

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, October 14th, 2019

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST: (see repeating events below)

Monday, Oct. 14 th	· Thanksgiving – school closed
Tuesday, Oct. 15 th	· PAC Pizza Lunch – Blue and Yellow Teams · Grade 7 Boys Volleyball game at Hillcrest vs. Kway · PAC Meeting 7:00pm Library
Wednesday, Oct. 16 th	· Blue Team Div. 11 and 12 to Library · Grade 8 Boys Volleyball game at Banting · Grade 8 Girls Volleyball at Hillcrest vs. Como Lake
Thursday, Oct. 17 th	· Cross Country Meet – 3:30-4:30pm Mundy Park
Friday, Oct. 18 th	· Div. 13 and 14 Soap Stone Carving · Student Federal Elections – Blk. A/B/C
Please see our school calendar on our website: Hillcrest website	

Upcoming Events:

October 23	Early Dismissal – Student Conferences	November 11	Remembrance Day – school closed
October 24	Early Dismissal – Student Conferences	November 12	PAC Pizza Lunch – Red and Blue
October 25	Non-Instructional Day (District/Prov)	November 15	Grade 7 to Richmond Oval *date changed
October 29	PAC Pizza Lunch – Orange & Green	November 20	Individual Picture Retakes
November 1	Grade 8 to Richmond Oval	November 28	PAC Pizza Lunch – Yellow & Orange
November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly		

Repeating Events:

Athletics (see games in calendar above):

- Volleyball:
 - Grade 6 – Monday/Friday – Lunch
 - Grade 7 Boys – Wednesday – Lunch; Friday 3:15-4:30pm
 - Grade 8 Girls – Tuesday 7:30-8:30am; Thursday 3:15-4:30pm
 - Grade 8 Boys – Thursday 7:30-8:30am; Monday 3:15-4:30pm
- Cross-Country: Tuesday/Thursday 12:30pm – Room 163
- Intramurals - Lunch: Tuesday/Thursday

Music:

- Boys' Choir: Tuesday - Dramus Room 7:45am
- Girls' Choir: Thursday - Dramus Room 7:45am
- Advanced Band: Monday/Wednesday - MPR 7:45am
- Beginning Band: Monday/Wednesday – Gym 7:45am

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: Explorations Team as Guest Writers

Students have almost completed Term 1 Explorations, the last day is Oct 23rd and Term 2 starts Oct 24th. These are also the days of our Parent/Teacher Conferences so please contact the teacher of your child's current Exploration if you'd like to meet with them.

Explorations are cross-curricular, connected to all student learning, based in theory and focused on practice. Students get to "Explore" in the subjects below, often discovering new talents. This is an important bridge for the transition of choosing courses in the future. Monday through to Thursday students attend 1 block a day for 1/5 of the year in each Exploration. The rotation is as follows:

Art  Music  Tech Ed  Digital Lit  Home Ec

 Art

Supplies to bring on the first day:

Art- Sketchbook and Pencil

Music- Please do NOT bring anything

Tech Ed- Headphones, Paper and Pencil

Digital Literacy- Headphones

Home Ec- Duo-Tang, 3 Dividers and Pen

Art

In art exploration, the students will explore 'self' by reflecting back to what their interest, passion and strengths are. They will also learn variety of art techniques to diversify their project outcome. Some of these techniques include pointillism, lines and planes. They will also do many hands-on activities including collages, mosaics, and clay. Overall, the students will learn how to self express in the form of art, share their work and learn to appreciate other's perspective.

Ms. Kim

Digital Lit

My name is Ms. Roberts. I am so excited to be here at Hillcrest Middle School and have the opportunity to explore two of my passions – reading (I am also the Librarian on Fridays), and working with technology.

My goal is that, at the end of three years, your child will know the following:

- How to be safe online
 - How to use technology to enhance their life
 - Technology doesn't always work the way we expect it to! And strategies they can use when it doesn't.
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This year we will be focusing on creating a Financial Plan using Excel. We will also be exploring the four Elements of Computational Thinking and how they apply in life. Looking forward to meeting your child!

