

October 2020

Dear Hillcrest Families,

This has been a year like no other! The weather is changing into beautiful fall, the trees are becoming more vibrant, and the weather is cooling off. With this change comes an additional change to our learning model. We are happy to be able to offer the in-person opportunities for more of our students. Orientation was a success and we are ready for full in person learning. Our in-person students at Hillcrest have been very busy learning routines, procedures and safety protocols so they can focus on learning. Whether your family opted to be in-person or continue with remote learning we are extremely eager to get the year moving and engaging students in learning for the 2020-2021 school year.

**District Learning Guides:** Please make sure you have read the district plans and policies for In-Person and Remote learning. These plans can be found on the district website at [adams12.org](http://adams12.org) or linked here: [In-Person Learning Guide](#) & [Remote Learning Plan](#). It is important to be well versed in the policies and procedures.

**New Bell Times:** Our new bell times are 8:05-3pm M, T,Th and Friday and early release on Wednesday is at 1:45pm. Please make sure to prioritize learning during these times in-person and remote. Please try to minimize appointments and time away from school as much as possible. We need every moment we can get with students, and missing a day of school can be a setback for students.

**Soft Start and Morning Supervision for In-Person Learning:** We will continue to serve breakfast in the classrooms in the morning. Students may enter the building at 7:50 until 8:05 when the tardy bell rings. After 8:05, students will need to enter through the office and sign in. This allows us to keep accurate attendance records. We do not have morning supervision until 7:50, so please do not send your child to school earlier. This year only parents of Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> can walk kids on campus, **please wear a mask** while on school property. Rest assured we have plenty of supervision starting at 7:50am for kids to get help to get to class.

**Animals on Campus:** We understand that pets are part of our families, and are well loved! However, animals are not permitted on school grounds. For the safety of all students, please leave your furry friends at home and do not bring them on campus.

**Newsletters and Events:** Please check our Hillcrest website regularly as it is chalk full of upcoming events, classroom and school news, and parent engagement information and important Hillcrest highlights. Our website will be the hub for school information; you can access it at [www.hillcrest@adams12.org](http://www.hillcrest@adams12.org). We also have a Hillcrest Facebook Page, like us at [www.facebook.com/HillcrestElementaryCO](http://www.facebook.com/HillcrestElementaryCO). Additionally, make sure you check your class DoJo every day. Most daily communication is posted on class DoJo.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the students, families and staff at Hillcrest Elementary. Through shared commitment and teamwork, we can truly make a positive difference in each child's educational experience. Please email or call me with any questions, concerns, or celebrations at [stephanie.taylor@adams12.org](mailto:stephanie.taylor@adams12.org) or 720-972-5380.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us every day!

Stephanie Taylor

Hillcrest Elementary

Principal

### **Title I - Right to Know Letter**

As a parent of a student at Hillcrest, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information about which you have the right to ask for regarding each of your student's classroom teachers.

- Whether the Colorado Department of Education has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subjects taught.

- Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.

- Whether any teachers' aides or similar para-educators provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Please contact Robyn Werpy in the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Human Resources Office at 720-972-4058 or [robyn.m.werpy@adams12.org](mailto:robyn.m.werpy@adams12.org) if you would like to receive any of this information.

Como padre de un estudiante en Hillcrest, usted tiene el derecho a saber las calificaciones profesionales del maestro que enseña a su hijo. Este es un requisito para todos los distritos que reciben fondos de Título I. La ley federal permite que usted pida algún tipo de información sobre el maestro de su hijo. La ley también requiere que el distrito le proporcione esta información de manera oportuna si usted la solicita.

A continuación, verá la información sobre sus derechos para indagar sobre cada uno de los maestros de su hijo.

- Preguntar si el Departamento de Educación de Colorado ha otorgado una licencia o endorso al maestro de su hijo para los grados y asignaturas enseñadas.

- Preguntar si CDE (siglas en inglés para el Departamento de Educación de Colorado) ha decidido que el maestro de su hijo puede enseñar sin tener licencia o calificación bajo las regulaciones del estado debido a circunstancias especiales.

- Preguntar cuál es la licenciatura/estudios universitarios del maestro; si el maestro tiene estudios avanzados y, si es así, el tipo de licenciatura.

- Preguntar si asistentes de maestros o para-educadores similares proveen servicios para su hijo y, si es así, cuáles son sus calificaciones.

Si usted desea recibir alguna de esta información, por favor, comuníquese con Robyn Werpy en la Oficina de Recursos Humanos de Adams 12 llamando al 720-972-4058 o escribiendo a [robyn.m.werpy@adams12.org](mailto:robyn.m.werpy@adams12.org)