

Hilldale School's Annual Events

CELEBRATE READING WEEK:

Book Fair

This is a twice annual event in which Scholastic books are offered for sale. The Spring event starts the week with the children presenting their own "Young Author" books, and classes may choose to have a read-a-thon on Friday.

Family Breakfasts

This gathering provides an opportunity for parents/guardians to socialize over a continental breakfast, and kicks off the first day of the Scholastic book sale.

Read-A-Thon

Periodic Read-A-Thons promote enthusiasm for reading and foster an appreciation for literature. Students read, or are read to, for several hours during this special day.

CHEVY'S/FUDDRUCKER'S NIGHTS

Several times a year the Parent Association invites Hilldale's families and friends to join them at Fuddruckers or Chevy's Restaurant. It is a great time to get together, and the restaurant donates 15% of the total to the school. A discount and school donation may also be obtained on other days simply by asking for it and identifying yourself as a Hilldale parent.

FALL PARENT FUNDRAISER

The Parent Association sells gifts, gift-wrap, etc. to help raise funds for school projects of their choice.

FIELD DAY

Field Day is a school-wide athletic and social event designed to enhance school spirit and a sense of school community. Parents/guardians and families are invited to join the students and faculty on this day of fun and play. Field day activities include carnival style games, a school wide picnic, and the annual all-school/all-staff/all-family Super-Soaker Brouhaha.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

As part of the 6th, 7th and 8th grade science curriculum, students often attend a week long outdoor education program. They participate in authentic science experiments involving biology, ecology, and environmental awareness, and they enjoy making new friends. (Specific dates to be decided.)

PICTURE DAY

School photos are taken in the fall. Various packages are available for purchase as mementos of the school year. Specific information is sent home prior to the scheduled day.

POOL PARTIES

During the last week of school, every class has the opportunity to enjoy a class pool party. Supervised by a Red Cross certified Lifeguard, all classes and swim skill levels participate and non-swimmers "cool-off" on the stair area.

QUARTERLY AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Four times per year, following the end of each academic quarter, awards are presented to students at an all-school assembly. Families and friends are welcome, and parents are encouraged to attend. There may also be special assemblies announced throughout the school year.

SAT TESTS

SAT tests measure how well Hilldale students compare to the national averages. They are an important tool, both for teachers and parents, but are only one measurement of our students' progress.

SCIENCE FAIR

Students learn and about science and the scientific method through a long-term assignment which should be explored and worked on at home over a period of a couple of months. They present their projects and results to their class, the school, and finally to parents and friends on Science Fair evening.

FOURTH GRADE OVERNIGHTER

As an extension to the fourth grade curriculum in California History, an overnight camping trip is planned. Activities may include gold panning, swimming, and hiking in one of Northern California's beautiful and historic parks.

HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTIES

Students dress up in their costumes in the afternoon and parade through Hilldale's neighborhood, then return to school for photos & parties.

HALLOWEEN EVENING CARNIVAL AND HAUNTED HOUSE

Each year the Parent Association hosts an evening Halloween Carnival complete with a haunted house, games, prizes, and food.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Holiday Bazaar is sponsored by the Parent Association in early December, providing an opportunity for students to "shop" for holiday gift items for their parents/guardians and loved ones. Bazaar items are donated, new or used (in excellent condition), and are priced between \$1.00 and \$5.00.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

International Week affirms and celebrates diversity. Each class selects a country to study through academic extensions, research and enrichment activities. Each class invites their families, faculty and schoolmates for a presentation to share what they have learned about their selected country and its culture.

LITTLE HOUSE DAY

1st & 2nd grades will dress up in the style of Laura Ingalls Wilder's western pioneer characters and share what they have learned while reading her autobiographical *Frontier Girl* stories. They will also do various special "frontier" activities on this special day.

SPAGHETTI FEED

On this fun night the entire Hilldale family gets together to enjoy good food and festivities including a talent show, raffle prizes, activities for the children, and great conversation.

SPELLING BEE

The final competition takes place during a special assembly in January. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Spelling words are drawn from the official "San Francisco Chronicle Spelling Bee List" and distributed to appropriate grade levels for study.

SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week is held in late September to foster school pride and a sense of community. Students are invited to participate by dressing-up in the theme of the day, which may include Funny Hat Day, Crazy Hair Day, or Silly Socks Day.

SPRING BREAK

Hilldale's Spring Break is coordinated with the local elementary school district.

WINTER & SPRING CLASS PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

Class Performance Programs will be held twice a year to allow students to share what they have learned through music, dance, and recitation, and to help them develop performance skills.

100TH DAY

On the 100th day of school, the lower school celebrates with "100th Day" activities.