

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

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It is hard to believe that the month of September has disappeared! It seems like yesterday that we were welcoming 207 new students including 174 grade 6 students, 7 grade 7 students and 20 grade 8 students. We have also added 4 people to our support staff and 6 new members to our teaching staff. Your support during our start up has been greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank Red team students, teachers and parents for their patience and understanding as they dealt with having to move their 4 classes to the gym for the first 2 weeks of school. They are now back into their rooms and will be getting new flooring installed during the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd. This experience certainly helped them bond as a team.

Please note that the October Calendar has been revised. Interim Reports (Oct 14) and early dismissals for Interviews (Oct. 19 / 20) have been postponed.

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PAC News

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first PAC meeting held on Tuesday, September 27th. **All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, October 25th.** This is your chance to hear about our goals and plans for the year from Mr. Foot and Mr. Hewlett. It is also your opportunity to get involved in the Hillcrest School Community. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Parent Presentation **Jesse Miller: Social Media and your Children**
Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm @ Hillcrest

Would you want your child to share their personal information with a total stranger? Without even knowing, many of our students are doing just that on Facebook. Do you know what your child is posting, and the potential implications of posting inappropriate content? It could impact their opportunity to get a scholarship or a job.

Jesse Miller is a national speaker who presented his awareness program to over 100,000 students in British Columbia last year. Our students left his presentation with a new respect for personal privacy, online content, and an awareness of the positives and negatives of social networking.

Parents, don't miss your opportunity to learn how to help your children make safe and responsible choices. You need to be aware of and involved in, the online activities of your children.

To help us prepare for the evening, please contact our office if you are planning to attend.
epfingsten@sd43.bc.ca or call 604 936-4237.

School Calendar

October 7	Gathering of the Clans
October 7	Swim Meet – City Centre Aquatic Complex
October 10	Thanksgiving
October 12	Parent Presentation “Social Media” Jesse Miller
October 12	Grade 6 Parent Orientation 9:00 am or 6:00 pm
October 13	Photo Retakes
October 13	Me to We Day
October 20	Cross Country District Championship
October 21	District Pro – D Day – students not in session
October 25	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
October 28	“Groupo Americana” musical presentation

Hillcrest News

Emailed Newsletters

Congratulations!! We now have 90% of our parents receiving newsletters by email. We don't want your newsletter to be held captive in the bottom of your child's locker or backpack! Please note that email from the school will be sent out as a BCC (blind carbon copy) so that your email address will not be publicly displayed. **We encourage you to add yourself to our email list by contacting Mrs. Pfingsten at epfingsten@sd43.bc.ca**

Grade 6 Parent Orientation and Feedback Meeting – Wednesday, October 12th

Your choice: 8:45 – 10:00 am or 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Your Grade 6 child has now been at Hillcrest for a month, perhaps you have questions or feedback about our school, our programs, or the activities we offer. This will be an opportunity to get some answers and to find out more about the routines of Middle School. We also look forward to your feedback on how the transition from Elementary to Middle has been for you and your child. Please contact our office to register: 604-936-4237 or email epfingsten@sd43.bc.ca

Hillcrest Yearbook 2012

Students are encouraged to purchase their yearbooks this week, before the price increase in November. The Yearbook is a wonderful collection of photos, art work and writing that will let students relive their memories of 2011-12 for years to come. Yearbooks are distributed next June but **all books must be pre-ordered**. Yearbooks will be on sale during the following time periods only:

Thursday, September 22nd to Friday, October 7th

Monday, November 28th to Wednesday, December 14th

Cheques are payable to Hillcrest Middle School.

Cash is also accepted – correct change please.

Students return payment for the yearbook to the office. Receipts will be issued upon payment. There are no order forms to complete.

Cost \$45.00

Cost \$50.00



School Photos – Retakes

Students who were absent on photo day and those who have requested a retake, will have their photos taken in the morning of **Thursday October 13th**.

Terry Fox Run

Our students completed the Hillcrest Terry Fox Run on Friday. A big THANKS to our Spirit Squad members who monitored the course which took our students through Mundy Park. So far we have collected **\$2,589.37** and we will continue to collect donations this week. **Mr. Foot has pledged to donate a dollar for every student who collects donations of \$10.00 or more.**

Together we make a difference!

The Gathering of the Clans at Hillcrest

Get ready for a Highland Fling at Hillcrest on Thursday, October 7th when we will hold our 6th annual Gathering of the Clans! Clans will participate in 6 events, each based on a Highland Game, including Caber Tossing, Haggis Handling and Dancing.

