



# Hill Beacon

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## **Food Drive**

Hill Intermediate students are learning that an important trait of a good citizen is “Caring.” They will have the opportunity to make that a real life lesson by participating in the annual Food Drive, sponsored by the Bethel-Tate PTO, during the week of November 14 – 18. If you are fortunate enough to have some extra non-perishable food items, we would appreciate your willingness to share. Cash is welcome also and will be used to supplement the food donations. Many residents of our community benefit from the items collected during this event. Please help us make this year’s Food Drive a huge success.

## **Developing Thinking Skills**

Your child is required to begin making decisions at an early age. A child needs to develop thinking skills in order to make wise decisions, learn to solve problems, share ideas, consider alternatives, and evaluate situations. Although these skills are very complex in nature, their development begins at an early age.

Challenge your child to think and to ask “how,” “why,” and “what if” questions. Following are some activities you can share with your child that will help him/her develop important thinking skills:

1. Encourage your child to take part in family decisions.
2. Question how toys/games are made.
3. Discuss how objects are different . . . the same.
4. Discuss why rules are necessary.
5. Discuss why we celebrate certain holidays.
6. Discuss why some people are famous.
7. Discuss what life would be like without television.
8. Question what to do if a fire occurs.
9. Describe what makes people happy, sad, and angry.
10. Describe what life might be like in 100 years.

Encourage your child to learn to think for him/herself. Listen to what your child is saying and present questions which require him/her to answer by using thinking skills.

## **Thanks to Midway Theatre**

The trick or treat bags that were sent home with students on Halloween were provided by the Midway Theatre. We would like to thank the Midway personnel for their continued support of our students.

## Calendar

Nov. 3	Early Release – Students leave at 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Picture Retakes 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Veterans’ Day – No School
Nov. 18	End of First Trimester
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 2	Report Cards go home
Dec. 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards 9:30 a.m.
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 9:30 a.m.

## Superintendent Comments

By Jim Smith

One of the challenges of the landmark federal “No Child Left Behind Act” is the requirement that by the end of this school year all teachers in every public American school would be “highly qualified”. This determination is based on teacher standards developed by the U.S. Department of Education and the state. There are one hundred and fourteen teachers employed in our four buildings. Of those one hundred fourteen only six have yet to qualify. Those six teachers are working diligently to become “highly qualified” by the end of the school year. You can be very proud of our excellent teaching staff. It remains one of the most talented and experienced in Clermont County as seen by our test results.

I am pleased to announce that our high school has been designated “excellent” by the state of Ohio. Much credit goes to our students, teachers, and administrators for their diligent efforts. Bethel-Tate High School was one of only three high schools in Clermont County who passed all five sections of the new Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). We also met the state requirement for graduation rate and attendance. The school has received a letter and certificate from Dr. Zelman, state superintendent, for their efforts. Congratulations!