



Brookings School District

Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential.

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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May 2025 School Board Report

Hillcrest: A Great Place to Work!

Hillcrest is a great place to work, thanks to a supportive and collaborative culture that values both professional growth and personal connection. Staff regularly come together for potlucks that build camaraderie and celebrate milestones. A “Sunshine Gram” is passed among colleagues as a fun way to surprise and recognize one another with small treats and encouraging notes. Weekly team meetings provide dedicated time for collaboration and problem-solving, including ongoing work on our pacing guides to ensure instructional consistency across grade levels. During Teacher Appreciation Week, we’ve taken extra time to honor the incredible efforts of our staff, whose dedication makes Hillcrest such a positive and inspiring place to work and learn.

Hillcrest: A Great Place to Learn!

Hillcrest is a great place to learn, and our students’ progress this year is a strong reflection of the hard work and dedication of both staff and students. As we wrap up our end-of-year data collection, we are proud to share that 93% of our kindergarten through third-grade students have demonstrated growth on their MAP assessments. We are also completing our reading assessments and are excited about the results, which highlight the impact of our new Walk to Read model implemented this year. In addition to academic growth, our students are continuing to build positive habits and a strong school culture. One example is their enthusiastic participation in earning the “Golden Plate” for positive behavior in the lunchroom—a fun and motivating way to reinforce respectful and responsible behavior.

Hillcrest: A Great Place to Collaborate!

Hillcrest continues to be a wonderful place for collaboration among staff, families, and the wider community. A recent example of this was the tremendous success of Hillfest, an event organized by our dedicated Hillcrest PTA. The celebration drew many visitors and showcased the strong community spirit that defines our school. Hillcrest staff volunteered their time to help run various stations, and the SDSU Exercise Club added to the excitement with engaging activities in the gym that our older students especially enjoyed. The event generated a wave of positive comments, and many community members took the opportunity to walk through the building, expressing appreciation for our welcoming environment and the energy of our school community.



Upcoming Events at Hillcrest:

May 7: Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day

May 22: 3rd Grade Graduation, 8:30 a.m.