George G. White School
Full Year Clubs and Activities

**AV Club – Grades 5 – 8**

Mr. Bower (dbower@hillsdaleschools.com)

The creation of the AV club (grades 5-8) allows its members to not only be creative, film and edit, but to be called on for school purposes. They will assist technically or on air with the daily Morning Show announcements. They will also be called upon to film and edit specific lessons (i.e., Health, Spanish, and Consumer Life Skills), sporting events and school events that will occur during the year. The AV Club gives students a technical and creative outlet.

**Band - Grades 5 – 8**

Mr. Schuck (hschuck@hillsdaleschools.com)

Band is for students in grades 5 – 8 that are taking instrumental lessons. There is an Intermediate and Advanced Band. The band meets to practice during extended homeroom on Fridays as well as the last period of the day. Lessons for individual students are done throughout the day on a rotating day and time schedule. There are three concerts performed each year by the students.

**Battle of the Books - Grade 5 and 6**

Ms. Belhumer (sbelhumer@hillsdaleschools.com)
Mrs. Horning (jhorning@hillsdaleschools.com)

Battle of the Books is a fun and challenging reading incentive program for students in grades five and six. It is designed to encourage students to read different fiction genres. Throughout the year students read and discuss roughly 15 books and then take part in two competitions/battles with other school districts. The “battle” is based on the students’ comprehension and knowledge of the books. Battle of the Books meets monthly/bimonthly during extended homeroom on Friday mornings in the Media Center.

**Bergen Brain Busters – Grades 7 and 8**

Ms. Ouheish (Aouheish@hillsdaleschools.com)

Bergen Brain Busters gives seventh and eighth grade students the chance to participate in academic competitions with other students in Bergen County. Bergen Brain Busters permits students to use their academic skills to answer questions from all content of the middle school curriculum. The participants use buzzers to rapidly answer challenging questions involving science, history, math, sports, current events and general knowledge for middle school students. There are several competitions that can lead up to a final tournament.
Chorus – Grades 5 – 8

Mr. Hutter (chutter@hillsdaleschools.com)

All students in grades 5 – 8 are welcome to join the chorus. They meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and occasionally during the school day. You can visit Mr. Hutter’s website for rehearsal schedules. There are several concerts a year that take place at George White.

Leadership Team – Grade 8

Ms. Pizzo (jpizzo@hillsdaleschools.com)

Students on the 8th Grade Leadership Team have been nominated by their teachers. Students that have not been nominated but would still like to participate can also self-nominate. Some of the tasks of the Leadership Team include: Assisting with the spring and summer 4th & 5th Grade Orientations; leading various GGW theme weeks; presenting lessons at Smith & Meadowbrook; and being positive role models for all GGW students. Meetings take place as needed.

Newspaper - Grades 5 – 8

Mrs. LaVigne (llavigne@hillsdaleschools.com)

Mrs. Reese (jreese@hillsdaleschools.com)

Students meet every Wednesday throughout the year to develop three editions (one per trimester) of the school newspaper. This is an academic club where students act like reporters and creative writers through interview and research skills. Students focus on George G. White events, activities, and other student interests through well-developed articles.

Peer Tutoring – Grades 7 – 8

Ms. Pizzo (jpizzo@hillsdaleschools.com)

Peer Tutoring is a venue for GGW students to help other students. The Peer Tutors are essentially 7th and 8th graders who have been recommended or volunteered to help with this program. These are high-achieving, dedicated students. Peer Tutoring is utilized for homework assistance and completion; long-term planning; extra help with math; and proofreading work. This program, which runs Mondays through Thursdays has been very successful and also presents an opportunity for younger and older students to foster positive relationships.
Pizza to Pages – Grades 7 and 8

Ms. Belhumer (sbelhumer@hillsdaleschools.com)

Mrs. Leonard (Hillsdale Public Library – leonard@bccls.org)

Pizza to Pages is a group that meets throughout the year with students in grades 7 and 8 during a common lunch period (usually Fridays). Books are decided upon using the New Jersey Association of School Librarians and the Battle of the Books link. We decide on a book each month to read and discuss over pizza and drinks. These items are graciously donated by the GWFFA and The Friends of the Library. Usually in the month of June several of the students from Pizza to Pages will compete in a regional competition called Battle of the Books against other 7th and 8th grade teams from the area.

Student Council – Grades 5 – 8

Mr. Droske (sdroske@hillsdaleschools.com)

Mrs. Ives (mives@hillsdaleschools.com)

Student Council is a forum for students to discuss student interests and learn more about the process of representative government. Officers are elected in June for the following school year. Students in all grades may apply to be class representatives. The entire council meets about twice a month, while officers meet nearly every week. In previous years the council has coordinated several school charity drives and events, as well as the annual Student-Teacher Games in the spring.

Yearbook – Grades 5 – 8

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Ms. DeCrescenzo (tdecrescenzo@hillsdaleschools.com)

Students in every grade level can participate in helping create a hard cover bound yearbook for the students to purchase and enjoy. Student help take pictures throughout the year that are used within the yearbook for collages. Students also help the advisors with the yearbook design and layout. This takes places from September until March when the yearbook is submitted and again in June when yearbooks are distributed.