

WELCOME BACK HAWKS!

We cannot wait to have all our Hawks back on campus soon! Our students continued to reach new heights and showed tremendous gains throughout the course of last school year! This year, we are eager to put on our boots and reach even farther. Below I wanted to share just a few of the successes of the previous year, while the attached document outlines the goals we will tackle from our strategic plan for the upcoming year!

- Continued implementation of a growth mindset school-wide.
- We read a total of 49,861 books that were recorded through AR!
- Students showed great gains throughout the year on our new STAR and FAST progress monitoring.
- Increased parent involvement in parent nights and school wide events!
- Over 100,000 minutes of reading recorded for Read-a-thon and students made Mrs. Thomas have blue hair! That's an increase of over 20,000 minutes!
- Added Academic Coaching block to support ALL learners in understanding the standards.
- Added a Theater program and had 2 performances!
- Had increased participation in math and reading tutoring as well as a 5th grade Science camp for the first time.

We want to improve our opportunities for parents to be on campus and involved in school happenings. We invite parents to join us in several ways in the upcoming year, and below are just a few:



- 1) Continue to encourage **reading in your home each day** by having your child read for AT LEAST 20 minutes each night. Once they finish the book, they will take an AR test at school and earn points. Students that reach their AR goal can attend the AR reward parties each quarter. Students who reach set benchmarks will also be able to earn cash at the end of the year! You will continue to hear this initiative referred to as **READ 20** across our system.
- 2) Each month we will have a **school-wide celebration on the blacktop**, and we invite parents to join us. We will recognize STAR Hawks, celebrate our readers, and/or celebrate those who have had good behavior. We will also recognize students for other achievements throughout campus. Following our meeting, there will be a celebration that students can attend if they have reached their goal in behavior or reading! We would love to have you there to cheer on the students.
- 3) Come eat **lunch with your child ANY day** of the week!! When you arrive, you will need to check into the front office with your ID. You may then meet your child and picnic with them under the pavilion. If there is an available table inside, you may be permitted to sit inside. This is, however, a time for you to eat with your child, only. For safety, we cannot permit any other students to join you. Please also keep in mind that any outside food items must be kept outside of the cafeteria.
- 4) Commemorate your child's birthday by purchasing them a **birthday book!** The birthday book will be added to the school library with a sticker the front cover celebrating the child it was purchased for! That child will also be the FIRST to check it out and take it home to read. This is a great way to celebrate your child AND add books to our library for all students.

Your involvement and support is key to your child's success. Be on the lookout for information on how you can be a **VOLUNTEER** and plug in, **JOIN PTO** and help support school-wide initiatives, attend our School

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Advisory Committee **(SAC) committee meetings**, and **JOIN DOJO** for your child's class so you will be updated regularly with needed information. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or visit our website www.hillcristelementary.net.

To help you get plugged in, we are also welcoming on board our volunteer coordinator, Lindsey Seay, to help parents get involved in our classrooms. If you would like to assist her and help communicate and coordinate volunteer opportunities to our families, please reach out to the school at 863-678-4216 and talk with Michelle Jordan.

Our theme for this year will be that "Our Boots are Made for Learning." We are already gearing up for a great year and cannot wait to put on our boots and wrangle in all the learning we can. Our teachers and staff are excited about the year ahead and cannot wait to adventure to new heights!

We will see you at Orientation. You may attend either session to meet your child's teacher!

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August, 9, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

We look forward to a great year,

Rebecca Thomas

Principal

April Barnhardt

Assistant Principal

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STRATEGIC FOCUS 2023-2024

As we begin the 2023-2024 school year, we have focused strategic thinking, to shape the future. Our desire is to shape an experience for students that allows them to soar. Our goal in each of the 15 strategic plan areas are as follows:

Academic (SP23-27SecAcadGG1):

Improve reading proficiency (our goal is to get to 70%)

Performing Arts (SP23-27ARTSFG1):

Replace/repair sound system for performance areas.

Physical Education (SP23-27SecAcadPG1):

Behavior training for athletic personnel.

Workforce Academies (SP23-27WCCRG1):

Secure funding and resources for adding a digital arts major.

ELL (SP23-27ELFPGG3):

Written communication will be translated to Spanish.

Mental Health (SP23-27MHGG1):

Schedule for services in mental health, protecting instructional time.

