

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

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February 1, 2012

Well we survived, and actually enjoyed, the January snow storms. We thank both the parents and the students for making the best of a difficult situation. Our attendance was very good considering the conditions. Once we developed a routine, drop off and pick up went slowly but smoothly, thanks to the cooperation and patience of parents. Hopefully we have seen the last of the white stuff for this year.

This week students began their third Exploration and Core classes are well into their second term studies. As the year has reached the mid point, I encourage parents to touch base with your child's teachers, especially if you have any concerns or questions. On another note, Mr. Hewlett is busy administering the FSA assessment to our grade 7 students this month. These assessments include Reading, Writing and Numeracy tasks.

At lunch and after school, a huge number of our students are involved in practices for Battle of the Books, Table Tennis Club and our Basketball and Wrestling teams. We also currently have 2 ski and snowboard clubs, a weekly one at Cypress Mountain and a monthly Whistler/ Blackcomb trip.

Our PAC has been busy too. We just completed a successful used clothing drive and we appreciated all of your donations. Read below for more PAC initiatives coming soon to Hillcrest. We hope to see many of you at the St James Well on February 19th! As always we encourage you to attend our monthly PAC meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th, at 7:00 pm in our Library.

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School Calendar

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| February 2 and 9 | Ski and Snowboard - Cypress |
| February 3 | Me to We Speakers – 11:30 am |
| February 9 | Charles Best course selection presentation for Grade 8's |
| February 10-22 | Cross Catchment Process begins at 9:00 am |
| February 11 | Ski and Snowboard - Whistler |
| February 17 | Pro-D Day - District |
| February 19 | PAC fundraiser – Pub night at St. James Well |
| February 27 | Term 2 "I" Day |

Grade 8 Parents

Three weeks ago, Grade 8 parents received a letter indicating their child's assigned school for grade 9. Parents can also see in which school catchment they live by going to the on-line School Locator at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/default.aspx> then select School Locator tab. Last week, students attended a tour of their catchment school. Course Selection sheets will arrive home soon. Please ensure that these forms are completed and returned to Hillcrest in a timely manner.

Students with missing documentation for funding were sent a letter indicating what forms are required for their files before they move on to Secondary school. If you have not already done so, please submit the documents required as soon as possible. We thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Cross Catchment Process 2012

The Cross Catchment process will begin on February 10th and close on February 22nd. **All grade 8 students who indicated that they plan to apply for a cross-catchment received a card this week that has important information needed to complete the process.**

Cross Catchment refers to the required application for a student who wishes to attend a school other than the one whose catchment they live in, **and particularly impacts students who will enter grade 6 or grade 9 next September.**

- Parents applying for Cross Catchment are encouraged to use an electronic application using the link on the School District website www.sd43.bc.ca **beginning on February 10th at 9:00 am.**
- Parents will receive email confirmation of their request
- Criteria for approval is based on space/facilities and program availability. **Where space is limited, applications will be considered based on date and time received.**

Parents wanting to use a paper version of the process can pick up a copy from any school starting February 10th

- Completed forms **must be returned to the School Board office only.** (550 Poirier Ave, Coquitlam)

Hillcrest News

Battle of the Books

Hillcrest is participating in the Battle of the Books for the fourth year.

Before Christmas, students who wished to participate formed teams of three. They are reading the six books listed here and becoming “experts” on two books each. Some super keen students are reading all the books to make their team stronger.

The tournament will run during February. Games, which last 10 – 15 minutes, are played at lunch time.

Parents who have a child competing are welcome to attend.

The final battle will take place on Wednesday, March 28th when Hillcrest sends one team to compete against other middle schools at the Inlet Theatre in Port Moody.

Go Hillcrest Go!

