

## HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

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Over the past month we have had the opportunity to meet and work with parents in a variety of ways. We had a great turnout of parent volunteers for our "Gathering of the Clans" on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for donating your time and supporting our school. We had a full house of parents in our library for the Jesse Miller Social Media presentation on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope that his information will help you supervise your child's online activity. Mr. Hewlett and I would like to thank the 50 parents of grade 6 students who attended 2 feedback sessions on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope we were able to provide clarification and answer some of your questions about the routines and expectations at Hillcrest. We appreciated the honest comments from parents on our articulation and transition process from grade 5 to middle school. Your feedback will help us in next year's process.

Your child may not appreciate you regularly asking about school, but research indicates that higher student achievement results when parents assist with organizing and monitoring a child's time, helping with homework and discussing school matters. We all face the challenge of getting past the answer "Nothing", when asking the question, "What did you do at school today?" Asking, "What concept are you covering in math?", or "How is the human body unit going in science?" might open the door to more productive discussion. Communication for many adolescents is not their strength, but be persistent, it really does make a difference. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher by phone or email.

On a final note, parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend assemblies and performances. All parents are invited to our Remembrance Assembly, which will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>,

Thank you for your continued support!

Rob Foot, Principal

Jason Hewlett, Vice Principal

### School Calendar

October 31	Halloween
November 4	Div 5 & 8 visit the Vancouver Aquarium
November 4, 18 & 25	M A C C classes visit the library and curl
November 7 & 8	Grade 7 District Volleyball Tournament
November 8	Last day for Clothing Drive donations
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 9:00 am
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 14	Schools not in session
November 15	Term 2 Explorations start
November 15 & 16	Grade 8 District Volleyball Tournament
November 18	Freaky Friday – Crazy Hair Day
November 25	World Religion Tour – Yellow Team
November 28	M A C C at Evergreen Cultural Centre
November 29	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm

## Calendar Notes

### November 14<sup>th</sup>, School Not in Session

Just a reminder that as part of the District Budget process last spring, the School District calendar was altered for this year. Schools in School District 43 will **not be in session on November 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Hillcrest News

### Terry Fox Run

Students participated in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$ **\$3083.02** as a community; together we made a difference! A huge thank you to Mr. Geddes for coordinating the event and to our student "Course Marshalls" who kept our runners safe!!!



### Explorations

Hillcrest has had a wonderful and productive start to our Exploration programs this year.

Exploration Terms 2011/2012

Term	Start	Finish
1	Wed. Sept 6th	Thurs. Nov 10th
2	Tues. Nov 15th	Thurs. Jan 26th
3	Mon. Jan 30th	Fri. April 13th
4	Mon. April 16th	Fri. June 22nd

### Explorations Students will rotate:

Art  Home Ec  Tech Ed  Dramus  Art



### Athletics

The successful fall season is quickly drawing to a conclusion. Once again, we would like to thank the following staff members who have generously offered their time to coach sports at Hillcrest this fall:

Mrs. MacMillan, Ms Hall, Ms Slinger, and Ms Sullivan - swimming

Mr. Betts – cross country

Mr. Purych and Mr. Van Hove – grade 7 boys volleyball

Ms. Moody – grade 7 girls volleyball

Mr. Hewlett – grade 8 girls volleyball

Mr. Crema – intramurals

Mr. Geddes for coordinating all the events



Keep posted for information on Winter Season sports which will start after Christmas.

*Craig Geddes – Core Teacher/Athletic Director*

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, **Jessie Miller**, from **Mediated Reality**, visited our school and presented to all of our students. His presentation focused on Social Media Education and Awareness, particularly as it pertains to on line safety and appropriate use of Facebook and other Social Media tools.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, Jessie Miller returned to our school and presented to 60 members of our parent community. His presentation was educational, thought provoking and at times mind boggling.