Students are encouraged to show their clan spirit by wearing the colour of their clan on their clothes, faces, hair and anywhere else they (and their parents) choose.

It will be too much fun to miss and here's your chance to get in on the action. Parent volunteers are required to make this event run smoothly. If you would like to help out with the Gathering of the Clans, please contact our office to join in on the fun. (We will need your assistance from 12:30 – 2:45 pm) epfingsten@sd43.bc.ca

We look forward to seeing you there.



Athletics

As usual, we begin the school sports year at a full gallop. The following staff members have generously offered their time to coach sports at Hillcrest this fall:

Mrs. McMillan, Ms Sullivan, Ms Slinger, Ms Hall - swimming

Mr. Betts – cross country

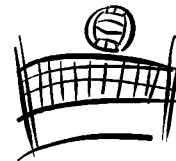
Mr. Van Hove – grade 8 boys' volleyball

Ms Moody, Mr. Poirer – grade 8 girls' volleyball

Mr. Hewlett – grade 7 girls' volleyball

Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Carston – Grade 6 volleyball

Mr. Crema – intramurals



Community News

Grade 6 Get Active! Card Family Opportunity

Coquitlam

Make plans to **GET ACTIVE** with your family this year! The City of Coquitlam and the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association are offering a new program on Sundays, starting September 25 through to December 18th, 2011. **Families with children in Grade 6**, who have their **GET ACTIVE!** card can come and take part in skating and swimming for free. Forms were sent home with our grade 6 students in the 3rd week of September and there are copies available at the office.



Wanted: New curlers ages 9-11 years old

Optimist CurlBC cluster camp – Learn to Curl Camp on Saturday, October 15th located at Coquitlam Curling rink from 9:30 registration until to 3:00 pm. For ages 9-11 students who have never curled or first-year curlers. The day will include skills, techniques, tricks for relays and games and the cost is \$20 each which includes snacks, lunch and refreshments. Space is limited please register by Friday, October 12th by e-mail: kazsato@telus.net (with subject line “Cluster Camp”).

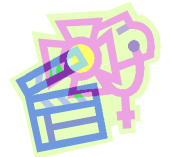


Fall Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts
1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | www.placedesarts.ca

We have two great fall workshops for children and youth coming up soon. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.

Claymation Filmmaking (11-17 years)

Create your own stop-motion animated film! Plan a story, make a storyboard, design and build your own characters and sets, and then shoot and edit your film, practicing techniques in shot composition, movement and timing. Add voices and music and upload it to YouTube! A digital camera with removable card is recommended for this class. Teacher: Kenten Bowick



9139 • W • Nov 23-Nov 30 • 3:30 - 6:00 PM • \$46.50

Get knitting (10-17 years)

This one-day workshop is for youth who want to learn to knit but don't want to join a longer, more comprehensive class. In this workshop, you will be shown the very basics of knitting: casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch and casting off. Teacher: Kirsten Zerbinis

9127 • M • Oct 17 • 6:30 - 9:00 PM • \$33.50



FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY!

The Leadership students and staff at GOAL are presenting a Free Clothing Give Away on Wednesday October 19th, 2011, at the Winslow Centre Gym, at 1100 Winslow. We have had many District 43 schools donate their lost and found items at the end of June and the items have been washed and sorted. The quality of the clothing is generally very good. The Free Clothing Give Away is open to all families; however, we have reserved the time from 9:00am to 10:00am for schools to bring especially needy kids or send school staff, social workers or SWIS workers to have first choice of needed clothing items for at risk students.

From 10:00am to 11:30am on Wednesday, October 19th, we will be open to the general public and intend to advertise broadly because we have so many items. Please feel free to let groups know of this opportunity and, if you wish, post the information in your monthly notices to parents.



Free Clothing Give Away
October 19th, 2011
10:00am to 11:30am
1100 Winslow Avenue
Winslow Centre Gym

We have many great clothing items and any student or family in need will have an incredible selection of items to choose from, especially if they can arrive at the reserved time between 9:00am and 10:00am. There is no reason that any student in the TriCity area should be without a nice set of clothes to wear to school. We have quality, lightly used clothing, for students from 5 years of age to 18 years. There are some great winter coats and quality shoes and boots, all sizes of pants, shorts, t-shirts, and hoodies. We have winter hats, gloves, gym bags, umbrellas, lunch bags and more!. Everything has been washed and cleaned and it's all FREE!