This year's books are:

1. **Fish** - L. S. Matthews
2. **The House of the Scorpion** – Nancy Farmer
3. **Zen and the Art of Faking It** – Jordan Sonnenblick
4. **Wolf Brother** – Michelle Paver
5. **The Alchemyst: the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel** - Michael Scott
6. **Out of My Mind** – Sharon Draper

Athletics

Basketball season has started with grade 7 boys being coached by Mr. Booth and Mr. Aitken, and the grade 8 boys being coached by Mr. Hewlett. On the girls' side, the grade 7 team is being coached by Mrs. Sands with Mrs. Iverson and Mr. Foot coaching the grade 8's. Our teams have already shown a lot of improvement and, as always, good team spirit. Thanks to Mrs. Campbell, we also have grade 6 basketball at lunch twice a week.

Wrestling season has started, with practices every Tuesday and competitions on most Thursdays. Mr. Geddes is very encouraged by the early season success of our Hillcrest wrestlers. He is also pleased to see the number of girls participating on the team this year.

Please make yourself familiar with the Hillcrest website. This is a valuable and convenient source of information for parents, especially since all school events, including all sports practices and competitions, are listed on the calendars. If you have not yet done so, please consider completing the volunteer/driver application, available in the office or the e-form version on the Hillcrest website.
Stay Active.

PAC News

PAC Meeting Tuesday, February 28th, 7 pm in the library - All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Hillcrest Parent Pub Night – Feb. 19, 5:30 pm, St. James's Well, Newport Village, Port Moody
Canucks vs. Oilers – 6 pm start. The evening includes a burger (vegetarian option available) and a beverage, Silent Auction, 50/50 and toonie toss.

Tickets are \$20; \$10 from each ticket comes back to the school. Tickets are available through the office (please fill out ticket order form sent home last week which is also on PAC page, Parent Tab of the school website).

Questions – e-mail hillcrestfundraising.com or truegolfergirl@hotmail.com.

Pub Night Silent Auction donations – We've been working hard to get some great Silent Auction donations for our Pub Night. If you own/work for a business that you would like to promote within the Hillcrest community we welcome donations to our Silent Auction. All donations will be recognized both during the evening and in the school newsletter. Contact us at either of the e-mails listed above for details.

Tickets will also be on sale after school on the following dates:

February 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, and 16th outside the office.

Looking ahead:

Purdy's Easter Chocolates - order forms will be sent home late February

Clothing Drive – April 17, Please leave any clothing donations next to the Spirit Bear anytime prior to that date

Hanging Baskets and Bedding Plants – Order forms will be sent out in April for an early May delivery

Community News

Studying with Your Brain in Mind

You can make this your child's best year ever in school! Smart students have secrets. What does it take to be a superior student? The most important secret is a great study strategy! Terry Small's student success system shows your kids how to take charge of their time and succeed! Parents and students attend this seminar together to learn proven strategies and study secrets that have helped 200,000 students to excel.

When: Thursday, February 2nd, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Where: Gleneagle Secondary School

Instructor: Terry Small B.Ed., M.A.

Price: \$45 for the whole family

The Red Cross Babysitters Certificate Program – Winter 2012

We invite students to consider adding this knowledge and experience to their skills repertoire and to add an important piece to their developing resumes. The Program, recognized Canada wide, is taught by a Red Cross certified instructor. Students will learn the basics of child care and safety. Some of the topics presented include safety awareness, basic first aid, dealing with emergencies as well as care, feeding, games and play. Students must be between the ages of 11 and 17 to register for this program. Red Cross certificates will be issued upon successful completion of a final exam. Tuition for this 8 hour / 4 week (evening) program is \$60. This includes all course materials, a CD containing a wealth of additional sitter information and resources and the opportunity to participate in a Babysitter's referral service. The program is offered by Miller Park Community School at 800 Egmont Avenue, Coquitlam (behind Banting Middle). For further information about this exciting opportunity and to register please contact the Instructor, Colin, at: <http://members.shaw.ca/comckay> or email, comckay@shaw.ca or phone – Colin McKay at 604 757-3634.