His main message was student safety on line and student safety while using Facebook and other Social Media tools. In summarizing Jessie's presentation he emphasized the following six reminders to help students stay safe on line.

1. Don't give out any personal information on line
2. Don't post anything that would embarrass you later
3. Don't believe everything on the internet
4. Never accept gifts without permission from your guardian
5. Messages that make you feel uncomfortable – report to an adult
6. Don't be stupid. You don't want to be the topic of interest on the evening news

If you want additional internet safety tips for your child or family contact [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca).

If you have concerns about Facebook regarding your child please contact school administration; additionally you can report concerns about Facebook to the email contact provided via the company's website

If you would like additional information from Jessie Miller or you have questions for him about Facebook or other forms of Social Media please contact him via the following.

Website: [www.mediatedreality.com](http://www.mediatedreality.com) Email: [info@mediatedreality.com](mailto:info@mediatedreality.com)

Twitter: [twitter@mediatedreality](https://twitter.com/mediatedreality)

## PAC News

**PAC Money at Work:** At our last meeting, parents present approved the following staff-requested purchases:

Three projectors	Five laptops	Three desktop computers
Two projector carts	One scanner	

A slab roller to support our ceramics curriculum was approved earlier.

Thanks to those who have supported our fundraising efforts this equipment will be in classrooms before the winter break.

**QSP Magazine** Prize Program wraps up today but you can order magazines online throughout the school year at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca). Enter Group No. 33045 and Hillcrest will receive 37% of the subscription price.

**SPC, the student discount cards**, have sold out. We will be putting in our **final order Monday, October 31**. E-mail Catherine Hubbs at [clhubbs@shaw.ca](mailto:clhubbs@shaw.ca) and send \$9 to the office by 9 am Monday to ensure you receive your card. Cards will be distributed later that same week.

We are accepting items for the **Clothing Drive until 9 am Tuesday, November 8**. Please place your used clothing, footwear, linens, draperies and accessories (purses, belts etc.), packaged in garbage bags, by the Spirit Bear in the main lobby (just outside the office). **Please do not include any other items as we do not have a lot of storage space and we do not get paid for non-clothing donations.**

**Shop and Support Gift Cards:** We are trying something new this year with these gift cards that may be ordered on-line and are then delivered to the school. The school earns a profit from each gift card sold. A wide variety of retailers participate in this program (food, restaurants, entertainment, fashion etc.) and cards can be used either as gifts or for everyday shopping. Check out their website at [www.shopandsupport.ca](http://www.shopandsupport.ca) (**Hillcrest is Group 0100578833**). We will be running two Shop-a-Thons before Christmas (Nov. 7 to Nov. 18 (cards arrive Nov. 25) and Nov. 28 to Dec. 5 (cards arrive Dec. 9)).

## Community News

### **Children of the Street Society - Re: Appropriate Halloween Costumes:**

Halloween is fast approaching and once again Children of the Street Society is raising awareness about inappropriate Halloween costumes, which glamorize the sexual exploitation of children and youth, the gang lifestyle and costumes which sexualize children and youth.

Dressing up as a "pimp" or "ho" glamorizes the sexual exploitation of children and youth, which is a form of abuse and modern day slavery. In reality, the sexual exploitation of children and youth leads to multiple, long-term disadvantages to the victim including homelessness, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol addiction, sexually transmitted infections, HIV and AIDS, drug affected babies, post traumatic stress syndrome from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, social stigma, and barriers to future employment.

Recruiters often attempt to lure children and youth by making false promises and offering gifts or intangible things such as popularity, love, and belonging. Children and youth can be recruited *anywhere*, including school grounds, shopping malls, and online through social networking sites and chat rooms.

