

# HILLSIDE and BROOKSIDE

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## THE NEWER NEW MATHEMATICS

The entire mathematics program has undergone a complete evaluation in the never-ending process of updating and improving the curriculum offered to Allendale students. As a result, the Macmillan School Mathematics Program will replace the present Laidlaw series in September.

Mr. Albert Albinson and Mrs. Mee Lou Yee were co-chairmen of the Mathematics Committee. The committee reviewed the present course of study, examined math texts from various publishers, and after extensive and critical study recommended the MSMP be adopted.

The mathematic program in our schools has been under revision since 1964 when a traditional form of mathematics was taught. With the emphasis on modern math, we revised our program to a transitional program to meet the need for modern terminology and concepts. Our new program is a carefully balanced program with emphasis on the computational skills as well as the basic concepts underlying the unified structure of mathematics for the able and slow students. Creative elements will be stressed to help the pupils cope with the rapid mathematical

developments of the century.

Workshops are being conducted for all teachers to familiarize them with the new text and audio-visual aids.

## TAX REPORT MAKES GOOD SUMMER READING

A summary of the report of the New Jersey Tax Policy Committee, appointed by Governor Cahill in 1970, has been placed in the local library by the Board of Education. The Summary, which was reprinted by the New Jersey School Boards Association, reviews those portions of the report that pertain to public education, and to the recommendations of the committee "to achieve a balanced tax structure for State and local government in New Jersey.

The Board has made a copy of the summary available, so that interested citizens can more readily familiarize themselves with the Committee's proposals.

## ALLENDALE — UPPER SADDLE RIVER — NORTHERN HIGHLANDS COORDINATE

Seventh and Eighth grade teachers from Allendale and Upper Saddle River joined with members of the staff of

Northern Highlands Regional High School in February to review and coordinate the curricula of the three districts.

The individuality of each student and his successful transition from elementary school to high school and the work covered in the various subject areas at the elementary level were discussed as they pertain to students' adjustment to the high school curriculum and program.

Subject areas covered were language arts, foreign languages, home economics, mathematics, social studies, industrial arts, music, health and physical education, art, special education, and library.

Staff members met subsequently with the Board of Education to report on the meetings and to make recommendations for future study and possible implementation.

### **GREAT BOOKS PROGRAM WILL START IN THE FALL**

One of the basic goals of our educational program in Allendale is to develop students' ability to read with comprehension and to think critically. Beginning in September, our efforts in this important area will be expanded to include a Junior Great Books Discussion Program.

Because of the complexity of the program, it will consist, initially, of a pilot effort in certain classes in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. Boys and girls will read the books selected for the program, then meet to discuss them under the guidance of two co-leaders, one a member of the staff, the other a parent. All leaders have completed a Leader's Training Course sponsored by the Great Books

Foundation. Through guidance and questioning, the leaders will encourage students to read more accurately, think more clearly and independently, and express themselves more effectively.

Adult leaders who will lead the pilot program are, from the staff, Mrs. Angela Fiore, librarian; Miss Sue Baklarz, 8th grade; Mrs. Louise Oates, 5th grade; and Mr. James Hagy, 6th grade. Parent leaders will be Mrs. Kathleen Langevoort, Mrs. Robert Brechter, Mrs. Paul Briggs, and Mrs. Albert Jibilian.

Materials for the program were purchased with proceeds from the Book Fair by the P.T.O. and with funds allocated by the Board of Education.

### **HILLSIDE'S ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE CENTERS AROUND NATURE AREA**

The 100th anniversary of Arbor Day was celebrated at Hillside School a little late, because of the weather. Actually, the observance is continuing, as kindergarten through third grade students learn about nature, both in the classroom and in the Nature Area which was developed last year through a joint effort by the Board of Education, Boy Scout Troop 59, and the Allendale Garden Club.

All activities are designed to promote and develop an awareness of our natural environment, through classroom study and active participation.