Ms. Roberts reroberts@sd43.bc.ca

Home Economics

Students will study safety, sanitation and nutrition in the Foods Component. They will practice the cake, muffin, and biscuit techniques of baking in all grades, adding yeast dough in grade 8. Recipes will be altered applying design elements for healthy living. Students grade 6, 7, and 8 will compete in Iron Chef competitions building up to the final MasterChef Choice Lab competition in grade 8.

In the Sewing Component; machine parts, functions, pattern markings transfer, design, matching, tacking, cutting and layout are part of the grades 6, 7 and 8 programs. In grades 6 and 7, students will focus on hand stitching, completing a textile project of the student's choice. In grade 8 students use sewing machines and sergers, alter a clothing pattern, and create a garment they will enjoy wearing.

Mrs. Toolsie-Worsnup stoolsie@sd43.bc.ca

Music

This year we will compose music using various body percussion techniques in a small ensemble format. Explored, analyzed, and manipulated use of ostinati in different musical styles. We will create and perform arrangements of multi-instrumental songs in a large ensemble format.

Miss Yeates

Tech Ed

Students will complete a week-long shop safety program where we learn how to operate the scroll saw, machine sanders, drill press and bandsaw in a safe and responsible manner. This will be followed by project work which has been designing a room or street view using two-point perspective drawing techniques, designing and creating a gumball machine by applying a variety of woodworking techniques. New project surprises to come.

Mr. Rigetti

School Happenings: Events and Activities.

Parent/ Teacher 3 -Way Interviews – The dates of Wednesday Oct. 23rd and Thursday Oct. 24th we will be hosting YOU our parent/ guardians to come to the school for teacher conferences. Teachers will be sending out instructions as to how to register and book a conference through an on-line scheduling program. These Parent – Teacher – Three Way Conferences are the first step in our sharing of how we communicate the learning of your child throughout the year. The dialogue at this meeting is significant as in a 3-way conference the triangle of learning is best articulated with the student present to discuss their goals and challenges that they will work with in the coming year, The conferencing time is short so please be prompt and have your questions and inquiries from yourself and your child ready to go to ensure optimal use of the conferencing session. Students will be

provided with an Early Dismissal at 1:45 for both days and so we ask that your child go directly home to help keep our hallways quiet and accessible. If you are having an early interview in the 2:00 – 3:00 range, then your child is welcome to stay and wait at school then join you in the teacher conference.

Gr. 8 Field Trip Richmond Oval – This week our Gr. 8 students will be bringing home their parent permission form allowing them to attend the Gr. 8 Field Trip set up for Richmond Oval on Friday Nov. 1st. Parents will also receive a reminder email to make payment for this full day experience, by using the School Cash online process. Please take the time to complete the online payment registration for this planned day of fun and engagement as we have organized a series of recreational type events for your child and their peers to embrace. The total cost of the event is \$32.00 which includes a range of six activities all indoors, so weather free, and the cost of chartered bus transportation to the Richmond Oval. Our goal is for our Gr. 8 students to have the opportunity to connect with peers from their previous years along with building new relationships with classmates of whom they will spend further hours with throughout this coming year. All the events have supervisory staff from the Oval sharing their talents and instructions on how best to play and engage in the activities ranging from Giant Soccer, Obstacle Course, Museum Tour, Indoor Climbing and other physical activities.

Please send in the hard copy form on the acknowledgment of risk for any type of field trip activity and please ensure that your child has snacks, lunch and a refillable container for their hydration and nourishment throughout the day. Please **DO NOT send money** as the cafeteria is under renovations and there is no location to purchase food.

Yearbook 2019-2020 – This is one idea that requires some very serious forethought as this puts the concept of delayed gratification to the ultimate test. The purchasing of the traditional Yearbook in October when the excitement and hoopla is based in the month of June and the memories are stored away for a lifetime is a huge challenge to the concepts of patience and persistence. It seems so far away the idea of signing Yearbooks and reflecting upon the past 10 months; whereby, the energy of the lives and the reality of one's existence is captured in photos and messages. The time to purchase a Yearbook is now as you will ensure that your child has that memory memento secured for the wish of holding onto and getting the treasured signatures and messages from significant people in their life. The time to purchase is now because you will save money in the long run than if you purchase later in the year. The time to buy the pre-ordered Yearbook is now because you want to have possession of evidence that shows the growth, the relationships and the memories of life at Hillcrest Middle.

