



HILLCREST CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMS 2009 - 2010

Below is a listing of the Cultural Arts assemblies scheduled for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. The programs, fully funded by the Home and School Association, try to expose students to a wide variety of culture and the arts, as well as educational disciplines. When possible, the classroom curriculum will tie-in to the program.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the assemblies.

DANCING THROUGH THE AGES

Friday, September 25th @ 9:20am

Dance Innovations Performance Company takes students on an historical journey through the many eras of American popular dance. The Charleston, Lindy, Swing, Tap, Disco and Hip Hop are performed, along with ballet and jazz to illustrate a dancer's training and passion for dance. Students are invited to participate and dance along!

BETH and SCOTT - "The Golden Rule"

Friday, October 16th @ 10:00am

Award winning, husband and wife singers/songwriters, Beth and Scott, entertain children while reinforcing positive social values. In "The Golden Rule" they use music, humor and stories to engage students in the topics of sharing, non-bullying, respect, responsibility and self esteem. What a great way to start off the year!

JAMES GELSEY - "Write Now"

Wednesday, March 24th Kindergarten @ 9:30, 1st Grade @ 10:15, 2nd Grade @ 11:10

Best selling *Scooby Doo* chapter book author, James Gelsey, takes students through the creative writing process in these fun-filled, grade-specific workshops that focus on mystery writing. In "Junior Journey", specifically tailored to Kindergarten, students are introduced to creative writing while delving into Scooby Doo stories. In "FUNdamentals", 1st graders learn about the basics of creative writing - main characters, setting, villains and problems, while creating their own Scooby Doo mysteries. In "Journey of Imagination", 2nd graders identify the parts of the story, brainstorm ideas and discover how easy it can be to transform their ideas into mystery stories.

THE EARTH DOME

Friday, April 30th Beginning @ 9:30am

Following the success of last year's Sky Dome, Hillcrest students will get to experience the Earth Dome this year. This giant inflatable globe teaches students about geography and environmental issues. In an all day format, tailored for each grade, 2 classes at a time will first observe the outside of the dome and then venture in. Topics discussed include the continents, oceans, mountains, rivers, time zones, latitude, longitude and geography.

DINOSAUR DIG

Tuesday, May 18th Beginning @ 9:30am For the 1st grade.

Hillcrest 1st graders become paleontologists for the day! The Pearl Observatory, a traveling science education program, brings hands-on, museum-type experiences right to the school. During small group workshops, students will see and touch dinosaur teeth, bones and eggs. They will also put together a dinosaur skeleton, while learning about the history and biology of these extinct creatures. This program ties in with the 1st grade science curriculum.

ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, June 2nd @ 2:00pm

Students gain an understanding of the relationship man and animals have with the environment, while closely observing a variety of live mammals and reptiles. Endangered and extinct animals are discussed in terms of the impact humans have on animals regarding pollution, habitat destruction, hunting and the pet industry. Students learn what they can do to bring about positive changes to protect animals and their habitats.



HILLCREST RESIDENCIES 2009 - 2010

A residency program is when a professional artist/educator comes into the classroom to work with a smaller group of students at an in-depth level. It can span over consecutive days or weeks. This year, we are trying to offer either a residency program or workshops for each grade.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS

Dates are TBD. For Kindergarten.

Professional dancer, educator, and parent, Jamie DiMare, will introduce Kindergarten students to the basics of Creative Movement. As they learn about moving in place and through space at different tempos and rhythms, they will work mind and body together in a non-competitive environment that fosters creativity and teamwork.

COMMUNITY THEATRE RESIDENCY - Creative Drama

Dates are TBD. Will span approx. 8 weeks. For the 1st Grade

We are excited to be working with the Community Theatre again, here in Morristown, on this program. During this Creative Drama residency, students will have the opportunity to create and tell stories and then act them out. In the process, they will learn how to focus, concentrate, express themselves, project their voices, demonstrate poise and work as individuals and in groups.

I Am Alive! A Poetry Experience in the Classroom

January 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th For the 2nd Grade.

Acclaimed NJ poet/author B.J. Ward, introduces second graders to the world of poetry and writing in this series of consecutive workshops over 4 days. BJ uses games, stories, and lots of humor to engage students and spark their interest in poetry, reading and writing. Each student will write a number of poems and then edit their favorite, which will be included in an anthology distributed at the end of the year.

All Shows Presented By The Hillcrest Home and School Association