



# Twin Hills Elementary School

December

2019



**“Students Today; Leaders Tomorrow!”**

Principal's Message...

**“If we do the unthinkable...”** ~Alicia Keys

I can't count how many times in my life that I have heard someone tell me the reasons why something can't happen. Self-appointed discouragers have appeared at different points along my journey, wearing varied faces, but all with the same sentiment of what isn't possible. I made a determined decision to refute naysayers and to only believe in possibilities. Twin Hills Superstars are encouraged to do the unimaginable by working tirelessly to be our best in all that we do. These words become real through our actions as we forge firmly ahead with a 'won't quit' attitude. It would be **unthinkable** for Twin Hills Superstars to do it any other way! ~Mrs. Nock-Lemons

### TH Student Attendance as of 11-26-19

Gr	# of Students with ≥ 10% Absences	% of Students with ≥ 10% Absences	# of Students with ≥ 10% Tardies	% of Students with ≥ 10% Tardies
1	6	1.80%	14	4.20%
2	8	2.40%	11	3.30%
3	3	0.90%	6	1.80%
4	8	2.40%	3	0.90%
	25	7.51%	34	10.21%

Attending school on time daily is critical to students developing positive work habits that prepare them to perform academically. These habits begin early and continue throughout school years and beyond. Students gain the greatest benefit from instruction when they are prepared and present to engage their learning. Twin Hills recognizes the correlation between consistent attendance patterns and academic achievement and attribute our continued academic growth to our committed focus on student attendance.

The state's student attendance standard is 95%. Twin Hills' student attendance is currently **92.49%**, which is **2.51% below the state's goal**. Or attendance has improved since the start

of the year, but it can be even better! 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**.

### Twin Hills Superstars Serve Others!

The Twin Hills' Student Safeties are collecting items for the GIVING TREE positioned outside of the main office. Feel free to place unused winter weather clothing articles on and/or under the tree during your visit to Twin Hills. Safeties are also accepting non perishable food items for donation this year. Your contributions make a difference in the lives of others!



### Twin Hills Has Spoken!

Student Council held its Student Council Elections Assembly on November 21st. The speeches were creative, focused, and expressed the interests of the candidates in support of our school. The speeches were immediately followed by the elections. Twin Hills students used real voting machines to cast their votes for their student council officers. All Twin Hills students are invited to use actual election machines to cast their votes for their school representatives!

#### Officers:

- President– Tristan Randolph
- Vice President: Christian Price
- Secretary: Christlyn Betner
- Treasurer: Anaya Mulbah

#### Representatives:

Savion Green, Avani Letellier, Kadiatou Sow, Amari Scatliffe, Gabriella Tessendorf, Ahrmani Robertson, Jai'Vi Matthew-McLeod, Taniya Freeman, Lanette Roberts, Owen Conner, Kylah Walls, and Nadia Steward



**Twin Hills sincerely thanks Mr. Marino for his 37 years of service as an educator, with 24 of those years spent here at Twin Hills. We are so proud to call him our Eternal Superstar!**

# Willingboro's Elementary Schools Move to a Standards Based Report Card

For the 2019-2020 school year, Willingboro Public Schools has joined the long list of public elementary schools throughout New Jersey in transitioning to Standards-Based Report Cards in our three elementary schools (Grades 1-4). The purpose of the Elementary Standards-Based Report Card is to provide more detailed feedback to parents regarding the progress their children are making toward specific learning standards at their grade level. Our goal is simple - to improve student learning by reporting grades that are accurate, consistent, meaningful, and supportive of learning. The shift to standards-based learning and standards-based reporting helps us reach that goal.

*A standards-based report card (SBRC)* communicates specific grade-level learning standards and measures your child's learning progress and achievement towards those standards. Along with identifying your child's strengths, this report card will help foster more high-quality conversations between you, your child, and your child's teachers. Doing so can result in the development of meaningful goals for continued growth.

\*\*Parents are encouraged to review more detailed information that is available on the district's web site.

The new standards-based report card cycle is based on the following 3 formal reporting periods called trimesters.		
<b>Grade 1 - 4 Trimester 1</b>	Progress Report on Parent Portal & Sent Home: <u>10/22/19</u>	Report Card on Parent Portal & Sent Home: <u>12/20/19</u>
<b>Grade 1 - 4 Trimester 2</b>	Progress Report on Parent Portal & Sent Home: <u>1/27/20</u>	Report Card on Parent Portal & Sent Home: <u>3/26/20</u>
<b>Grade 1 - 4 Trimester 3</b>	Progress Report on Parent Portal & Sent Home: <u>5/11/19</u>	Report Card on Parent Portal & Sent Home: <u>6/25/20</u>



December's Word of the Month is **Caring**. Caring is being kind, compassionate, and showing that you care. Helping people in need as well as forgiving others is showing that you care. When you are caring you are helpful, kind, and concerned towards others.

## December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>1:20pm Dismissal Parent Conferences</b>						
8	9 Staff In-Service School Closed	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 New Standards Based Report Cards Sent Home	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Winter Break- School Closed 12/23/19-1/2/20</b>						
29	30	31				

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