An area of the school grounds has been set aside for planting of an evergreen seedling by each kindergartner. A record of growth will be kept during each student's stay at Hillside. Whether each student takes his tree with him when he leaves, or trees

are used for community beautification, has not been determined. It's just possible that Allendale may become known as the "evergreen town of Bergen County."

All students have started flower seeds in milk cartons. These will be transplanted to beds outside each classroom's windows. Next fall, bird feeders will be placed for classroom observation, and a weather station is being planned. Numerous other activities designed to arouse curiosity about the world around them are also being developed.

The staff has geared up to keep ahead of their students' growing interests. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Ryan attended a workshop for environmental experiences sponsored by the N.J. State Council for Environmental Education and Channel 13 Educational T.V.

Leonard Lee Rue, author, lecturer, and photographer on nature from Blairstown, N.J., presented a workshop for Hillside staff members in early May. Part of his presentation involved a tour of the Nature Area. As he progressed through the winding paths, he observed that the area was "one of the best nature areas I've seen associated with a school."

Townpeople are invited to visit the Nature Area and to enjoy this island of nature in the center of town, but are urged to leave things as they find them, undisturbed, so that others may also enjoy them.

### **ROOF REPAIRS SLATED FOR SUMMER MONTHS**

If, during the summer, you see activity on the roof of the main section of Brookside, it's because the roof is

being repaired. Advertising for bids for the work is expected in the next few weeks, with actual work to begin as soon after the close of school as possible. Completion will probably not be until after school opens in the fall.

As you may recall, the capital portion of the budget was defeated by a margin of 13 votes in the February election. The Board met to discuss the proposed work with the Borough Council, which subsequently concurred with the Board's original proposal.

### **100 YEARS OF MUSIC PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT**

To some of the Standing Room Only audience at the 1972 Spring Concert, on April 21, it may have seemed that long. But most agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The Beginner's Ensemble, Cadet Band, Concert Band, Seventh and Eighth Grade Chorus, Fifth and Sixth Grade Choir, and the Fourth Grade Choral Speaking Group all performed under the theme, "Do You Remember When."

In all, 375 students participated in the concert, under the supervision and direction of Mr. Edward Shaughnessy and Mr. William Miranda, Instrumental Music instructors; Mrs. Angelyn MacWilliams, vocal instructor; Mrs. Virginia Carrick, pianist; Miss Corrine Polidori, speech instructor; and Miss Virginia Bell, French instructor, who did the choreography. Art classes provided the stage decorations, under the supervision of Miss Denise Genthon, art instructor.

Principal Joseph J. Dorer and Mrs. Bernard Blide, president of the Brookside School Music Association,

presented awards to graduating band members during intermission.

### MRS. ANDERSON RETIRES

Mrs. Louise (Albin) Anderson retires at the close of the 1971-72 school year. Mrs. Anderson has taught Kindergarten grade in the Allendale School system for 18 years. We are confident that the residents of Allendale join the Board in wishing Mrs. Anderson well.

### EVENING WOMAN'S CLUB CONTINUES TREE PLANTING TRADITION

Each year since Hillside School opened in 1966, the Woman's Evening Club of Allendale has provided a Kwanzan Cherry Tree for planting on Arbor Day. The six trees line the east drive at Hillside, enhancing the grounds with their spring blooms, and in a few

years will screen the sun from the classrooms.

The Special Education classes, located in quarters in the Church of the Epiphany, took part in the Arbor Day planting.

### CALENDAR

- June 15 Graduation Exercises, Brookside School auditorium
- June 16 Graduation Party, Brookside School cafeteria
- June 20 Closing of school for students for the 1971-72 school year
- June 26 Start of Summer Music Program – Brookside School Music Association
- July 31 Start of Summer Activities Program – Allendale Parent-Teacher Organization
- Sept. 7 First day of school for students, 1972-73 school year

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