Technology (SP23-27TechFG2):

Complete intercom installation to include safety alarms.

Child Nutrition (SP23-27CNWwellPG1):

Improve supervision in cafeteria to reduce behavior infractions.

ESE (SP23-27ESEPG1):

Designate MTSS point person and refine process of data collection and interventions.

Safety (SP23-27SafTG3):

Install cameras in current blind spots (enclosed hallways).

Discipline (SP23-27SDPG3):

Monthly behavior booster meetings for staff.

Transportation (SP23-27TransPG1):

Communicate with bus drivers discipline procedures and processes.

Communication (SP23-27PRCFG2):

Publicize appreciation for donors.

Gifted (SP23-27ECPG3):

Gifted students will have one presentation or challenge opportunity per year.

Maintenance (SP23-27MaiRG3):

Repair sprinkler system (potentially well).

Jack Welch said it well when he said "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do!" The Hillcrest faculty and staff are dedicated to help students grow in all the above areas but are focused on a few to truly make the greatest impact. Our BIG 3 (4) for the 2023-2024 school year to help students succeed are:

Improve reading proficiency (our goal is to get to 70%)

Secure funding and resources for adding a digital arts major.

Designate MTSS point person and refine process of data collection and interventions.

Complete intercom installation to include safety alarms.

We are looking forward to a great year! Hawks – Soar High!



Grade Level News

Kindergarten

This past year your child had the opportunity to be engaged in reading numerous books during our weekly book themes, mixing fiction and nonfiction. We have read, discussed, and written about different animals and places as we have studied them. As you read at home this summer, you can do these activities to keep your child engaged. Emergent readers need 20 minutes *minimum* of reading time daily. Even though most children have begun to read on their own, it is still very important to read to your child. As you prepare for the transition to first grade, the stories will be written on a higher level: this is a great bonding experience for you and your child as well as an opportunity to improve their comprehension. Use this time to ask questions about the stories: characters, setting, comparing/contrasting characters, and making predictions of what will happen as you are reading. These types of comprehension questions take very little time yet make a world of difference in your child's progress during the school year. In math, your students learned many important skills that will only grow through the years. Basic math facts are the building blocks of mathematical learning. From addition to subtraction, to grouping and number lines, we've created a solid foundation for math skills to be built upon. Allowing your students to practice their math facts will help prepare them for the upcoming school year. Hands-on activities will allow them to see math in action. One fun way to help with math is in the kitchen. Allow them to help prepare dinner. It's a fun way to keep learning math and to help with life. To help maintain these skills, we are sending home a summer reading and math packet. Please work with your child on these. *Those who return these packets when we return to school in August will receive an award.

First Grade

The first graders worked really hard this past year and made huge gains and progress. We worked really hard in reading and writing. We worked on reading strategies this year along with phonics, spelling, grammar, sight words, and fluency. Our first graders took the challenge of Read 20 and shined! We were amazed at all the growth in reading.

This year we started the new Florida Math Standards and the first graders took off with it and SOARED. We are so very proud of our students and their gains in math. This is the first year using the iReady math curriculum and they did amazing. They loved all the math manipulatives and hands-on math activities we incorporated this year.

Science and social studies, we dove deep into our standards and did a lot of hands-on activities and learning, which we think the students really enjoyed. Towards the end of the year we did some project based learning. The students absolutely enjoyed it and applied their prior knowledge on these projects.

We would like to thank you all so much for all your hard work to make this school year an AMAZING one! Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and work on their summer learning packet.

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Second Grade

The second graders have made a great deal of progress this past year! In reading they learned how to find text evidence and answer comprehension questions. They also learned other reading skills such as finding the theme, identifying the plot, and identifying the author's purpose. In math they learned how to add and subtract up to three digits with regrouping. In writing they learned how to write a narrative, expository, and opinion paragraph. Second graders have been earning their AR points in class and reaching their goals to attend the wonderful AR celebrations. Students also benefited from their great behavior by being able to attend the quarterly exciting PBS celebrations. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home daily. This is an important key to your child's success as a lifelong learner! We will be sending home a summer packet with work in reading and math. They will return them in August to their new teacher. That along with a daily reading habit will prepare your child with the transition into third grade.!