We are pleased to offer a Hillcrest Yearbook for sale again this year. This is a beautiful, hard cover, full colour book that is well over 50 pages in length. This year, students will be participating in creating this lovely memory that will be treasured for a lifetime. Purchase the 2019-2020 School Yearbook at the Early Bird Sale price of only \$55.00. Only available at this price for 8 weeks. **Sale ends November 22nd at 9pm.** Don't miss your chance to get the yearbook at this special price. Any remaining copies of the Yearbook will be offered for sale in the New Year for an increased price. Limited quantities available.

Please go to our website and click on the link for purchasing a yearbook, as this is our first round of sales and you do not need to pay more and risk missing the purchasing timeline for when June delivery of this always valuable and hot commodity rolls around and it then becomes critical that your child has a Yearbook.

Odyssey of the Mind @ Hillcrest - Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition for students of all ages. As a team member, you and your teammates select a problem, create a solution, then present your solution in a competition against other teams in the same problem and division.

By participating in the Odyssey of the Mind program you will improve your critical-thinking and creative problem-solving skills. As a middle school student you will have learned some theories of physics, chemistry or coding, you also may have learned writing, music, arts, even acting, Odyssey of the Mind will allow you to integrate all your skills and knowledge into one piece----create a show or a performance, and present it in front of your parents and friends. They will applaud your efforts and be proud of you.

Beyond the curriculum learning, Odyssey of the Mind is a TEAM sport, in the team you will learn how to share opinions, how to make a good decision, how to manage the time..., you and your teammates will have some fun experiences, but also you will face failures and difficulties. Through the practice and cognitive challenges presented you will also build friendships.

If you like to use your brain and your hands to create something, you are welcome to join our Odyssey of the Mind team in Hillcrest. For more information about this program, please go to:

<http://odysseybc.ca/>

After you check the website, you will find out that parents have major roles and responsibilities in supporting this program. For every year's competition and events, we need parents to be the volunteers. So, if you are interested to join the team, please talk to your parents first.

Here some basic information about Odyssey of the Mind team in Hillcrest:

One coach – Trained Parent Volunteer

Seven team members (maximum)

Long-term problem meeting: once/week (after school)

Spontaneous practice: once/week (lunch time)


Cost: coach is free, team members share the cost of materials which are used for the long-term project and spontaneous practice.

If you are interested, please ask Mr. McFaul for the application form.

Every Person Counts – When you enter through our front doorways, we ask that you look to the left and you will see our big red open hands and heart greeting you. Please look further to see what some of our students shared with us during one of our curricular assemblies last month. The assignment was short, but we reviewed how our minds work differently and we discussed the minds of people who have a particular talent with numbers. The students were tasked with identifying a number that they felt was personal to them and to explain why that number meant something to them. The answers you will see are posted in cartoon bubbles and the depth of creativity and personal attachments are deep and thoughtful. While waiting for your child take a moment to read the personal insights which will make you think, laugh and maybe shed a tear. Thanks to our kids for opening their minds and hearts to knowing that no matter what your math skills are we all know, that **EVERY PERSON COUNTS!**

Important Notice for School Payments:

Please sign up for School Cash Online (if you haven't already). The school Permissions and Policies are ONLY available online, and all fieldtrips etc. will be posted online for payment. The account will serve families through high school years. Please see the registration information below.



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Register today at:
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Both the School Policies and Permissions form and your Student Activity Fee can be completed through [School Cash Online](#). This account will serve your student through high school. We look forward to your full cooperation and ensuring that you have done all your homework for your child's best and safest start at Hillcrest.

