



The Hill School
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April 15, 2026

Best of Loudoun

The top five have been determined...now it's time to choose the winners.



Beginning Friday, April 17, vote daily for The Hill School as Best Private School and Best Summer Camp in Loudoun County. Voting runs through Tuesday, April 28. [Click here](#) to vote.

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

FIRST GRADE WILL BE SELLING
THEIR POPULAR

HOMEMADE DOG TREATS!

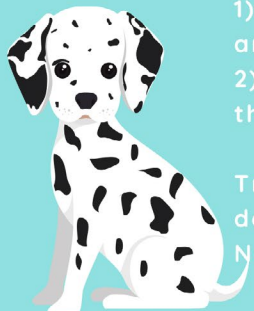
Tuesday, April 21, through
Friday, May 1

Proceeds from their sale will be
donated to [Canine Companions
for Independence](#).

First grade students have been
learning about 'Dogs with Jobs'
and are excited to raise funds
for this important organization.

There are 2 ways to place an order:
1) Email cnichols@thehillschool.org
and send money with your student.
2) Send an order with your payment
through Venmo @Claire-Nichols-1.

Treat bags are \$5 each and
donations are gladly accepted.
NOTE: Treats contain peanut butter



RIDE YOUR

Register
HERE



24 APR
2026

MEET AT
ART CIRCLE

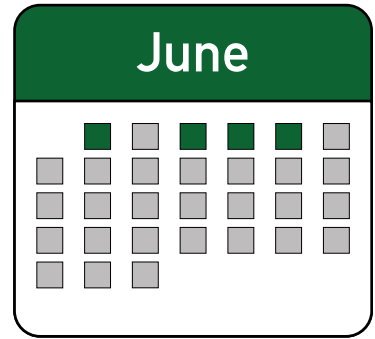
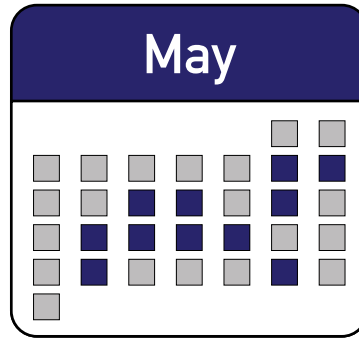
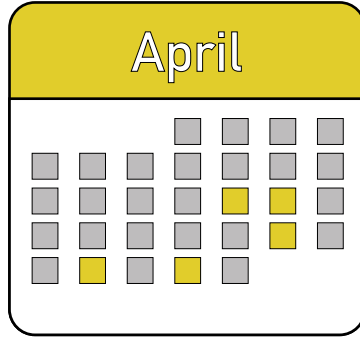
START
7:30AM

TO SCHOOL

GOT QUESTIONS? EMAIL JILL HOTTEL.

UPCOMING @ Hill

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



- 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** PTC Ice Cream Wednesday
Make-Up Day (for Jan. 28)
- 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., Recess Field
- 9** [Centennial Gala & Auction](#)
6:30 p.m., Gym
- 12** [Head of School Coffee](#)
8.30 a.m., Alumni Room
- 13** K-3 Spanish Assembly
9 a.m., Amphitheater
- 15** 6G Play
7 p.m., Theater

- 18** [Student Council Bake-Off](#)
Cake Submissions Due
- 18** [Spring Book Fair](#)
Theater Lobby
- 19** Student Council Cake Sale
Noon, Lunchroom
- 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** 8G Reflections Assembly
8:45 a.m., Theater
- 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](#).

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

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

4/22 UPPER SCHOOL AT 9 A.M. SPRING BRAIN GAMES.

4/24 ALL-SCHOOL AT 11 A.M. THE DRAMA CLUB WILL PERFORM THEIR PRODUCTION OF GAME OF MYTHS. A ONE-ACT MYTHOLOGY COMEDY.

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@thehillsschool.org

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 Roszel** via [ParentSquare](#). View the full Athletic Game Spring Schedule [here](#).

Tuesday, April 21

- Boys Lacrosse vs. Highland @ Hill. Game @ 3:15 p.m. Dismissal @ 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 23

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





Please join us!

Homecoming Tailgate Through The Decades
Friday, May 8
6 to 8 p.m.
The Hill School

We invite current Hill families to join this celebratory gathering, bringing together alumni, parents of alumni, and long-time friends of the Hill community. Together, we celebrate 100 years – honoring our past and looking ahead to the next century at Hill.

Middleburg celebrates
25 Years of Arbor Day

- Two trees will be planted in memory of local icons, Pat Rose and Lisa Ben Dove.

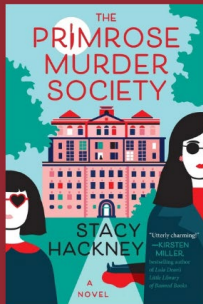
Saturday, April 25
9 to 10 a.m.