Third Grade

This past year has been one of incredible growth! Our third graders have worked so hard and we are so proud of them! The amount of new vocabulary they have obtained this year has been incredible! In math we have seen a tremendous amount of growth from the beginning of the year to the end! This summer we encourage our students to continue to read daily and practice their math fluency skills to avoid the dreaded "summer slide." Our students have come such a long way this year and we want to continue that momentum as they prepare for the rigor of 4th grade. Keeping up with their skills will help them be better prepared for success in 4th grade! Our fourth grade team will be sending home a summer learning packet that will be due the week school begins. Please encourage your child to complete this during the summer. If you need more ideas for how to keep your child reading and writing over the summer, consider keeping a summer journal. Writing about fun summer experiences will help build memories and keep their skills sharp! The Lake Wales Public Library is a wonderful resource to find exciting new books for your child to read. They offer books by mail, a mobile Book Mobile, and a locker system for parents to check out books after library hours. In the summer packet, the math team has included some practice to keep the learning fresh. Games with playing cards and dice are a fun way to develop number sense and critical thinking skills. There are several ideas online and there is a post on the school story on Class Dojo with ideas. We are looking forward to seeing your students in the fall. As this year comes to a close, we want to thank you again for all your support! It's been a pleasure working with your child and we were so grateful for this wonderful group of kids! We wish them well as they move on to 4th grade! Have a wonderful summer!

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Fourth Grade

Our fourth graders are becoming 5th graders! It all happened so quickly. This past year, we've learned so many different writing skills as well as learning how to write expository, argumentative and narrative pieces. Narrative is by far their favorite genre of writing. We have introduced the students to several new grammar skills that they've demonstrated in more aspects than just their language arts class. We've read more books than we've ever read and gained more knowledge than they expected at the beginning of the year. We have also excelled in our math abilities. Students were taught several math skills that they mastered, from place value to fractions and we've learned about stem and leaf plots which was also new to teachers.

These skills will definitely take them further than just passing fourth grade.

We've wrapped up all of our math standards for the year and preparing them for what fifth grade holds. We encourage you to always look for ways to help develop your child into a strong critical thinker. Always ask questions that help them think deeper than just the general "yes" or "no" answer. We believe each student has the potential to be whatever they want to be. Strive for greatness Hawks!

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade students rocked it this past year across each curriculum area! In reading, students began the year with a Book Tasting, learning about so many different books and genres to explore during the school year. We worked through our ELA standards with many projects, on-level story dissecting and making connections across the texts. In the spring, we even had a March Madness tournament, where several teachers read aloud several books and the students had to vote on the winner! They loved it! Finally, in writing, we learned all the tools for writing a 5-paragraph essay, as well as implementing our grammar standards. In math a new standard was finding the mean, median, mode, and range of numbers. Additionally, students had to add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals and convert units. Adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators was also a big know-how! In science, fifth grade dug deep into standards with field trips that provided real experiences as well as exciting hands-on learning experiences. We wish all of our 5th grade students the best of luck as they enter into middle school! Once a HAWK, always a HAWK!

Hillcrest Elementary General Information



New School Hours:

1st bell- 8:10 a.m Tardy bell-8:15 a.m
Dismissal will begin at 3:15 p.m

We are now offering before school care to those parents that signed up for that service.

Drop off times

6:45-a.m.7:45 a.m in the Hillcrest cafeteria
the price is \$15 a week.



Become an approved Volunteer: Application is online.

www.lwcharterschools.com/infoandlinks

Ways to volunteer: Classroom volunteers, field trips, chaperones, mentors, event helpers, book fair and of course PTO can always use volunteers.



Bussing requests should be directed to the Transportation website:

<https://shorturl.at/ejqPQ>



2023-2024 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR
FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARAEUCATORS
Dates are subject to change.

