

Twin Hills Elementary School



“Students Today; Leaders Tomorrow!”

Principal's Message...

“A child is born with a heart of gold. Ways of the world makes his heart so cold.”

~Earth, Wind, & Fire

Childhood should be a beautiful time, and for some, it is. Youthfulness is a natural gift of freedom to enjoy, explore, and experience without fear, as there will be enough time for our children to be burdened with issues. Unfortunately, life does not need our permission to present obstacles before they are ready— before it seems fair. And as much as we wish we could change the unforeseeable circumstances of the world around us, there are times when we simply cannot. However, there are opportunities for us to bring some joy and comfort to our children, softening the whipping winds of change, loss, and uncertainty that are sure to blow.

As this holiday season rings in, I remind us all to think of how many of our youth may be hurting during this season. We are not able to remove the darkness that clouds their lives, but we can show them how to withstand life's storms and be a bright light in the world. *~Dr. Nock*

Twin Hills Attendance as of 11-30-2021

Gr	# of Students with 10% Absences	% of Students with 10% Absences
K	0	0.00%
1	22	6.70%
2	14	4.30%
3	14	4.30%
4	26	8.00%
	76	23.30%

Missing Schools is Missing Instruction!

Attending school regularly helps students to develop positive work habits that begin early and continue throughout school years and beyond. Being present for learning affords students opportunities to ask questions and deepen their understanding. The state's student attendance standard is 95%. Twin Hills' student attendance is currently **76.7%**, which is **18.3% below the state's goal**. It is important to remember— the New Jersey School Performance Report defines a chronically absent student as a student who is not present for **10% of the school year for any reason**.

Thank you to the parents and students who have actively worked to improve student attendance.



December 14th thru 16th

December's Word of the Month is... **Compassion**. **Compassion** means we care about others, treat them with kindness, and feel a strong desire to help people in need. **Compassion** is empathy in action.



6th Annual Jump Into Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Aila Wiseman Moonasar and Elias Martinez on being the top two readers in the **Jump Into Reading Challenge**! Both students, and their guests, will enjoy a family bowling night at Laurel Lanes. Great job to all of the students who participated in the challenge.

Counseling Corner... Ms. Mayers

Many students deal with conflicts while attending school. It can be a challenge for teachers to try to handle conflict and teach at the same time. Here is an article that might be helpful for students when facing conflicts in the classroom.

<https://www.waterford.org/education/classroom->

Principal's List- Quarter 1

Student Name	Grade Level	Teacher	Student Name	Grade Level	Teacher	Student Name	Grade Level	Teacher
Houston, Alena	1	Heltzel	Dunn, Evan	2	Boltniew	Bailey, Arrie	2	Lamon
Matos, Elizabeth	1	Heltzel	Griffin, Makiyah	2	Boltniew	Rushford, Asaun	2	Lamon
Mitchell, Aaliyah	1	Heltzel	Marshall, Julius	2	Boltniew	Winder, Savannah	2	Lamon
Omoloyin, Jane	1	Heltzel	Santana, Kingston	2	Boltniew	Johnson, Anthony	3	Clay
Barnes, Zahara	1	Scarpinato	Bey, Lailah	2	Howell	Sagrado, Benjamin	3	Clay
Blanks, Aiden	1	Scarpinato	Dolce, Celia Anne	2	Howell	Webb, Madison	3	Clay
Dolce, Georgina	1	Scarpinato	Duprey, Jose	2	Howell	Oyibo, Efe	3	Kroeckel
Duesbury, Christiana	1	Scarpinato	Harkins, Adeyon	2	Howell	Ramos, Lavinia	3	Snyder
Farquharson, Zoe	1	Scarpinato	Jean, Mytherlandy	2	Howell	Smith-Crump, Zariha	3	Snyder
Gibson, Elijah	1	Scarpinato	Lightner, Arielle	2	Howell	Boyer, Serenity	3	Yensel-Spinelli
Loggins, Noah	1	Scarpinato	Riggs, Eddy	2	Howell	Marshall, Robert	3	Yensel-Spinelli
Mapp-Noel, Kaleb	1	Scarpinato	Roberts, Skylar	2	Howell	Wiseman Moonasar, Aila	4	Bookhart
Scott, Aquila	1	Scarpinato	Sample, Demya	2	Howell	Harris, Skyler	4	Lamb
Mitchell, Autumn	1	Smith	Shulterbrandt, Denver	2	Howell			
Rawles, Noelle	1	Smith	Tutu, Patrick	2	Howell			

Stop Bullying Poster Contest

Twin Hills is proud of the following Superstars who used their creativity to dispel bullying. Let us all keep and share that same energy!

