

January 4, 2010

Character Counts! Quote of the Week

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.
 — Frank A. Clark

Important Dates in January

January 4	School Resumes
January 12	PTO Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.
January 15	Valley Basketball game
January 17	When Girls Hurt Girls Parent Seminar, 6:30-8 p.m. Stilwell Auditorium (see article below)
January 18	No School for Students
January 21	Impact of Art at the Des Moines Art Center
January 26	4th Grade Orchestra Winter Concert at Valley Fieldhouse, 6:30 p.m.
January 28	Open House "Gallery Night", 5:30-7 p.m.

Valley Girl/Boy Basketball Game

Valley High School and the Valley Athletic Department would like to invite Hillside students to attend a special elementary school night at a Valley girl/boy basketball game.

Students and staff members will be admitted free if they are wearing a shirt or sweat shirt with their school name or present a school ID. **Parents must pay.** Adult tickets are \$5 and students \$3.

Please sit in the north bleachers, display good sportsmanship, be respectful of other spectators, watch the game and enjoy! Your school will be asked to stand up and be recognized sometime during the game. We will be selecting a few students to participate in contests at halftimes.

The dates for the games and the schools attending are:

Fri., January 15 - Crestview, Crossroads, Hillside, Phenix, Western Hills. The sophomore/JV games start at 4:45 p.m., the girls' game is at 6:15 p.m. and the boys' game is at 7:45 p.m.

When Girls Hurt Girls™: 5 Effective Ways to Guide Your Daughter Through Hurtful Friendships

Please join us as we present a **free** program for parents developed by **www.AWayThrough.com** which provides simple tips, powerful tools and practical advice on **coaching your daughter (grades K-8) through hurtful friendships or female bullying.**

DATE: Sun., Jan. 17, 2009

TIME: 6:30-8 p.m.

PLACE: Stilwell Junior High – Auditorium
 1601 Vine Street, West Des Moines

RSVP: email rsvp@wdmcs.org or
 call 633-6736 (voicemail only)

Specifically, you will learn:

- what **relational aggression** is and **why girls use it**
- the **five common Friendship Weapons™** girls use against each other
- **13 effective strategies** your daughter can learn
- **three things that must be present** for your daughter to solve a friendship problem
- to **role play** female bullying scenarios with your daughter
- how to **listen** so your daughter will really **talk**
- to teach your daughter to be **independent** and **solve her own friendship problems**

You will walk away with specific strategies that can be implemented immediately with your daughter.

Parking Concerns

It has been brought to our attention that the north bound turning line into Hillside's parking lot is not being used appropriately. You may not stop in the turning lane to pick up your children. You will need to turn into our parking lot. Please review the attached map as to the appropriate areas in which you to pick up your child. Thank you for your cooperation. Our students' safety is our number one priority. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Green at 633-6271.

Hillside Headlines

New Parking Lot Pick Up Plan

For the afternoon pick up, we ask you to consider arriving early and parking in our parking lot. If you are unable to arrive early and park, you may consider waiting until 4:00 p.m. to pick up your child. **Students in kindergarten through second grade will be picked up outside the main entrance. Students in the third and fourth grades will exit out the dining room doors to be picked up on the north side of the building. Students in the fifth and sixth grades will be picked up near the northeast playground.** In order for our plan to work, we ask that you please follow our pick up procedure. Attached for your convenience is a map explaining our pick-up procedures. We hope this will help alleviate some of the congestion. Signs are posted to inform you of our no parking zones and pick up areas. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Green at 633-6271.



Please avoid talking on your cell phone as you are picking up or dropping off your child(ren) at school. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

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Impact of Art

Congratulations to the following Hillside students who have art work selected for the Impact of Art XX: Morgan Hunt, Olivia Smith, David Redrovan, Chloe Schoepke, Kaylynn Bagbey, Naorin Ashrafi, and Maddy Hetherington.

The district wide student art exhibit will be held at the Des Moines Art Center Jan. 21 from 6:30-8 pm. Friends and families are welcome to attend.

CHESS – Thursday Mornings



Mr. Munson, Valley High School's chess coach, is at Hillside Elementary every Thursday morning in our dining room. All Hillside students are welcome to come and play chess starting at 8 a.m. every Thursday morning. If you have questions, please call Ben Munson at 276-0634.