Approved by the Board of Trustees March 7, 2023

Events	Dates
<p>No unpaid training/workdays may be scheduled before August 3, 2023.</p> <p>Teacher Staff Development Days – August 3 (morning), August 4 (Convocation Day) - location to be announced August 7 (Grade Level Planning Day)</p> <p>Teacher Work Days (Planning Time) – August 3 (afternoon), August 7, August 8, August 9, and August 10</p>	<p>Thursday, August 3 – Friday, August 4, 2023 Monday, August 7 – Thurs., August 10, 2023</p>
STUDENT ORIENTATION – MIDDLE, 6 -8 TH AND HIGH SCHOOLS	Tuesday, August 8, 2023
STUDENT ORIENTATION – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS/ Paraeducator First Work Day (186-Day Contract)	Wednesday, August 9, 2023
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	Friday, August 11, 2023
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 1 of 10 (Teacher Staff Development 1 of 4)	Friday, August 25, 2023
HOLIDAY (Labor Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, September 4, 2023
First Interim Report (23 rd Day – September 13, 2023)	Distribute Week of September 11 – 15, 2023
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 2 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 1 of 6)	Friday, September 22, 2023
FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Student Attendance Window	September 29 – October 13, 2023
FTE Student Survey Week	Monday – Friday, October 9 – 13, 2023
End of First 9-Week Grading Period (45 Days)	Friday, October 13, 2023
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Staff Development (Half Day)/Teacher Planning Time (Half Day)	Monday, October 16, 2023
Grades Due/Begin Second Quarter	Tuesday, October 17, 2023
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 3 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 2 of 6)	Friday, October 20, 2023
Distribute Report Cards (First 9 Weeks)	Tuesday, October 24, 2023
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 4 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 3 of 6)	Thursday, November 9, 2023
HOLIDAY (Veterans Day Observed) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Friday, November 10, 2023
Second Interim Report (23 rd Day – November 17, 2023)	Distribute Week of November 13 – 17, 2023
FALL BREAK – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator (Paid 11/23 and 11/24)	Monday – Friday, November 20 – 24, 2023
Storm Make-Up Days as Needed	Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 20 and 21, 2023
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 5 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 4 of 6)/ END OF FIRST SEMESTER (83 Days)/ End of Second Grading Period and Last School Day before Winter Break	Friday, December 15, 2023
WINTER BREAK BEGINS	Monday, December 18, 2023
HOLIDAY (New Year’s Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Monday, January 1, 2024
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/Teacher Work Day	Tuesday, January 2, 2024
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Staff Development Day/Storm Make-Up Day as Needed	Wednesday, January 3, 2024
STUDENTS RETURN AFTER WINTER BREAK/Begin Third Quarter/Paraeducators Return To Work/Grades Due (Second Grading Period)	Thursday, January 4, 2024
Distribute Report Cards (Second Grading Period)	Thursday, January 11, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 6 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 5 of 6)	Friday, January 12, 2024



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Events	Dates
HOLIDAY (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator	Monday, January 15, 2024
FTE Attendance Window	Friday, January 26 – Friday, February 9, 2024
FTE Student Survey Week	Monday-Friday, February 5 – 9, 2024
Third Interim Report (23 rd Day – February 6, 2024)	Distribute Week of February 5 – 9, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 7 of 10 (Teacher Staff Development 2 of 4)	Friday, February 16, 2024
HOLIDAY (Presidents’ Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, February 19, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 8 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time 6 of 6)/ End of Third 9-Week Grading Period (45 th Day)	Friday, March 8, 2024
SPRING BREAK WEEK – NO SCHOOL	Monday-Friday, March 11 – 15, 2024
Grades Due (Third 9 Weeks)	Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Distribute Report Cards (Third 9 Weeks)	Tuesday, March 26, 2024
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, Teachers and Paraeducators	Friday, March 29, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 9 of 10 (Teacher Staff Development 3 of 4)	Friday, April 12, 2024
Fourth Interim Report (23 rd Day – April 18, 2024)	Distribute Week of April 15 – 19, 2024
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 10 of 10 (Teacher Staff Development 4 of 4)	Friday, April 26, 2024
GRADUATION TENTATIVE	Tuesday, May 28, 2024
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES DUE	Thursday, May 23, 2024
HOLIDAY (Memorial Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Monday, May 27, 2024
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS – STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL (Subject to Change)/END OF SECOND SEMESTER (97 Days) Distribute Elementary Report Cards/ Storm Make-Up Day as Needed/ Last Work Day for Paraeducators (186-Day Contract)	Thursday, May 30, 2024
Last Teacher Work Day (196-Day Contract)/Secondary School Grades Due	Friday, May 31, 2024

Storm Make-Up Days: 11/20/23, 11/21/23, 1/3/24 and 5/30/24 (Last Student Day).

Reminder: Non-refundable travel tickets should not be purchased in the event that storm make-up days are used as student attendance days and/or teacher work days.

