



# Hill Beacon



## Principal News

Kay Nau

As you can see from the "Calendar" on this page, October is a busy month at Hill Intermediate. During the first week of October, our fall Book Fair will be open. This is a great opportunity for students to purchase books to support reading practice. The Book Fair will be open during Parent Teacher conferences on the evening of October 8.

During the day of October 8, our students will have a visit from Ohio's Center of Science and Industry, COSI on Wheels. The presentation of "What's

Wild?" introduces Ohio's wildlife and their habitats and guides students in exploring how science can aid humans and wildlife to coexist. Students will attend an assembly and then spend some time visiting hands-on learning activities.

There is no charge to Bethel-Tate Schools for this day of science activities. It is being provided to us by the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

On October 15, we are inviting parents to join us for Family Science Night. In addition to some interactive sci-

ence stations, we will have student work on display so that parents can see what their children are learning in science. We hope you can join us in this opportunity to learn about intermediate science.



Finally, on October 23, our students will participate in Career Day. Volunteers provide a chance for our students to learn about many career choices. It is a busy and enjoyable day for students and adults!

## Hill Intermediate School

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### Calendar

- Oct. 5 3rd Grade Reading Test
- Oct. 5—9 Book Fair
- Oct. 8 COSI on Wheels visit
- Oct. 7 & 9 Fire Prevention and Safety
- Oct. 8 & 20 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 15 Family Science Night
- Oct. 22 Early Dismissal at 12:50
- Oct. 23 Career Day
- Oct. 28 Picture Retakes



# Superintendent Update

Jim Smith

I certainly want to offer my congratulations to two outstanding seniors, Kayleigh Gilkison and Maria Bee, for achieving National Merit semi-finalists status. This honor is based on their test scores on the national PSAT test. Kayleigh and Maria ranked in the top 1% of all students nationwide. You get an idea of how exclusive this is by the following. 1,500,000 students nationwide take the PSAT, of those, 16,000 were named National Merit semi-finalists. The road doesn't end here for Kayleigh and Maria. They now compete for finalist status by taking the SAT this fall. Finalists will be named this winter. Universities and colleges compete aggressively for these type scholars. Congratulations certainly go their parents, James and Tanya Gilkison and Rick Bee and Debbie Dick. Congratulations also go to our fine staff for a job well done. We have much to be proud of here at Bethel-Tate. The children of this community are getting a top notch education.

## Attendance

The week of October 5-9 is "Count Week" for Ohio public schools. It is important to have good attendance during that week. If your child must be absent, please be sure to provide the appropriate notification so that the absence can be excused.

Switching subjects, the General Health District of Clermont County will hold a parent informational meeting on the H1N1 flu. That meeting will take place Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 in the Bick Primary Gym. That meeting will be in advance of a voluntary mass vaccination of children and young adults conducted by the health district in late October or early November.

I would be remiss as a former social studies teacher if I did not encourage you to vote come November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is a lot at stake with our school levy. Thanks again for your support of Bethel-Tate schools.



## Teachers Are Good Citizens

Most of you know the teachers at Hill just in their roles at school. In this space we would like to share a bit of ourselves outside of school. Our teachers have chosen a career of service and spend their working days serving children. They also manage to serve their communities by volunteering in other capacities.

Hill teachers spend time volunteering for:

- All kinds of church activities from Sunday School to music to church camp, etc.
- Counseling grieving widows
- Working at a soup kitchen
- Working at a Free Store
- Habitat for Humanity
- Children's camps
- Boy Scouts
- Environmental projects like Clermont County Clean-up Days
- Providing entertainment at Bethel Woods
- Helping elderly citizens with yard work
- Summer enrichment programs
- Participating in walkathon fundraisers like Race for the Cure, MADD and others

Some of our teachers are or have been members of:

- Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Bethel Historical Society
- Clermont 20/20
- CASA
- Happy Days Preschool Board
- Homeowners Association Board
- Tate Township Zoning Board