PAC News and Events:

The PAC is on Facebook – join us at Hillcrest Middle School Parents (Coquitlam)

OUR NEXT PAC MEETING: TUESDAY OCTOBER 15th @ 7:00 pm in the library. Later this month the PAC executive will meet regarding the budget for the school year. We will have preliminary discussion of this at the PAC meeting. If you would like to have input or bring forth ideas, or just want more information please attend the PAC meeting!

PAC MEMBERS NEEDED - We are always looking for more PAC members and currently need help with our multiple fundraising projects. Also, please consider serving on the PAC Executive for the next school year (2020-2021) as we have at least 2 executives leaving the school and therefore the PAC. We are seeking people interested in the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair. If you are interested please contact our PAC Leaders: ANNIKA MOUNTAIN annika@wilmount.ca and/or JENNIFER BELL-IRVING jennilynns49@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING – Please consider supporting our various fundraisers. We need strong support in order to be successful and remember that funds raised directly benefit the students of Hillcrest – our children and grandchildren!

Our **Christmas Fundraiser** is coming up soon and will include the sale of **Poinsettias, Purdy's Chocolate and Gift Cards**. If you are able to assist with the organization of any one of these please contact our fundraising coordinator Joanne Gaska at coq.hms.fundraising@gmail.com. In addition we will definitely need a few people to assist with sorting on December 5th.

Fundraising by Donation: If you would like to support Hillcrest by providing a donation you can do this through our School Cash Online (KEV) <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/> or by completing the PAC donation letter/form. No other fundraiser has a 100 percent profit margin and for donations of \$25 or more you will receive a tax receipt from SD43. Your support is greatly appreciated!



QSP Magazine Fundraiser: Watch for information on this fundraiser coming home with all students soon! You can shop online at www.qsp.ca – Hillcrest is Group 3745007 or browse the catalogue and submit a paper order. (Please note this may not be up and running online yet). Lots of great titles to choose from! Magazine subscriptions are the gift that lasts all year long. More info to come!

Pizza Lunch Fundraisers: The Hillcrest PAC organizes pizza lunches for purchase throughout the year. Coordinators for this year are Michelle Morrison and Amber Tarling who can be reached at hmsshotlunch@gmail.com.

All orders and payments will be through the MunchaLunch system. Please read the attached instructions before registering and ordering. You will also find a list of hot lunch dates for the year. Two teams are included at each hot lunch and teams rotate throughout the school year.



REMINDER: Pizza Lunch for BLUE AND YELLOW TEAMS IS ON OCTOBER 15.

NEXT UP ORANGE AND GREEN TEAMS ON OCTOBER 29TH! Order through <https://munchalunch.com/>

PIZZA LUNCH VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED – If you are able to help out some Tuesday lunch hours for approximately 30-40 minutes (from 12:05 to 12:45) with the organizing of our student Pizza Lunches it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Michelle Morrison at hmsshotlunch@gmail.com or sign up as a volunteer via our MunchaLunch system online. It takes a minimum of 16 volunteers to serve each lunch!

Community News:



ATTENTION NEIGHBOURS OF HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

You can help stop vandalism on school grounds

What You Can Do

Parks, schools and public spaces are most vulnerable at night. Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities. Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

604-927-7600

Call immediately when something raises your suspicions.

Do not wait for the damage to be done.

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. Security personnel will be alerted and will investigate. They will take direct action or involve the police. **Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.** The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day.

KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE IT IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.

Coquitlam Open Learning Opportunities:

Please see the various links below for: [Continuing Education](#).

Casual Noon Hour Supervisors

School District #43 Coquitlam is looking for Casual Noon Hour Assistants to be available on an On-Call basis to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) at various schools throughout the District in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody and Anmore.

Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset. Successful candidates will be available over the lunch hour Monday – Friday, 5 days per week while school is in session and be willing to accept callouts to all schools in our District. We offer \$21.43 per hour plus 16% in lieu of benefits.

To apply, please click on the following link and create a user account/profile. <https://ejp.sd43.bc.ca/postings/Account/Login> Once you have completed your profile you will have access to the job postings.