Lelani Bullet	Tashan Inge
Franciella Ochoa	Noah Jordan
Kiyanne Campbell	Zechariah Davis
Jayla Prince	Zamyrah Carter
Bradelin Espinal	Jonathon Rodriguez
Adam Baez	Heerat Riar
Alana Thomas	Justin Martin
Janssel Rivas	Bryson Don
Amir Brown	Gianna Letellier
Vanessa Tutu	Malaki Law
Desman Butler-Knight	Milan Rawles
Quinn Oyibo	**Lelani Bullet
Noel Brown-Anderson	**Franciella Ochoa
Julian Duprey	**Kiyanne Campbell
Aila Wiseman-Moonsar	**Jayla Prince
Jayla Wilson	**Bradelin Espinal
Tatum Dash	**Adam Baez
Angelina Comeau	**Alana Thomas
Adrian Rodriguez	**Janssel Rivas
Stephen Craig	**Winners

Important Information & Links:

- Please **DO NOT** park on the driveway. It is a fire lane that needs to remain clear for buses and daycare vans.
- **School Hours:**
 - **Regular Days:** 8:50am- 3:20pm (There is no student supervision before 8:40am)The school is in *Dismissal Mode* between the hours of 3:00–3:20pm
 - **Reduced Days:** 8:50 am- 1:20 pm. The school is in *Dismissal Mode* between the hours of 1:00-1:20 p.m.
- Birthdays: Although we do not host birthday parties, packaged snacks can be delivered to the main office to be distributed by the teacher at 3:00pm
- **December Breakfast Menu**–Breakfast will be served until 9:10 am.
- **December Lunch Menu**
- **Recess:** We currently have a lunch staff shortage, making it difficult to provide safe supervision for students to recess outside. We do our best to get students out for fresh air and activity.
- **Water Bottles:** Please send a reusable water bottle for your child for use with our new water fountains.

Important School Numbers & Emails

- **Main Office:** 609-835-8980 ; Fax #: 809-835-8989
- **School Nurse:** Ms. Brown– 609-835-8980 Ext. 7003
- **School Counselor/HIB Specialist:** Ms. Purnell– 609-835-8980 Ext. 7011; tpurnell@wboe.net
- **Culture & Climate Specialist:** Ms. Mayers- 609-835-8980 Ext. 7004; lmayer@wboe.net
- **Child Study Team Case Manager:** Ms. Simone- 609-835-8980 Ext. 6012; csimone@wboe.net



Quarter 1- Honor Roll

Student Name	Grade Level	Teacher	Student Name	Grade Level	Teacher	Student Name	Grade Level	Teacher
Heathington, Nyrobi	1	Heltzel	Veerasammy, Trey	2	Boltnew	Loggins, Nina	3	Yensel-Spinelli
Johnson, MaLaya-Jade	1	Heltzel	Wise, Kaylee	2	Boltnew	Sepenu, Mildred	3	Yensel-Spinelli
Jones, Jordan	1	Heltzel	Wormley, Siraj	2	Boltnew	Avant, Amare	4	Bookhart
Leonard, Adrianna	1	Heltzel	Bynoe, Aubreigh	2	Howell	Corbett, Jamir	4	Bookhart
Minott, Adriana	1	Heltzel	Houston, Jazleen	2	Howell	Dixon, Layla	4	Bookhart
Warren, Kyleigh	1	Heltzel	Massie, Ava	2	Howell	Duprey, Julian	4	Bookhart
Bullens, Avah	1	Scarpinato	Mathews, Zaki	2	Howell	Jones, Charlie	4	Bookhart
Cortes-Cintron, Aleisha	1	Scarpinato	Mingo, Ty'nese	2	Howell	Mooring, Janai	4	Bookhart
Esquilin, Kylie	1	Scarpinato	Smith, Josiah	2	Howell	Rahman, Ayat	4	Bookhart
Farquharson, Zoe	1	Scarpinato	Cochran, Adrien	2	Lamon	Spearman, Erin	4	Bookhart
Farr, Adriana	1	Scarpinato	James, Dominic	2	Lamon	Webb, Seth	4	Bookhart
Feliciano, Payton	1	Scarpinato	Santos, Joshua	2	Lamon	Campbell, Kiyanne	4	Jones-Alalouf
Garris, Naoki	1	Scarpinato	Baisden, Jayden	3	Clay	Craig, Stephen	4	Jones-Alalouf
Larkins, Thomas	1	Smith	Bing, Journey	3	Clay	Dash, Tatum	4	Jones-Alalouf
Morris, Immanuel	1	Smith	Chaney, Sean	3	Clay	Don, Bryson	4	Jones-Alalouf
Oσίας, Milan	1	Smith	LLoyd, Caleb	3	Clay	Brown-Anderson, Noel	4	Lamb
Otto, Liam	1	Smith	Poyser, Keith	3	Kroeckel	Comeau, Angelina	4	Lamb
Pennant, Jaxson	1	Smith	Ramos, Lavinia	3	Kroeckel	Davis, Raegan	4	Lamb
Pierre, Marc	1	Smith	Roberts, Lamar	3	Kroeckel	Hamilton, Saniya	4	Lamb
Rose, Madison	1	Smith	Thomas-Dixon, Ivre	3	Kroeckel	Letellier, Gianna	4	Lamb
Ryan, Kamahri	1	Smith	Beloni, Joshua	3	Snyder	Oyibo, Quinn	4	Lamb
Sample, Milani	1	Smith	Carvalho, Emmanuel	3	Snyder	Rawles, Milan	4	Lamb
Ahmed, Cairo	2	Boltnew	Clarke, Jesse	3	Snyder	Washington, Alijah	4	Lamb
Jones, Faith	2	Boltnew	Walls, Kimaya	3	Snyder	Wells, Maya	4	Lamb
Russell, Zachariah	2	Boltnew	Ahmed, Egypt	3	Yensel-Spinelli			