Red Cross Babysitters Program – Four Thursdays from February 16 - March 8 (7 - 9PM) - Miller Park Library \$60

Steps to Effective Parenting – for parents of teens age 11-17

STEP offers a down-to-earth and practical way to meet the challenges of raising teenagers today. It's a group discussion program that paves the way to improved parent-teen relationships; more responsible teenage behaviour in home, school and community; and teenage self-esteem and self-reliance.

Place: Gleneagle Secondary School at 7 pm – 9 pm

Dates: Thursday April 12th, 19th, 26th, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, 2012 {inclusive}

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram Itinerant Youth Worker

To register: Phone: 604-230-1563

E-mail: mabram@sd43.bc.ca

Books may be purchased at the first class – cost \$20.

Register by March 26th, 2012

KidSport Tri-Cities Spring Used Equipment Sale

KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their much anticipated Annual **Spring Used Sporting Goods Sale, Presented by Westminster Savings: - Saturday, February 18th from 10am until 2pm**

Riverside Secondary School,

2215 Reeve Street, Port Coquitlam

If you or your family is into sports, we will save you money. A huge variety of quality used sporting goods at incredible prices. Everything from Bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment and wetsuits and everything in between. To make this event a huge success KidSport needs equipment! **Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from Feb 1-17 at the following locations:**

Port Coquitlam Rec Centre

Port Moody Rec Centre

Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex

Cyclone Taylor Sports

Corner Sports - 2276 Elgin Ave. Poco

Thriftopolis - D-2579 Lougheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam

If you have used equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including bikes) and make a great contribution to our community. Please remember to also come by the sale for some amazing deals

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Chris Wilson, KidSport Tri-Cities

Phone: 604-341-0241

Email: cwilson630@gmail.com

www.kidsporttricitie.ca

Tri-City Youth Basketball Association

The Tri-City Youth Basketball Association (TCYBA) spring league registration for NEW PLAYERS will open February 27th. We offer a variety of registration options based on practice location, practice date and practice time – you choose the time that fits into your schedule - **Games are Friday nights (no games for grade 2/3 teams).**

Roster spots are filled on first come basis – early registrations will not be accepted.

There are two levels for most grades. New players to the TCYBA register in the division where their current grade will be the higher of the two grades – for example a new Grade 5 player to the TCYBA must register in the Grade 4/5 level. We offer teams in the following age division (boys and girls):

Grade 2/3

Grade 3/4

- Grade 4/5
- Grade 5/6
- Grade 6/7
- Grade 7/8



Registration for New Players will open on February 27th.

- League Practices will start on week of April 2nd
- League Games will begin on April 13th (no games for Grade 2/3 division)
- League will finish on June 8th
- League Fees for new players includes a jersey, shorts, a basketball and Basketball BC membership/insurance.
- Complete list of our League FAQs is available on our website under the header 'DIVISIONS'
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TO REGISTER, please go to our website www.tcyba.org and click on the **BLUE** Member Login Button. Create a New Member profile prior to selecting a team to register to.

If you experience any problems, please feel free to contact our registrar at registration@tcyba.org.

Port Moody Community Services

Calling on parents of youth ages 10-13yrs - Port Moody is hosting a quick online survey to discover what recreation services parents prefer, or would like to know more about. Participants can enter to win a \$50 gift certificate from Coquitlam Centre. Interested? Go to www.portmoody.ca/parentyouthsurvey

Place des Arts

Registration opened January 30th for Place des Arts Spring Break camps. Please visit their website for the camps offered at www.placedesarts.ca. registration can be done online, by phone or in person (604-664-1636, 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam).



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- Helps students develop strong communication skills in both English and French; and
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Late French Immersion Registration (Grade 6 entry)

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS: If you are considering **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION** in September, 2012 you are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the program. Meetings will take place at:

BANTING MIDDLE SCHOOL
820 Banting Drive, Coquitlam
February 21st, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

PITT RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
2070 Tyner Street, Port Coquitlam
February 22nd, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Please be advised that registration for Late French Immersion
will be done online from Feb. 23-29, 2012.**

For further information visit our website:
www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.



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