Once again this year, the Society would like to take this message one step further. ***Not only are we asking the community to be socially responsible by wearing Halloween costumes which do not glamorize the sexual exploitation of our children and youth, we're also asking children, youth and adults to take the notion of social responsibility one step further by not wearing costumes which glamorize the gang lifestyle.***

With troubling similarities between recruitment into a life of sexual exploitation, youth who are recruited into the gang lifestyle are also made false promises of money, power, respect, a sense of family, and protection – promises which lead to violence, criminal activity, and the risk of death. The issues of sexual exploitation and gangs not only have similarities, they can also be connected. Girls can play a variety of roles in a gang, including participating in criminal activity, and being sexually exploited by male gang members.

This year, the message is simple: it's not socially acceptable to dress up as a 'pimp,' gangster, or sex trade worker this Halloween. Earning a profit off of the buying and selling of children and youth, glamorizing the sex trade or a gangster lifestyle, is only further contributing to our false perceptions about these harsh realities.

Please encourage your school community to choose socially responsible Halloween costumes that do not glamorize the sexual exploitation of children and youth, sexualize young people, or glamorize gang involvement. Instead, please encourage children and youth to choose appropriate costumes that represent their own individuality and creativity. Children of the Street Society is a provincial Society and federal Charity dedicated to the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and youth since 1995. The Society's mission is to take a proactive approach through public awareness, education and early intervention strategies to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth while offering support to families. The Society's vision is a world where children and youth are safe and free from all forms of sexual exploitation. For more information visit [childrenofthestreet.com](http://childrenofthestreet.com).

On behalf of Children of the Street Society we wish your students a safe and fun Halloween. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-777-7510 or at [info@childrenofthestreet.com](mailto:info@childrenofthestreet.com).

**Upcoming Events at Place des Arts - 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | [www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca)**  
**Family Day at PdA! - Sunday, November 20, 1:30-3:30PM**

Gather up the family and tour Place des Arts annual *Positively Petite* miniature exhibition. Then participate in a variety of all-ages, drop-in style workshops that celebrate *small* and create your very own lantern in preparation for *Light up the Square a Lantern Affair* on December 3. Don't be intimidated by art, get engaged in it! Admission by donation. **Reserve your spot by calling 604.664.1636 before Tuesday, November 15.**

**Light up the Square: A Lantern Affair - Saturday, December 3, 4:30-7:30PM**

Welcome in the light during Light up the Square's lantern affair! Discover the Japanese taiko drumming tradition that lures the sun; drop in on a variety of arts and crafts activities for all ages; get into the spirit of the season with live music and song and be entranced by a musical performance of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* staged by RA Productions. This is a free community event.

**Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts -**

Place des Arts has some great workshops for children and youth coming up in November and December. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at [www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca) or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.

**Claymation Filmmaking (11-17 years), 9139 • W • Nov 23-Nov 30 • 3:30 - 6:00 PM • \$46.50**

**Graphic Novel Workshop (11-17 years) - 9140 • W • Nov 30 - Dec 7 • 6:15 - 8:45 PM • \$43.50**

**Felted Christmas Ornaments (8-14 years) - . 9043 • TH • Dec 1 • 6:00 - 9:00 PM • \$29.50**

**Celebrating the Return of the Salmon**

Hyde Creek Recreation Centre and Hyde Creek Educational Centre & Hatchery, November 13, 2011  
11:00am-3:00pm, Free Family Event, Environmental, community groups exhibits, Arts & Crafts, entertainment, BBQ salmon



**“SPECIAL EVENT SKATES!!” - Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 1:00pm -3:00pm, Our Public skate schedule can be viewed on line at [www.portmoody.ca](http://www.portmoody.ca) - NEW!!! FRIDAY NIGHT “YOUTH SKATE” - \$2.00 per/per**

**Friday's 8:30pm – 9:30pm For AGES 11 to 17 years.**

**You and your friends will enjoy skating to good tunes during this Friday night skate just for youths. Our Facility is located at 300 IOCO Rd Port Moody For the latest updates, please phone the skate shop 604-469-4555.**

**Terry Fox Secondary is hosting a Craft Fair on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> which supports the aftergrad, 2012**

