



**HILLSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
*"Aspire to Inspire!"*

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**Report to the Board**

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**WOK Middle School:**

Last Saturday, May 4th, the PTA sponsored a Girls to Ladies Brunch at WOK from 11am-1pm. The girls had a light beauty bar, an inspirational speaker, and a light brunch.

On Wednesday, May 8th, two grade-level monthly assemblies were held. Students were recognized for April Students of the Month and April Perfect Attendance.



**A.P. Morris Early Childhood Center**

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**Our class loves learning their sight words while practicing writing them on dry erase pockets. It's great for learning, first you write then wipe!!**



*Ms. Pipoli*

**Isabela Del Rosario was captured working at the math center in the steam lab using blue prints to create various wooden shapes.**



**AWESOME!!**

**A.P. Morris/Early Childhood Center**

**Hurden Looker**

**Mrs. Williams fourth grade class examines the life cycle of mealworms to darkling beetles, they clean the environment and feed on oatmeal and apple pieces.**



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**Mr. Derflinger's third grade class was leading an investigation of animal skeletal systems by dissecting owl pellets. They had a blast!**



## **George Washington Students Dabble in Computer Programming**

### **A Hallmark Moment at GW!**

The HEP students at George Washington School have been working hard to get their Mother's Day cards and gifts ready before the holiday! Students have been working on making paper circuit cards and making keychains using the 3D printer. The HEPsters have designed their cards and are working on lighting them using copper tape, an LED bulb, and a lithium battery. The result is illuminating!

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**“Don’t let what you can’t do stop you from doing what you can do.” –John Wooden**

Throughout the year, Daniel Soares’ confidence has blossomed and it is clearly visible in his academics. He participates, assists other students, and has accomplished all his student goals in open-ended responses, and comprehension. Daniel is proof that working hard, embracing a challenge and perseverance will have positive results. Daniel has become a role model both academically and socially.



Good Citizenship Flourishes at GW

Samantha Cortez makes an impact on her peers as well as her teachers. Samantha goes above and beyond in her academics, she is a positive role model, and is always willing to

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lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Samantha continues to be an extremely compassionate and intelligent young lady.



## Calvin Coolidge Elementary School

Students in Ms. Ronca's class are participating in sustained independent reading. Independent reading is part of a balanced literacy program in which students read just-right books of their choice. The students are practicing reading strategies taught in a mini-lesson.



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## **Hillside High School Highlights**

The Hillside High School Student Council are proud to present the new Comet Mascot! This mascot was the production of a year long effort by the student council to conceptualize and create this new symbol of Comet Pride. The student council felt it was necessary to create this mascot and send a positive message of school spirit to the community. The mascot made his debut at the Student v Faculty Basketball game and was met with wild applause. Be on the look our for the Comet at Hillside activities and events!



On May 8th, the Peer Leadership class had a dress rehearsal at the high school for the "Every 15 Minutes" demonstration scheduled for May 24th.

The rehearsal was held at the demonstration site, which was on the dead-end portion of Livingston Street next to the high school.

The participants included: Peer Leadership class, Fire/EMT, Police key leaders and the District's SRO Officers.

The rehearsal included a step-by-step walk-through and discussion on how we were orchestrating the 4-ring demonstration actions:

- a. EMT -- handling 5 injured students and 2 dead
- b. Fire -- working on putting out a fire from a smoking car (using a smoke machine) and using jaws of life for extracting a stuck dummy
- c. Police -- arresting the drunk driver and taking him to the police station to book him
- d. MEDEVAC -- extracting a seriously injured patient (student will be transported to helicopter, placed inside, and slip out the other side) -- the inclusion of this asset is dependent on weather and availability

Later in the day, three students went to the police station and recorded a 911 call with the dispatcher (Ms Kimberly Cook), and video recorded the drunk driver getting booked and put into the holding cell.

The visiting Executive County Superintendent – Mr. Daryl Palmieri watched the rehearsal with Mrs. Sidwa.



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