HILLSIDE DROP OFF AND PICKUP

Sitios para dejar y recoger a estudiantes

MORNING

CURB SIDE DROP OFF

Por La Mañana - Sitios para dejar a estudiantes

- Children should be ready to exit their ride quickly - coats on, bags ready, etc.

Los niños deben estar listos para salir del carro con rapidez con sus abrigos puestos y sus mochilas en mano.

- Wait your turn and remain patient.

Favor de esperar su turno con paciencia.

**** If your child can not get out of the car without assistance, PARK your car in a designated space and walk them to the building.**

Si su hijo no puede salir del coche sin ayuda, favor de estacionar su coche en un lugar apropiado/ designado y caminar con él hasta que lleguen a la entrada del edificio

AFTERNOON

PICKUP

Por La Tarde - Sitios para recoger a estudiantes

- Consider waiting until 4:00 before arriving for pickup — just let your child know that you will be a few minutes late.

Si le conviene, recoja a su hijo después de las 4 de la tarde - informe a su hijo que Ud. vaya a llegar unos minutos de retraso.

- Plan for extra time on days when the weather is bad.

Toma más tiempo con recoger su hijo cuando hace mal tiempo.

ALWAYS BE PATIENT!

Favor de esperar con paciencia!

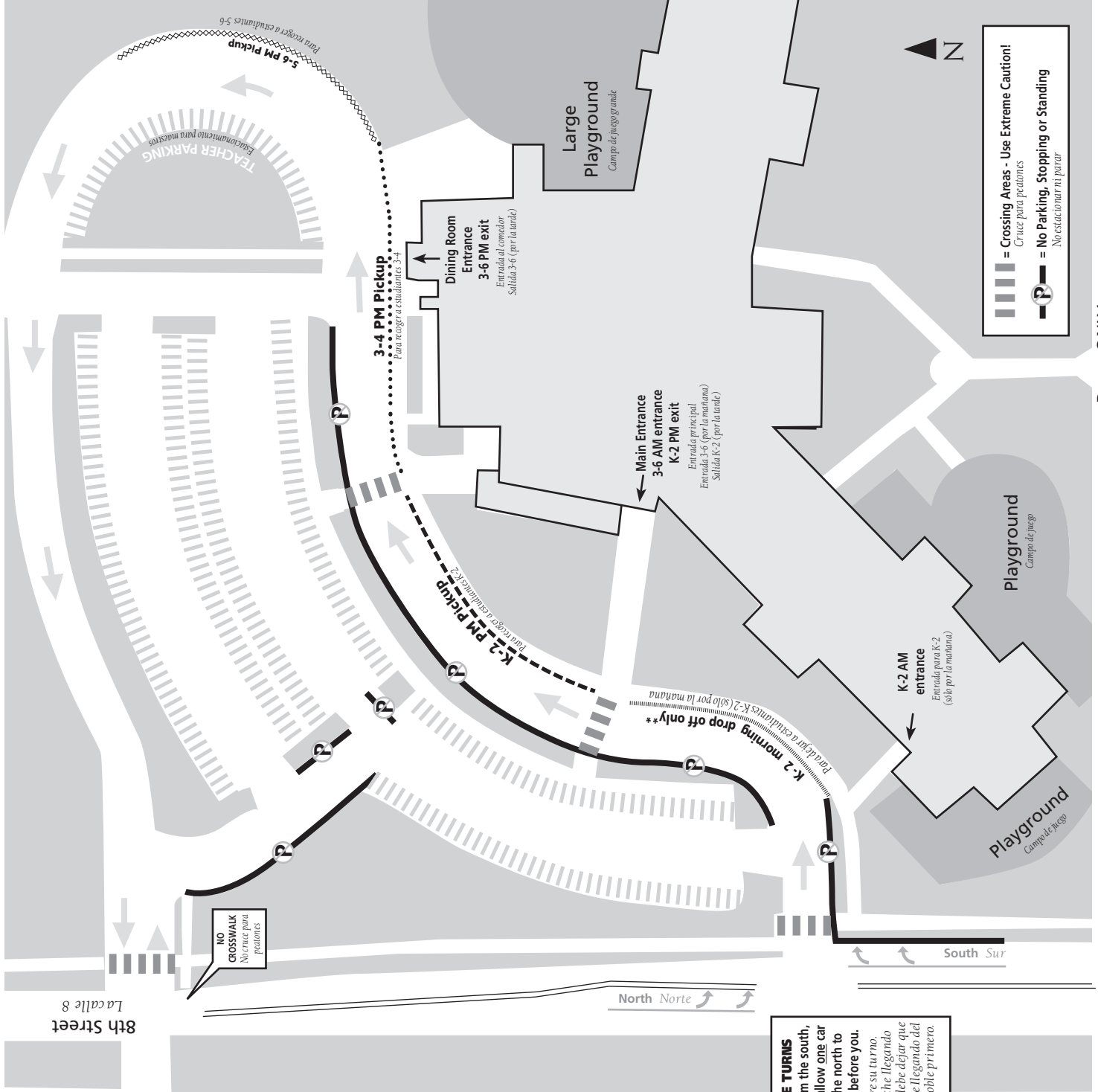
Do not expect to get in or out of the parking lot in a hurry!