“Celebrate what you accomplish, but raise the bar each time you succeed.” ~Mia Hamm

NJ SNAP Program

New Jersey's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, NJ SNAP, provides food assistance to families with low incomes to help them buy groceries through a benefits card accepted in most food retail stores and some farmers markets. Eligibility is set by several factors such as income and resources. You can use SNAP benefits to stretch your food budget and buy nutritious foods that can keep you and your family healthy. For more information click the following links:

- [SNAP Brochure \(English\)](#)
- [SNAP Brochure \(Spanish\)](#)



The Giving Tree

The Twin Hills Student Safeties are collecting items for the GIVING TREE positioned outside of the main office. Feel free to donate unused winter weather clothing articles for the tree during your visit to Twin Hills. Your contribution will make the difference in the lives of others during this cold winter season!





KAΨ Acknowledges Good Attendance at Twin Hills!

The men of the Camden—Burlington County Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., selected Twin Hills as a recipient school for 50 motivational prizes. 50 of the 250+ students who maintained 90% or longer attendance since the start of the school year were randomly drawn to receive a prize. This is another example of how a cohesive community shows it cares. We thank the men of KAΨ for extending a gesture that promote practices that benefit students throughout their lives.

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| • Amare Avant | • Elijah Gibson | • King-Michael Major | • Demya Sample |
| • Joshua Beloni | • Maliah Gomez | • Adriana Minott | • H'sanni-sani Simmons |
| • James Betner | • Omar Greene | • Immanuel Morris | • Sydney Taylor |
| • Overlance Cadet | • Makiyah Griffin | • Tristian Moore | • Patrick Tutu |
| • Jamir Corbett | • Rory Gordon | • Joe'siah Murphy | • Ivre Thomas-Dixon |
| • Gian Devio | • West Harris | • Janiya Myers | • Kyleigh Warren |
| • Celia Dolce | • Dominic James | • Anabella Oquendo | • Serenity Weaver |
| • Georgina Dolce | • Nehemiah Jones | • Jane Omoloyin | • Damian Whorton |
| • Bryson Don | • Amayah Kulian | • Janya Parham | • Tennielle White |
| • Juilian Duprey | • Noah Loggins | • Mezai Purcell | • Oryon Williams |
| • Samire Everett | • Gerald Massie | • Na'zyah Quarles | • Mya Yarmeto |
| • Noemi Fils-Aime | • Zaki Mathews | • Skylar Roberts | |
| • Israel Fleming | • Emma McCollum | • Zachariah Russell | |



Twin Hills welcomes the new PTA Board members for 2021-2022 school year:

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| • President – Tye Harris | • Treasurer – Jenny Horton |
| • Vice President – Chanel Mitchell | • Recording Secretary – AnJaya Pennent |

Please access the [PTA Interest Link](#) to get involved in our PTA!



December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
		1:20pm Dismissal Parent Conferences				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Staff In-Service Prof. Dev. & School Board Mtg.	14	15	16	17 Queen Wintressa– Grade 1 Visit	18
		Pop-Up Holiday Shop				
19	20	21 Adopt-A- Teller Storytime	22	23 Reduced Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Winter Break School Closed 12/24/21-1/3/22						

Dress Down Fridays- \$1: Students must dress in a uniform if they are not participating.