



The Hill School
540-687-5897
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October 14, 2026

Student Council Bake Sale!

All items
\$1.00

Monday, October 26
at Lunch



All donations will support

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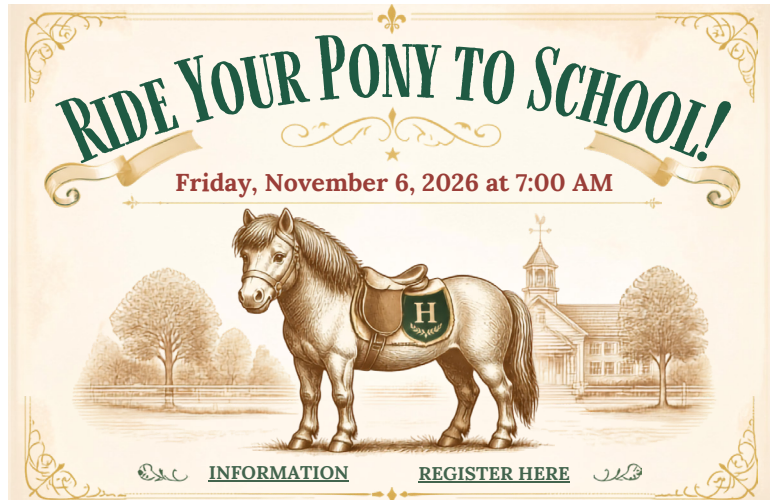


Halloween Candy Donations

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 30.

Leftover candy will be distributed by Hill students in the Christmas in Middleburg parade.



THE HILL SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

CATHY ZIMMERMAN

Coming Home

AN ART EXHIBITION & SALE

A Celebration of Place, Beauty, and Belonging



*Featuring never-before-exhibited original oils
alongside a special collection of watercolors.*

OCTOBER 23 – 25, 2026

THE HILL SCHOOL
SHEILA JOHNSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

OPENING RECEPTION

6:00 – 8:00 PM

*Meet the artist and
enjoy light refreshments.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

EXHIBITION & SALE

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

All are welcome.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

EXHIBITION & SALE

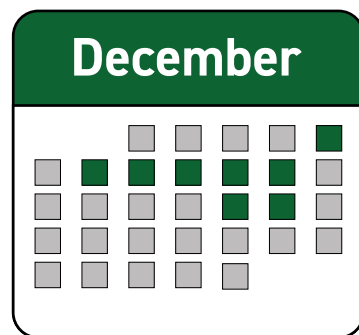
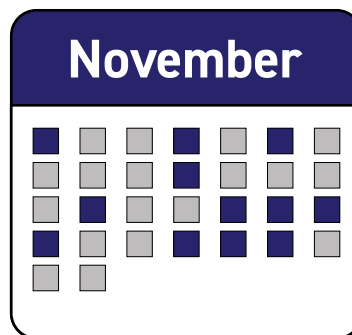
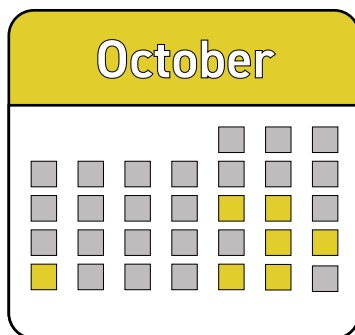
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

All are welcome.

Half of the proceeds from the sale will directly support Arts & Athletics at The Hill School.

UPCOMING @ Hill

View the [2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#) on the Hill School website.



15 Parent Conference Day
No School

16 Fall Holiday
No School

23 [Coffee with a Cop](#)
8:30 a.m., M'burg Town Hall

23 [Cathy Zimmerman Art Reception](#)
6 p.m., Theater Lobby

24 [Cathy Zimmerman Art Reception](#)
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

25 [Cathy Zimmerman Art Reception](#)
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

29 [HoS Coffee: Finances](#)
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room

30 [Grandparents' Luncheon](#)
12:30 p.m., Theater

30 Halloween at Hill
1:30 p.m., Amphitheater

1 Daylight Savings Ends

1 Ski Club Registration Begins

4 [Make-Up Picture Day](#)

4 Ski Club Info Session
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room

4 4-8 Cross-Country Race
1:45 p.m.

