



HILLTOP PTA

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

Important Dates

- 9/7: LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL
- 9/8: *PTA General Meeting 6:30pm and Principal Round Table to Follow*
- 9/11: Remember 9/11 Wear Red, White & Blue
- 9/14: Grandparent's Day Drive -Thru Parade
- 9/15: Curriculum Night
- 9/21: School Board Meeting

Every Friday is Spirit Day:
Wear your Argyle Gear!

Click the calendar link below for more info
on upcoming events.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE HILLTOP CALENDAR](#)



Join PTA

NOBODY *Stix* TOGETHER

BETTER THAN



Hilltop Eagles & PTA

JOIN FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
TODAY! ONLINE: WWW.JOINPTA.ORG OR
SCAN THE QR CODE! TEACHERS WHO
JOIN WILL BE ENTERED INTO DRAWINGS
FOR FUN PRIZES!

Welcome Back!



We hope you and your kids have had a great
start back to school!

*All are welcome! Please join us for our first
General Meeting via ZOOM on
Tuesday Sept. 8 @ 6:30PM*

We will be introducing the new board, Filling
open positions, organizing committees like
Hospitality, Yearbook, Fundraising and more!

Stay on afterwards for a Principal Round
Table Q & A

*MUST RSVP to receive the ZOOM Link here
>> [PTA MTG ZOOM RSVP](#)*

GENERAL MEETING : VIA ZOOM



HILLTOP PTA

TUESDAY SEPT. 8 @ 6:30PM

Meet your 2020 - 2021 PTA President: Mindy!



Dear Hilltop Families,

Welcome back to all returning families and a big WELCOME to all new families. My name is Mindy Ketola and I'm your new 2020-2021 PTA president. My son Marty continued onto First grade as my daughter Makayla entered into Kindergarten. This year will definitely be an exciting one for our family and we hope it is for yours as well.

From the most devoted and caring teachers, to the hardest-working administration and staff, and the amazing parents who volunteer their time throughout the year, I could not be more honored to be a part of the magic that happens every day at Hilltop Elementary.

I welcome new ideas and faces and encourage anyone to reach out and bring a fresh perspective to our PTA. You may have been apart of our growth change last year to launch a new PTO (parent-teacher-organization). I wanted to share insight into the development and let you know although we continue to explore that path, our resources with our current PTA standing will give us the most support we need to start our year with success. The PTA is here to provide additional support and programs for our children that may have otherwise been unavailable to our students. I have met some of the most amazing people in my first couple weeks, that have made impacts of all sizes and I am truly grateful for each one. For my first year, I will work my hardest to make sure that everyone feels as though they have a place in our PTA.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to my fellow PTA Board Members, parent volunteers, and faculty who help to make Hilltop a better place. I encourage and invite you to join in our efforts to advocate for our children. When you join the PTA, you get a vote in an organization where you can voice your concerns, work with others towards common goals, and make a difference in our school. I am looking forward to a great school year and hope to see you around.

If you have any questions regarding PTA or have an idea you would like share please feel free to contact me directly at

hilltopptapresident@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to a fun and successful year!
Go Eagles!

Mindy

PTA Executive Board

President: Mindy Ketola

Treasurer: Susan Rendon

Parliamentarian: Stacy Green

Secretary: OPEN

VP Programs: Tori Ryon

VP Fundraising: OPEN

VP Membership: Tyler Avery

Communications: Corinne Martin

Hospitality: Whitney Jenson

Volunteer Coordinator: Erika Withers

[Hilltop PTA Website](#)



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Meet Our New Principal Mrs. Lumsden

about me

I'm a proud Texan who has lived in this area my whole life. My husband Jeff and I have two children. Our oldest, Dylan, is 23 and lives in Dallas. Our youngest, Madi, is a sophomore at Argyle High School. We also have a schnauzer named Chuck. Our favorite sport is basketball and we spend a lot of time in gyms, usually watching Madi play.



contact me

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education

I attended UNT for one year, but then I transferred to Texas Woman's University. I went on to earn two degrees there. I have a Bachelor degree in Mathematics and a Master's degree in Education.



childhood

I grew up in Denton, but I graduated from Krum High School. In middle school I played the clarinet before moving to Krum where they did not have a band at the time. In high school my favorite sport was softball but I also played tennis and ran track and cross country. Little known fact is that I also showed sheep while I was in high school.

favorites

- Food/Restaurant - Mi Dia
- Movie - Glory Road
- Book - Tiger In the Shadows
- Color - Red
- Drink - Dr. Pepper (in a can)
- Season - Summer
- Sport/team - Texas Tech Red Raiders Men's basketball
- Singer/music genre - Brett Young / Country
- Hobby - Refinishing furniture or up cycling
- Subject - Math
- Store - Target
- Dessert/Candy - Reese's peanut butter cups
- Flower - Purple Iris
- Quote - "Hard work will always best talent, unless talent works hard"



Support Our Students

Link your Kroger Plus Card to Hilltop PTA
by registering online at:

<http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/>.

