



Tiger Tales

Hillcrest Elementary, Home of The Tigers
Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

January 18, 2008

To Contact Us...

2045 S. Pond
Boise ID. 83709
Phone: 854-5080
Fax: 854-5081



Tiger Tales Calendar

Jan. 14—March 31— Plastic Grocery bag Collection

Jan. 18— End of 1st Semester, Early Release

Jan. 21— Human Rights Day, No School

Jan. 31— Invite Your Dad to School Day, 2-3:15 pm

Feb. 6— Breakfast of Champions, 8 am



Prohaska's Pointers

*By Doreen Prohaska,
Hillcrest Reading Specialist*
Plan outings with your children. Shopping trips, walks in the park and visits to the zoo or museum give your children important background knowledge for learning to read.

West Junior High School Open House

7th Grade Parent/Student Orientation will be held **Wednesday, January 30th** at 7:00 p.m. in the West Junior High School gymnasium. There will be some great information about Junior High school events, classes, and electives. We hope to see you there!

Homework Tips

*By Jan Haskin,
Hillcrest PAT Coordinator*

Ask your children if they understand their homework. If they do not, work a few examples together.

Invite Your Dad to School Day

On January 31st, Hillcrest will host "Invite You Dad to School Day".

We are planning this afternoon to show students just how important their male role models are. We want to encourage fathers or other male guardians to attend for an afternoon of fun. Times will be 2:00 to 3:15 pm. Please watch for the event agenda in the next edition of Tiger Tales.

January Character Trait Teamwork!

Business leaders tell educators that teamwork is one of the most important job skills they look for in employees. Students who know how to cooperate with others have good friends and are usually well liked by other students and adults. So how do we help our children learn these skills?

The family is a great place to learn teamwork. From an early age kids can help put pots and pans away, pick up their toys, help rake leaves, and many other chores. Chores give children a sense of pride in themselves and their usefulness to the family. Although, it is a rare kids who will say "bring on the chores!" When finding ways kids can participate, we need to be sure the chore is age appropriate, and we train the kids about how to do the chore. Sometimes it seems easier to just do things ourselves because we can do it better and faster. But why rob our children of this important role in "Team Family"?

Another way to help kids learn teamwork is to enroll them in a team sport. We have opportunities here at school for fifth and sixth graders. Our coaches are wonderful at teaching kids teamwork and cooperation skills. The community offers many opportunities for younger kids. Most programs offer scholarships for full or partial payment.

If you would like specific ideas of chores for kids or parenting ideas, we have a library for parents in our Hillcrest library.