6 [Ride Your Pony to School Day](#)
7 a.m., Stonehedge Farm

11 Professional Development
Day, No School

16 [New Parent Breakfast](#)
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room

16 [Holiday Boutique Opens](#)
8:30 a.m., Alumni Room

19 [Holiday Cocktail Party](#)
5 p.m., Alumni Room

19 [8th Grade Play](#)
7 p.m., Theater

20 Holiday Boutique Closes
6 p.m., Alumni Room

20 [8th Grade Play](#)
7 p.m., Theater

21 [8th Grade Play](#)
7 p.m., Theater

22 [8th Grade Play](#)
2 p.m., Theater

25 Thanksgiving Assembly
11 a.m., M'burg Methodist

25 Thanksgiving Vacation Begins
Noon Dismissal

26 Thanksgiving Day
No School

27 Thanksgiving Vacation
No School

5 Christmas in Middleburg

7 Fall Book Fair
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

8 Fall Book Fair
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

9 Fall Book Fair
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Theater Lobby

10 Fall Book Fair
8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Theater Lobby

10 [Ski Club Gear Swap](#)
12 to 4:30 p.m., Theater Lobby

11 [Ski Club Gear Swap](#)
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Theater Lobby

11 LS Holiday Share

17 St. George & the Dragon

18 US Holiday Program

18 Winter Break Begins
Noon Dismissal

ATHLETICS @ Hill

Game day schedule changes will be communicated by **Coach Zach Roszel** via [ParentSquare](#).

[View the full Fall Athletic Game Schedule here.](#)

Tuesday, October 20

- V Boys Soccer vs. LCDS @ LCDS. Game at 3:15 p.m. Dismissal at 5 p.m.
- JV Boys Soccer vs. LCDS @ LCDS. Game at 4:15 p.m. Dismissal at 6 p.m.
- V Girls Volleyball vs. LCDS @ Hill. Game at 3:15 p.m. Dismissal at 4:45 p.m.
- JV Girls Volleyball vs. LCDS @ Hill. Game at 4:15 p.m. Dismissal at 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21

- 4G Play Day vs. LCDS @ LCDS. Game at 12:30 p.m. Regular dismissal.
- 5G Play Day vs. LCDS @ Hill. Game at 12:30 p.m. Regular dismissal.

A Guide to Raising Healthy, Confident Eaters for Life

FEED THEM WELL

Jennifer Anderson, MSPH, RD
FOUNDER OF KIDS EAT IN COLOR

THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY READ

Feed Them Well offers practical, encouraging guidance to help families move beyond mealtime stress and raise healthy, confident eaters for life.

We look forward to using this book as a springboard for thoughtful conversations about nourishing our children, building positive relationships with food, and making family meals feel more connected.

HILL'S 2026 COMMUNITY BOOK READ

AVAILABLE AT MIDDLEBURG BOOKS



HILL FAMILIES RECEIVE 10% OFF THE BOOK

SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION AND SCHOOL LIFE COMMITTEE

"Best Field Trip Ever!"

Several fourth graders gave that enthusiastic verdict after their visit to Go Ape Adventure Park on October 9! With picture-perfect fall weather as their backdrop, students enjoyed a thrilling day of climbing, balancing, and navigating the ropes course high among the trees. The fourth graders embraced the adventure with courage, teamwork, and plenty of laughter. What a fabulous way to enjoy the outdoors, build confidence, and make lasting fourth-grade memories!



Field Trip Report

On October 9 the Hill School Class of 2027 visited the Piedmont Child Care Center (PCCC) to help close their community garden and work with the students. The eighth graders helped the younger students cultivate seeds, plant daffodil bulbs for next year, clean the Alphabet Perennial Garden, and read garden-themed stories. Last spring this class visited PCCC as seventh graders, helping to open the garden and mentor the PCCC students. Last week's trip brought the season full circle, with the eighth graders having the opportunity to support the young children learning about the cycles of nature, as well as having the opportunity to practice their role modeling and friendship skills. In the spring, this year's seventh grade class will travel to PCCC to start the cycle anew and open the garden for the 2027 season.



3RD ANNUAL FALL FARM TOUR

Saturday, October 17th - 11am-2pm

Kinloch Farm Operations Center
5313 Hopewell Road, The Plains, Virginia

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN!