Student Early Dismissal Dates (10)

Students are dismissed from school 150 minutes (2.5 hours) early on each of these days:

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| Friday, August 25, 2023* | Friday, January 12, 2024 |
| Friday, September 22, 2023 | Friday, February 16, 2024* |
| Friday, October 20, 2023 | Friday, March 8, 2024 |
| Thursday, November 9, 2023 | Friday, April 12, 2024* |
| Friday, December 15, 2023 | Friday, April 26, 2024* |

*Designated for Teacher Staff Development

Information regarding student testing/assessment dates (FL Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments, etc.) is available through the Assessment, Accountability & Evaluation Office and on the district’s website at <https://polkschoolsfl.com/assessment>.

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A Letter From the PTO President

Hello Hawks,

Last year was a great year full of successful fundraisers such as the color run and read a thon that are always a hit. The success of these fundraisers will allow PTO to purchase school supplies for all students for the next school year. I hope your children enjoyed the fun of the Fall Fest and Polar Express with Santa. A huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers, business partners and wonderful Hawk administration and staff for helping throughout the year to make these things happen. I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer and look forward to all the incredible things the next school year will bring.

Ashley David

A graphic with a yellow background. On the right side, there is a blue backpack filled with school supplies including pencils, pens, a ruler, a clock, and a pair of scissors. The text is on the left side of the graphic.

School Supplies
2023-2024

Hillcrest PTO is providing all the supplies students need. The only supplies we are asking parents to purchase are:

- TISSUES
- QUART ZIPLOC BAGS
- GALLON ZIPLOC BAGS
- HAND SANITIZER
- HAND SOAP
- CLOROX WIPES

JOIN
TODAY!

HILLCREST PTO

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



What does Hillcrest PTO do?

Your donations will help us continue to provide school supplies for all students.

*PROVIDES SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- *Student Incentives
- *Teacher Appreciation
- *Teacher Grants
- *Student Awards
- * Fall Fest
- * School Improvement

And so much more

Types of Membership

Please circle your payment method, check your membership level, and complete the form.

CASH or CHECK payable to- Hillcrest Elementary PTO

*My Family wants to support all that PTO does for our school & celebrate with a popsicle party!

\$10 Family Membership

All business and family donations over \$100 will be recognized on the PTO donation board and Facebook

\$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Custom _____

*My business wants to partner with Hillcrest PTO to make a positive impact.

Parent Name(s) _____

Student Name/Grade/Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Name/Grade/Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Name/Grade/Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Name/Grade/Homeroom Teacher _____

Parents phone #: _____ Parents email address: _____

If you scan the Square code above for membership, please fill out the form and add your child(ren) name(s). Return the form during Orientation or first week of school to - Hillcrest PTO or your child(ren) teacher. We want to make sure all children get to be a part of the popsicle party. Any questions or concerns please reach out to the PTO board.

Ashley David, Kimberly Grondin-Macleod, Lacey Lawson or Ty Johnson

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HILLCREST PTO

PTO use only: Check _____ Cash _____ Square _____

SCAN above code to donate now.

*When paying, please LIST your child's name & grade in the REQUIRED box.

*Your membership donation

does not obligate you to

attend meetings or to volunteer

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UNIFORM POLICY

TOPS: Hunter Green Monday thru Thursday

- Hunter Green Hillcrest school t-shirt
Other color Hillcrest t-shirts may be worn on Friday ONLY.
- Plain Hunter Green polo shirts
- Hillcrest Jacket - *NO HOODS permitted*
- Solid Hunter Green or Grey Sweatshirt - *NO HOODS permitted*
- Shirts must be tucked in.

BOTTOMS: Khaki/Tan, Navy Blue: Monday thru Thursday

- Shorts, pants, skorts, skirts, skirted jumpers (must be mid-thigh or longer)
- Belt must be worn with pants that have belt loops. *(K-1st Elastic Waist Suggested)*

Friday Dress:

- Any Color Hillcrest Shirt
- Jeans-No Rips, Holes or Patterns
- Khaki or Navy Bottoms
- Belt must be worn with pants that have belt loops. *(K-1st Elastic Waist Suggested)*

Winter Dress: Administration will Make this Announcement Through a Call Out & Social Media

- Jeans-No Rips, Holes or Patterns
- Hillcrest t-shirt or polo
- Any winter jacket

SHOES:

- Shoes must be safe and appropriate *(NO WHEELS)*
- Closed toe shoes **ONLY**. *(No sandals or Crocs)*
- Socks need to be solid white, gray, or black *(No long socks of different colors)*

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment to improve school safety and discipline.



