

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, November 18th, 2019

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST: (see repeating events below)

Monday, Nov. 18 th	·
Tuesday, Nov. 19 th	· Tut Tut – The Musical – Student Info Session 3:15pm Music Room
Wednesday, Nov. 20 th	· Individual Photo Retakes
Thursday, Nov. 21 st	· School Wide Assembly – “Fatty Legs” Author Presentation
Friday, Nov. 22 nd	· Div. 2/3/4 Young Actors Project · Last day to purchase Yearbook at Early Bird discount price
Please see our school calendar on our website: Hillcrest website	

Upcoming Events:

November 23	Online registration for Tut Tut opens	December 5	Red Team Young Actors Project
November 26	PAC Pizza Lunch – Yellow & Orange	December 6	Div. 1/2/4 Young Actors Project
November 26	Div. 2 & 3 Skating	December 6	Div. 19 First Aid Course
November 26	Parent Education–Vaping Awareness	December 6	Yellow Team Jr. Achievement Sess.
November 26	PAC Meeting	December 10	Literacy Day
November 29	Div. 17/18 Grade 7 First Aid Course	December 13	Div. 1/2/3 Young Actors Project
November 29	Div. 1/3/4 Young Actors Project	December 13	Div. 20 First Aid Course
November 29	Div. 5/7 Skating at Poirier	December 16	Exploration Term 3 begins
December 2	Basic Needs Xmas Drive begins	December 17	Winter Concert
December 2	Red Team Young Actors Project	December 19	Div. 17 & 18 Skating
December 3	Red Team Young Actors Project	December 20	Retro Ball
December 4	Red Team Young Actors Project	December 20	Last day before Winter Break

Repeating Events:

Athletics (see games in calendar above):

· 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: Learning to Support a Growth Mindset

We often receive inquiries from parents/guardians as to how best they can support their child in improving their learning and thus marks. The question, of how to help, goes far deeper than some simple and key steps that can be practiced at home like playing cards for math facts or memory drop strategies of Read/Cover/Recite/Check, all useful for basic skills. To me the question of home help begs the exploration of, how can one help to develop a growth mindset for learning? This pointed question is much more difficult to answer; however, it needs to be the first point of focus because once an individual has a growth mindset then the learning piece of new information, drill practice and different problem-solving strategies becomes second nature in how a child perceives their learning. Are they a blank slate ready to be molded by us, or are they a hive of ideas with diverse views on how they see themselves empowered as learners?

In teaching we often go about things in a typical fashion by doing this sequence of lesson planning – Tell/Show/Review/Ask/Do. Think about your own experiences in education; whereby, the teacher **TOLD** the whole class here is what you need to do to write a paragraph or solve a geometric puzzle. Then your teacher would have probably **SHOWN** the one correct method or their method of doing such said task. Once the key steps were told to you and shown then the teacher would most likely **REVIEW** the key points, followed by **ASKING** if there are any questions and then tell the students to get down to the task of **DOING** the work, often times unsupervised or sent home for homework. Sounds familiar to my early years of teaching.

However, if we switch the order of these learning points to look like the following – Do/Ask/Show/Tell/Review then learning becomes more of an exploratory inquiry into the process of solving the problem. For example, having a numeracy word problem to start the class allows everyone to begin with the **DO**. Once students have thought about their ways of trying to solve the challenge then the teacher can **ASK** individual students to explain their method for attempting to solve the problem. Other students start to hear of similar ideas and diverse experiences that they may have tried. This allows for student to **SHOW** and speak their thinking and empowers their voice, and when one student hears another thinking similar approaches of different plan of attack then they become more open to a broader view of solving the problem. Then comes the sharing of the show process as to providing an opportunity to walk through a student's thinking steps. This then allows the teacher to **TELL** how there are different strategies to sorting through the challenge as evidenced by the types of plans and solutions shared by various students. The final key step is having the teacher **REVIEW** and summarize from the alternative points of views the integral steps that are common in all approaches which will allow the student to focus in on the key points as derived from their peers with teacher guidance.