Hayrides & Playground
Lunch by Open Fire Catering
Music by The Ribbon Rail Ramblers

EDUCATIONAL STATIONS

Piedmont Savanna Restoration
Regenerative Land Management
Meet Our Adorable Cows & Calves
Cooking Demos with Chef Ryan Ross
Rainfall Simulator
AND MORE!

FREE RSVP & MORE INFO:
kinlochfarm.com/reachtheroots



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FAMILY SESSIONS**

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Dornin Lab



The third grade campout (October 8&9) was a tremendous success! Students and teachers walked to the barn gathering long sticks for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows along the way. Upon arrival at the Dornin Barn, the students were confronted with a “tent challenge,” in which tent buddies had to develop a plan and work together to pitch their tents. It was a fun and engaging team-building activity.

The campfire was the center of activity as the students cooked their supper (hot dogs!), sang folk songs, and later roasted marshmallows among its glowing embers. As darkness descended, spooky flashlight tag and other games got underway. Laughter, shrieks, and enthusiastic “Boos!” filled the evening air as students played together. The fun continued after dark when everyone was invited on a nighttime nature walk. No flashlights were needed under the stars. Along the way, students discovered glowworms, creepy crawlies, and learned to identify several constellations.

The following morning, after a breakfast which included bacon cooked over the fire, the third graders participated in a Dornin Lab where they immersed themselves in an outdoor, hands-on learning experience connecting ecology, sensory awareness, and crafts using natural materials found on-site.

First, they gathered around the campfire where they had a chance to reflect and express gratitude to begin the day. The core of the lab featured three rotating activities—*Cordage*, *Shelter Building*, and *Awesome Samurai*. In *Cordage*, students learned how to twist sisal fibers into twine to make bracelets and cords. In the *Shelter Building* challenge, students were given a wilderness survival scenario (oh no, Coach Barreda sprained his ankle during a backcountry hike!) and were asked to build a shelter to protect a stuffed animal representing Coach Barreda. The shelter was then tested for its ability to withstand rain, as represented by water poured from a water bottle.

Awesome Samurai emphasizes patience, awareness, and self-control. To begin, a single player acting as the samurai competes against a group of ninjas. The samurai is blindfolded and placed in the center of a circle with a foam pool noodle “sword.” The other players—ninjas—begin outside the circle. When the game begins, ninjas silently sneak into the circle, attempt to touch the samurai, and then escape without being hit by the sword. If a ninja successfully tags the samurai and leaves the circle safely, they call out the next number in sequence (e.g., “three!”) to track the total number of successful tags. The round concludes either when the samurai tags a specific number of ninjas with the sword or when the ninjas collectively tag the samurai a specified number of times. After a few rounds, two blindfolded samurai are placed in the center to stalk each other as the ninjas watch silently from outside the circle.

The morning concluded with a walk back to school from the Dornin Science Barn.

Head of School Coffee

THE FINANCES OF HILL:
WHERE DOES THE MONEY
COME FROM AND WHERE
DOES IT GO?



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
8:30 AM
ALUMNI ROOM

WITH TREAVOR LORD, HEAD OF SCHOOL



Ready, Set, Recycle with 6th Grade!

Roughly 11.3 million tons of textiles end up in US landfills annually
Help us make an impact within our community by joining the 6th Grade in
"Giving with a Lion's Heart!"

As part of their year-long community service project,
the 6th Grade is collecting textiles to sort, donate, and
recycle. The items not able to be reused will be used in
an art project for the Class' Auction Gift!

When:

October 19th through
November 13th

Where:

Bins located in
the Hill School
front lobby

What:

Clothing, Coats,
Shoes, Sports
Equipment,
Instruments,
Fabric, etc



Friday, October 23rd 8:30 AM

A coffee and chat with Chief Jones
Middleburg Police Dept.
10 W. Marshall St.

All are welcome!

WILLIAMS
WINDSOR HILL
PUMPKINS
for SALE!

text 540-5335848
text for pricing or
to book a visit
to the patch

Cinderella's
Small Whites
Carvers
XL & XXL
for sale!



★ Or I will come and
decorate your farms
front entrance for you! ☺