Favor de tomar en cuenta que en general no se va a entrar ni salir el estacionamiento con rapidez!

GO SLOW!

Children often run between cars and can't be seen until the last moment.

Maneje su coche con cuidado - a menudo los estudiantes corren entre los coches



Buses ONLY
Solo para autobuses

TAKE TURNS
Cars from the south, please allow one car from the north to turn in before you.
Espere su turno. Un coche llegando del sur debe dejar que un coche llegando del norte doble primero.



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting Dec. 14, the Board of Education:

- approved a package for the cost-saving energy design at Crossroads Park
- authorized the district to apply for funds from the Iowa Demonstration Grant for fire safety needs at Crossroads Park
- approved change orders on Crestview and Indian Hills
- awarded the contract for the Valley baseball/softball concession area canopy to Brocon Services, LLC
- approved the contract with Drury Inn to reserve rooms for the Department of Education Site Accreditation team visit March 29-31, 2010
- approved the amendment to the contract with ActiveNet
- approved the proposal from RDG Planning & Design for the design of the Valley Stadium turf replacement project
- approved the contract with Shive-Hattery to design and specify a cooling system for the server room at the LRC
- renewed the contract with Gallup, Inc. for online tools to assist with teacher hiring
- approved the proposal from Shive-Hattery to conduct a feasibility study for a stationary emergency generator at the LRC
- voted to follow the recommendations of the Superintendency on the 2010-11 Program of Studies, except in regard to Earth Science and AP Environmental Science. The Board also voted to approve a 1.0 grade weighting for AP courses with retroactive application for current Valley students.
- approved the proposed budget and modified allowable growth as outlined in the 2010-11 At Risk Allowable Growth Application
- cast a ballot for Marcia DeZonia to serve on the IASB Board of Directors
- approved the 2009-10 audit report
- approved one and denied on open enrollment application submitted after the deadline
- voted to expel students who violated district policy

Next meeting: Mon., Jan. 11
7 p.m.
Learning Resource Center

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of the 2009-10 school year will now be Fri., June 4, 2010, to make up for snow days missed so far this winter.

FLU SHOTS AT THE LRC RESCHEDULED

The Polk County Health Department will be offering an H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccination clinic for families and staff in the West Des Moines Community School District

Fri., Jan. 8 from 7-9:30 a.m.
Fairmeadows Room - Learning Resource Center

For flu shots and mist, the PCHD accepts insurance or requests a \$15 donation. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

If you have questions about the clinic or your eligibility, please contact your building nurse.

NEW! REGISTER FOR LEARN- WEST CLASSES ONLINE!

You are now able to access LEARNwest's up-to-date program information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are just a few steps between you and registering for a LEARNwest class. Visit our website at www.wdmcs.org, click on Community Education, then on Adult Education/LEARNwest. From there you can create your account, look at our amazing class selection, choose one or more classes and register! It is easier, quicker and environmentally friendly. Please call 515-633-5001 with any questions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!