This approach can help to inculcate a growth mindset when done with an openness to sharing strategies and knowing that the collective wisdom in the room will help foster a range of approaches to solving that geometric puzzle or providing a vast array of creative ways to introduce your paragraph topic in a personalized manner. By making some changes in how we approach a new learning activity we can begin to shape the student's growth mindset because they are more willing to risk, do not fear failure, see value in other perspectives, align their thinking to that of others and empower their voice to share their way of thinking. Not easy but if we do this

at school and it transfers to their home life then we build a growth mindset to tackle many new challenges in all of their environments, home, playing fields, social gatherings and school.

School Happenings: **Events and Activities.**

Literacy Day Activities – As many of our classes have either completed or are near finishing our School Wide Read - *A Bridge Home* by *Padma Venkatramen*, we have been preparing for our culminating Literacy Day set for Tuesday December 10th. This will be a full day of diverse activities:

- Whole School Assembly – Two Speakers – Mrs. Balachandran – Parent & Mrs. Kauldher – Teacher
- Bollywood Dancing – for movement and culture
- Circle Time Theme Discussions – for literary analysis of diversity and social connections
- Hillcrest CARES Club – for activities and creative games
- Cuisine of India – for culinary appreciation and awareness
- Reading Arts – for small group activities on literacy, geography and art

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help in our Food presentation with distributing tasty samples to our audience. If interested in volunteering for part of the day, please contact by email – Mrs. Toolsie-Worsnup at: stoolsie@sd43.bc.ca

Our goal is around the focus of celebrating the positives and challenges about a distant culture with a lens on global perspectives with global citizens looking at global issues that impact the lives of all in the present and in the future lives of our students.

Ski & Snowboard Club Registration Info –The number of 100 participants is firm as we must consider multiple factors like teacher supervision adult volunteers, lesson accommodations and program cost for individual families.

1. **Key Info Points**

- Travel to Seymour Mtn. - 11:30 bus Departs Hillcrest to approx. 6:30 bus Return to Hillcrest
 - Friday January 10th
 - Friday January 17th
 - Friday January 31st
 - Friday February 7th
 - The students will be travelling on two coach style busses that are able to secure personal equipment.
2. **Wed. Nov. 20th at lunch** - meeting with those students registered/paid. Forms go home
 3. **Fri. Nov. 22nd** - forms are due to Ski & Snowboard box in the office

Parent Education - Vaping Awareness & Health Presentation– This is a unique opportunity for parents/guardians to deepen their understanding of the vaping situation that is complex and growing in popularity amongst our youth. We are hosting a **Parent Educations Session on Tuesday November 26th @ 6:30 – 7:20** in the Library, presented by SFU Health Sciences Students in conjunction with our Fraser District Public Health nurse. Our Gr. 8 students are participating in presentations and we have a wonderful opportunity to partner their learning with your learning. The presentation is meant to be informative on the harms and risks associated with vaping and then involve an opportunity for more informal discussions and questioning about the social implications that young adolescents face when presented with making the decisions around this substance that is illegal to sell to anyone under the age of 19. Vaping is not just limited to cigarettes as it can also be used for other substances like cannabis and being aware of the various devices can be very challenging to identify by sight smell or design use.

- To Register for the Parent Education Session we ask that you email Rob McFaul : rmcfaul@sd43.bc.ca to book a seat for the evening presentation.

- Directly following our Info Vaping Session our Hillcrest PAC will be hosting their monthly meeting of which we hope that many of you will be able to attend.
- We encourage parents to make note of this date and plan to attend so that you can be knowledgeable in an ever-changing playing field that puts our children's health at great risk. For more information checkout: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/vaping.html>

ATTEND: Vaping Awareness Parent Education session – Tuesday Nov. 26th – 6:30 – 7:20

Red Cross Babysitting Course – This is the first information sharing for a wonderful opportunity for students interested in adding to their learning portfolio for registration in a training session and certificate in the Red Cross Babysitting Course. This opportunity usually fills up very quickly, so please discuss with your child their plans for this date as it is a Professional Development Day at Hillcrest, thus your child has the flexibility to attend and participate at their home school. Registration is limited!