Student Attendance Policies and Procedures 2023-2024

Daily Procedures:

All students will report to their designated area prior to the 8:10 bell ringing. Students will be dismissed to their classrooms once the 8:10 bell rings.

Any students who arrive at the classroom after 8:15 should check in to the front office for a tardy pass .

Daily Call Outs for Absences/Tardies:

Call outs are routinely made to those families who have a child that is absent or tardy based on the information in FOCUS by 9:35 am. Any changes to attendance after that time, will still be documented in the system, but will not be recognized by the call-out system. These changes will be made by the front office.

Tardy Policy:

All tardies will be initially marked as Unexcused (unless arriving in the front office with a Doctor's note).

In order to have a tardy excused, an adult must escort the student(s) to the office. Those who are not escorted to the office will remain with an unexcused tardy. No student should be allowed to enter the room tardy without a pass.

Unexcused tardies factor into student truancy and are reviewed by the attendance manager and LWCS social worker. Letters will be sent home quarterly for tardy issues. Phone calls will be made as well when concerns arise.

If there are concerns about a child's attendance, please speak with Laura Downes. You should always have contacted the family about your concerns before coming to the Social Worker or Administration!

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SERVICES AVAILABLE

HOW TO ENROLL:

Parents will need to complete an online registration form so supervising teacher has all necessary information.

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENT:

Payment collection and documentation would be overseen by the before care director(s).

FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENT:

Any incurring debts for before care will first be requested from the parent. At the end of the year, any outstanding debts will be added to the child's obligation. Non-payment for 2 weeks or more may result in losing your spot in the program.



BEFORE SCHOOL CARE 2023-2024

OVERVIEW:

Before school care will allow parents to drop their student off on school grounds to be supervised before school opening and breakfast. This time allows for students to be under the care of a staff member for parents who are unable to supervise their child during this time. There will be options of reading, playing games, or doing other activities that encourage learning. There are a limited number of spots available.

ANY student who does not have appropriate paperwork or payment will not be able to attend.

WHEN:

6:45 – 7:45

Drop off must be before 7:30.

Students would be sent to the cafeteria for breakfast when the cafeteria opens (most likely 7:45 am)

WHERE:

Hillcrest cafeteria

PRICE:

\$3 a day/\$15 per week

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE FAQs

What are the hours?

Students may be dropped off as early as 6:45 and as late as 7:30.

What is the procedure when I drop my kid off each day?

You will park in the front parking lot and enter through the cafeteria door nearest the front gate. When you come in that door, you will sign your child in for the morning. Your signature, date and time verify when the child was left in the care of the Before School Care Staff.

What if I only need it on certain days?

If you need more than 3 days of before school care services, you will need to pay for the whole week. If you need 3 days or less, you would be charged for the days your child is there.

What is the cost?

The fee for using before school care supervision at the school is \$3 per day (\$15 for the week).

What day does payment need to be made?

Payment should be made the Friday before the Monday of services rendered.

How do I make payment?

At this time payments must be cash, check, or money order and can be given to the director during check-in or paid in the front office during school hours. A receipt will be issued upon payment. Payment must be hand delivered by a parent to the school staff.

Do I pay for days I do not use?

For questions related to times your child will not be at school to utilize services, please speak with the director. Absences could result in your child's spot being filled.

Do I pay in advance or after services?

We request that you pay in advance. If services have been rendered for a week without payment, someone will be reaching out to ensure payment is made or your child's spot could be filled. If you get two weeks or more behind, you run the risk of losing your spot for the remainder of the year.

What will they be doing?

Before school care staff will have activities for them to do. These activities will vary. We recommend students bring a book to read as reading is always encouraged. Phones and other outside electronic devices will NOT be permitted.

Does my child receive breakfast?

Students will be dismissed at 7:45 am to either eat breakfast in the school cafeteria or go to the PE court with their classmates. Breakfast is free of charge for any student on campus.

Questions?

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the school office or email:

donna.anderson@lwcharterschools.com or jennifer.holle@lwcharterschools.com.