The Hill School

- Poster winners will be recognized and awarded prizes.
- All attendees will receive a tree seedling.



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

Spring 2026

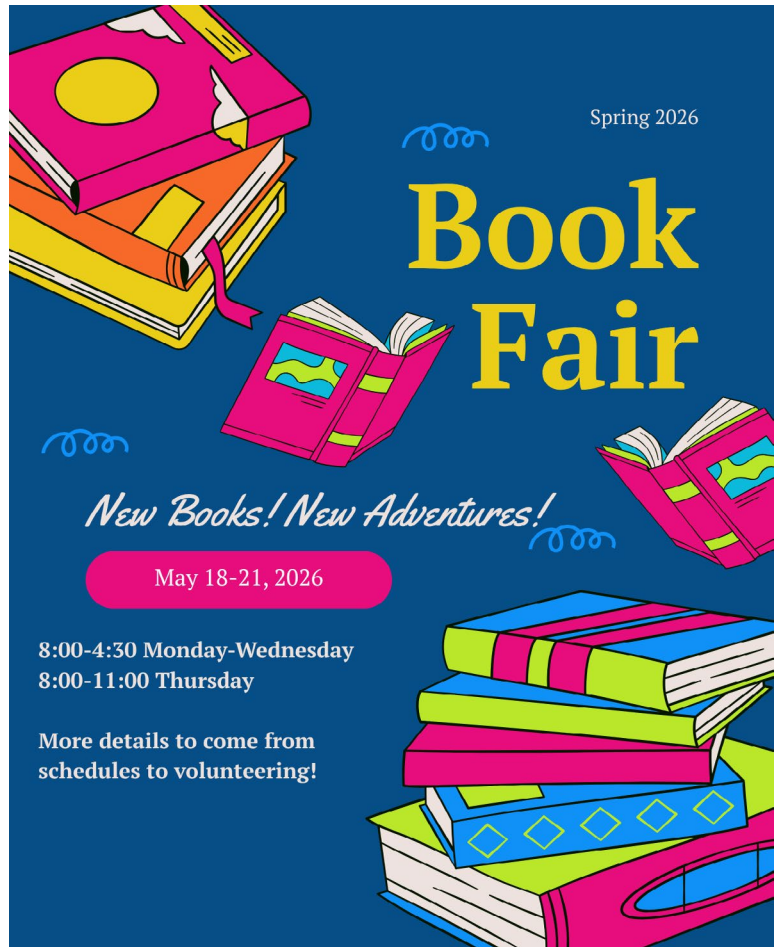
Book Fair

New Books! New Adventures!

May 18-21, 2026

8:00-4:30 Monday-Wednesday
8:00-11:00 Thursday

More details to come from
schedules to volunteering!



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

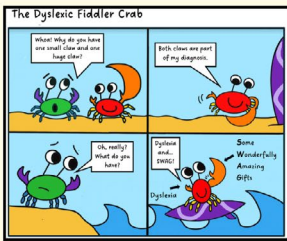
Come Join Us!

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)

MIDDLEBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
STROLL WITH THE PATROL

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

MIDDLEBURG BOOKS PRESENTS

AN AFTERNOON WITH
STEPHANIE DRAY +
LAURA KAMOIE
AT GREENHILL
CELEBRATING A
FOUNDING MOTHER

Tuesday, May 5th
11:30AM- 1:30PM

GREENHILL VINEYARDS
23595 WINERY LANE
MIDDLEBURG, VA 20117

MIDDLEBURG
WELLNESS DAY

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

On April 10 the fourth and seventh grades continued the planting of Hill's Centennial Grove. Fourth and Seventh Graders were paired together for every activity during the afternoon. To begin the activity, both classes walked across campus together and played partner games so that students who might not have met before could learn more about each other and laugh together. Once at the Dornin Science Barn, students planted trees and explored the woods.

The trees planted in the Centennial Grove are more than just an environmental initiative, it's a living testament to Hill's first century and a profound gift to the next. When this project is complete, every member of the school community—students, faculty, and staff—will have planted a native tree. These 275 new trees won't merely be landscaping; they'll be a living legacy.

As these saplings mature into a towering canopy, they'll create a permanent bridge between generations. Decades from now, today's students can return to campus and find physical evidence of their contribution—a tangible sense of belonging and a connection to this place that grows stronger with every passing year.

While the trees stand as monuments to the students' time at Hill, they also perform the vital work of legacy—building within our ecosystem. The students explored the intricate biology of their trees—from the root and collar to the stem—and learned why native species are the backbone of a thriving habitat.

- **A Sanctuary for Life:** A single oak tree can support over 550 species of butterflies and moths, acting as a crucial "bird nursery" for the 96 percent of terrestrial birds that rely on insects to feed their young.
- **Restoring the Land:** By choosing native species over invasive "ecological deserts," the students are ensuring that Hill's campus remains a vibrant, life-sustaining sanctuary long after they have graduated.





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

