7:00AM: CHECK-IN
7:45AM: 10K RACE BEGINS
7:55AM: 5K RACE BEGINS
9:30AM: KIDS FUN RUN
10AM-2PM: RACE AWARDS & WELLNESS DAY EVENT

FOR MORE DETAILS CHECKOUT MIDDLEBURGVA.GOV

Dornin Lab

April 3 marked the beginning of a new Hill School initiative – the planting of Hill’s Centennial Grove. For last week’s Dornin Lab, the Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Third and Sixth Grades planted trees and explored the forest. Junior Kindergarteners and Kindergarteners walked from their homerooms to the Dornin Science Barns with their Sixth Grade mentors, and Third Graders walked out to plant trees and explore as a separate class.

The Centennial Grove is an environmental initiative to create a living testament to Hill’s first century and its unwavering commitment to the next. Every member of the school community—students, faculty, and staff—will plant a native tree, which will total approximately 275 new trees on campus. The Centennial Grove is designed to enhance and expand the school’s existing forested area. For the students involved, these trees serve as a living legacy. As the saplings grow into a mature "Centennial Grove," former students can return to campus years later to see the physical evidence of their contribution. Seeing a towering tree they once planted as a small seedling provides a tangible sense of belonging and a lasting connection to place.

The students learned about the parts of the tree (root, collar, and stem), the importance of forest habitat, and the role of native trees in our ecosystem. Planting native tree species is one of the most effective ways to support our local environment, especially bird life. Most native insects, especially caterpillars, are "specialists" that can only eat the leaves of plants they evolved with (a single oak tree can support over 550 species of butterflies and moths). Since 96 percent of terrestrial birds feed insects to their young, native trees are a bird nursery, whereas a woodland with mostly non-native ornamental or invasive trees is an ecological desert.





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.

Purchase
Tickets Here

