



Hillcrest Children's Center
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Calendar

April 30-May 1

**Clean-Up Weekend
Stage 1 Play Yard**

May 6

**3:30 Mothers Day Tea
Graze to Raise Walk**

May 12

Parent Dinner

May 18

Parent and Pastries

May 18

Board Meeting

May 27

In-Service

Early Release 1pm

May 30

Closed Holiday

June 2

Parent Dinner

June 11

Parent Night Out

June 15

Parents and Pastries

June 15

Board Meeting

July 4

Closed Holiday

July 15

Lindsey Farewell Party

July 17

Annual Picnic

April Board Meeting Highlights

- A "General Community Comments" time has been added to each month's agenda for families to share anything that they desire. If any follow-up is needed, families can expect that a board member or the Director will be in contact with them later in the week. This 5 minute time slot allows for families to share while keeping the meetings on schedule.
- The expectation is that families have their children picked-up and out of the building by 6:30 every evening, minus Board Meetings. Please plan your day so that you have time to gather your child and are leaving the building before 6:30. Staff are expected to clock-out by 6:35 to avoid paying overtime. Late charges will be applied to families who are picking their child up after 6:31.
- The Board voted on implementing a "buy-out" option for the yearly 20 hour volunteer requirement. Volunteer hours are tracked on a calendar year basis. If your family cannot volunteer this year, please make a \$400 donation to help fund the improvement work done by the volunteers.

Clean-Up Weekend:

April 30 and May 1

Please bring if you have:

Shovels, Drills, Tools (Hammers, Saws, ect.)

Graze to Raise Fundraiser

Talk to your family, friends and coworkers about supporting Hillcrest through the Graze to Raise fundraiser on Friday, May 6th after the Mother's Day Tea. For a minimum \$30 donation per adult you can sample several fabulous food villas that dot the 5K course that winds through downtown Anchorage. Finish at the Dena'ina Center for the grand finale- a WOW event featuring yummy desserts, a beer and wine garden, live music, jugglers, clowns, magicians, face and hair painting, massages, carnival games for all ages, toys and prizes for the kids and GREAT door prizes from the tourism industry. Let us know if you will be out in support of Hillcrest!

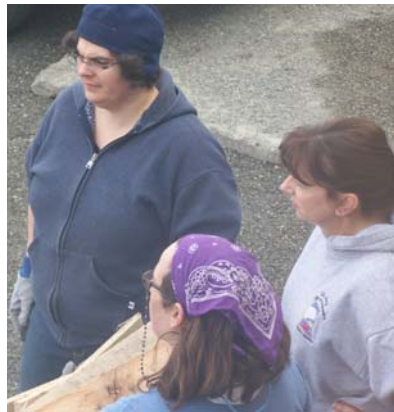
Register at https://www.alaskaone.com/_ACW/register.cfm and click Hillcrest Children's Center.

<p>August 13 Parent Day Out</p> <p>August 17 Parent and Pastries Board Meeting</p> <p>September 2 In-Service Early Release 1pm</p> <p>September 5 Closed Holiday</p> <p>September 21 Parent and Pastries</p> <p>September 21 Board Meeting</p> <p>October 5 Parent Dinner</p> <p>October 10 In-Service Closure</p> <p>October 19 Parent and Pastries</p> <p>October 19 Board Meeting</p> <p>November 11 In-Service Closure</p> <p>November 16 Parents and Pastries</p> <p>November 16 Board</p> <p>November 24 and 25 Closed Holiday</p> <p>December 3 Parent Day Out</p> <p>December 9 Holiday Party Kim Farewell Party</p> <p>December 26 Closed Holiday</p>	<p>Dear Families,</p> <p>Hillcrest would like to offer a staff Wellness Challenge to encourage the staff to be more physically active, as well as focus on other aspects of wellness, including healthy eating, proper sleep and exercise. Rarely will people make a drastic change; it is more realistic, and therefore beneficial, for small changes to add up to big ones. The benefit to your children will be staff that are modeling healthy behavior, in addition to having more energy to dedicate to the children as a result of being healthier.</p> <p>To do this, we want to present it as a “challenge”, with friendly competition and prizes. This is where the families come in. We would like families to donate to the costs of the program, specifically to purchase reliable pedometers and prizes.</p> <p>What we need are:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Pedometers (\$700) – <i>Anonymous Donor already purchased</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Prizes: approx. \$400 to purchase weekly prizes such as bags of fresh fruit, Gift Certificates for healthy activities or equipment, and cooking supplies</p> <p>If we receive more donations, we will increase the incentives to the staff. All individual’s providing donations will receive a receipt documenting the tax-deductable donation.</p> <p>Please feel free to speak with me directly if you have further questions about the Hillcrest Staff Wellness Challenge.</p> <p>Thank You, Christina</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Classroom Transitions</p> <p>Starting May 1st the children going to kindergarten this fall will move into the KinderCamp space for the summer. Ms. Lindsey, Ms. Raisa and Ms. Maggie will be their instructors for the summer. The first few weeks in May will focus on a transition to the next space (they will be based in what is currently the Older Bunny side of the Bunny room).</p> <p>Most of the children in the Older Bunny room will be moving to the Pre-school classroom on Monday, May 2nd. Ms. Kim and Ms. Gogo will join them for the month of May to help them transition to the Preschool room.</p> <p>Additionally, we expect Ms. Renae to return May 2nd as the new Little Butterfly teacher. Once Ms. Renae is settled in, then Ms. Shaquan will move to Big Butterflies.</p> <p>We do not expect any additional transitions until the end of August.</p>



Pallet Party Thanks!

Liza Sanden, Lea Filippi, Garrett Bruesch, John Clark, Marietta Hall, Christina Eubanks, Meg'n Gall, Shannan Guthrie, Roberto Mendez, Matt and Alana Helsel, Karen Matthias, Nino and Laurie Muniz-Silfven, Willow Peyton, Sarah Steiner, Ross Timm, Denee Zah



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If you haven't been by in a while, check out the Facebook page. Our events for the year have been posted under the events tab. You can even RSVP on the page.

Dump Coupon

If you will not be needing to use your free dump coupon this year please consider donating it to Hillcrest. Also, if you have extra room in your dump load the pile of sticks next to the dumpster are looking for a ride.

Mission

Hillcrest Children's Center provides quality care for every child in an environment that focus on developing a foundation for a lifelong love of learning and respect for self and others. Hillcrest is a non-profit, parent-cooperative that believes quality care comes from a partnership between the home and school.

Philosophy

Children are cared for in a loving, safe environment surrounded by positive interactions where they develop feelings of self-esteem based on individual strengths and accomplishments. Learning is best achieved through play and activities that are designed to offer experiences in a variety of situations geared to the developmental needs of the child.