Hilltop organization number: **HP689**



*Please re-link your card each
year to participate, even if you
have signed up in the past.*

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from your Amazon purchases?

Every time you shop on Amazon go to
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purchase will be sent to Hilltop PTA which in
turn goes straight back to our school!



Please select **PTA Texas Congress 408 Hilltop
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smile.amazon.com so you'll remember to use it
EVERY time you shop!

Thank You for Your Support!



Link your Tom Thumb Reward Card to the
Good Neighbor Program. PTA will earn 1%
of total purchases. Hilltop's account number
is: 8010.

Applications can be submitted in the store
at customer service

OR scanned to this email:

good.neighbor@tomthumb.com

Application:

[https://www.tomthumb.com/content/dam/sto
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GOOD_NEIGHBOR_CHARITY_](https://www.tomthumb.com/content/dam/store/good-neighbor/)

The 2019- 2020 Yearbooks are IN!



**Check your email for Pick Up
Times and Shipping Info**



**Send in your student's photos
for the 2020 – 2021**

Yearbook to:

**[HilltopPTACommunications@
gmail.com](mailto:HilltopPTACommunications@gmail.com)**



Counselor's Corner



September Character Trait: COMPASSION

Each month, Hilltop students will be learning about a different character trait. Our character trait for September is **compassion**. Parents, we hope that you will reinforce our efforts by having conversations about these traits at home. If you see your child doing something that demonstrates our monthly trait, I hope that you will email me a brief story about it. Some stories may even be shared during morning announcements. You can send your stories to mball@argyleisd.com.

Compassion is "helping those who are hurting." Compassion begins with *sympathy*, which is seeing someone's pain. It is noticing someone who skins their knee or a friend who hurts their arm. It is means paying attention and looking for anyone who needs help.

Compassion also includes *empathy*, which is feeling someone's pain. Once you notice a person who is hurting, empathy means that you imagine how much it must hurt. This creates a feeling inside of us that really urges us to want to help or to find help quickly.

Compassion is all about *doing something* to relieve someone's pain. It is not enough to just see needs and feel badly for those who are hurting. Compassion means getting involved and finding ways to help.

Michael Ball

Hilltop Elementary Counselor
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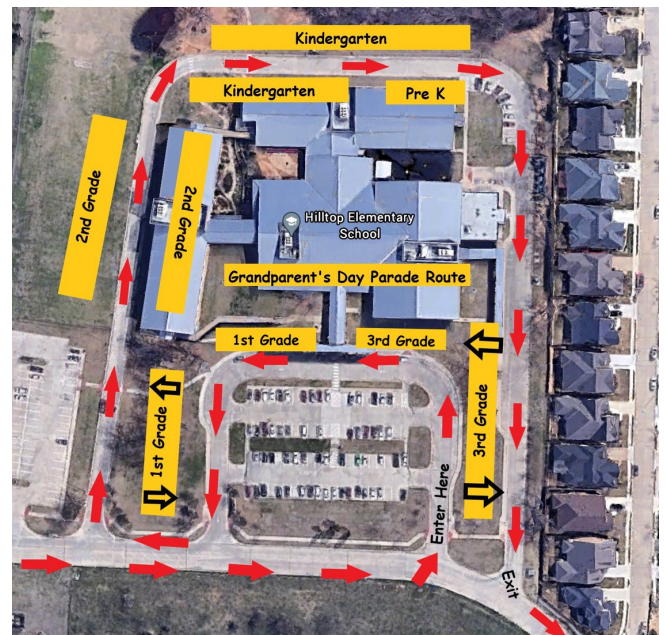
Grandparent's Day Drive-thru Parade

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

8:30 - 9:00 A.M.



You are invited to Hilltop's Grandparents Drive-thru Parade. Grandparents or your special someone will need to remain in their vehicle and follow the parade route map. Students will be positioned along the drive way - smiling, waving and socially distancing. We hope you can join us!



Coming Soon:

Room Parents



If you are interested in helping out your child's teacher as a Room Parent please stay tuned for information from our Room Parent Coordinator and Teachers.

We are working on what it will look like this year as we navigate the current guidelines and protocols.

Hilltop Birthdays



Birthdays and $\frac{1}{2}$ Birthdays are important and exciting...

Coming soon:
Marquee and
Yard Signs!