Red Cross Babysitting Course

So, you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course, so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

Hillcrest, Jan.27, 2020, 8:30-3:30

Grade 6+

\$60 + GST online registration

<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

Tut Tut – the musical



presented by KidsCAN Theatre Company

Walk like an Egyptian in TUT TUT, a musical theatre experience by Beat by Beat Press, brought to you by the Drama Mamas at KidsCAN Theatre Company Inc.

TUT, TUT! is inspired by the life of “King Tut” (the 10-year old who became King of Egypt) with a touch of Mark Twain’s “The Prince and the Pauper”. Set in exotic Egypt the story begins with a young Prince Tut who is bored of the royal life, so he wanders into the streets of the city looking for adventure. Suddenly he meets a peasant who looks just like him and the adventure really begins!

Students with all levels of experience, who are willing to commit to this production are welcome to participate in this story of social perspective, leadership and adventure.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Tut Tut is a 12-week program with final performances May 7 and 8, 2020
 - Auditions run January 28 – 31, 2020
- Rehearsals will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. beginning February 2020

REGISTRATION

Begins LIVE on-line November 23, 2020 at 11 a.m. through November 30 at www.kidscantheatre.com/registration

COST

\$156 for CAST (plus \$2 Credit Card Processing Fee added at check-out)

\$30 for CREW (plus \$2 Credit Card Processing Fee added at check-out)

– CREW team is limited to 8 students –

Includes all materials: script, music, costumes, props, 2 teachers, Cast and Crew pizza party, and t-shirt!

In partnership with Hillcrest Middle School and its PAC.

District Approved School Calendars - The Approved School District 43 School Calendars for 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 are now updated on the SD43 website.

To view these documents, please click the link below:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/AMYCalendar/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Yearbook 2019-2020 – This is a limited time offer as 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.

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>


We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

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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SchoolCashOnline


Become a SchoolCashOnline member today and see why so many parents have joined!

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending money with your child to school.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about BACK TO SCHOOL fees.
- ✓ Help us reduce the amount of cash coming through school doors.

Register today at:
<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>

School Cash Online is our school's PREFERRED method of payment.

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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 is scheduled for TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26th @ 7:30 pm in the library. This will take place directly following an educational presentation for parents on vaping organized by the school administration (from 6:30-7:20pm). Our hope is that some of you will stay and attend the PAC meeting which will directly follow the presentation!

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!

This is the last week to order items for our always popular **Holiday Fundraiser!** This includes the sale of **Poinsettias, Purdy's Chocolate and Gift Cards.** A package was sent home with Hillcrest students the week before last. If you haven't seen it yet please ask your kids to check their backpacks, visit <https://munchalunch.com/> or email coq.hms.fundraising@gmail.com



- **Purdy's Chocolates – you can order and pay online or use the paper order form in the catalogue**
- **Poinsettias – (starting at just \$5) you can order and pay online through MunchaLunch or paper form**
- **Fundscrip Gift Cards – a paper order form was included in the package sent home (no online option)**

All orders are due November 26th and will be ready for pick up on December 5th (help with sorting needed).
Don't forget to tell your friends and family about these fundraisers!

HOLIDAY HAMPER PROGRAM: For the 3rd year running the PAC will be organizing holiday hampers for 10 families in need in our SD43 community. This is a great way for all of us to give back to our community! Principal McFaul will work with us to connect each team in our school as a sponsor to these families. As you prepare for your own holiday season please think about collecting one or two small items that are commonly requested such as gift cards, books, grocery store cards, toys or cash.

Donations toward the Holiday Hamper program may be sent directly to the classroom or under the Fundraising Tab on MunchaLunch starting early December. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

CLOTHING DRIVE: Please gather your old and unwanted clothing for a clothing drive in the NEW YEAR! It will be held in January or February and proceeds will go to the school PAC!



REMINDER: Pizza Lunch for **YELLOW AND ORANGE TEAMS IS ON NOVEMBER 26.**

Last chance to order is tomorrow, November 19 before midnight!

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!

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SPC (STUDENT PRICE CARDS) ARE STILL AVAILABLE UNTIL JANUARY! For just \$10 these cards make great stocking stuffers and are valid for discounts at over 450 retailers (see partial list below). We have stock on hand! To order email coq.hms.fundraising@gmail.com

SPC Cards 2019-2020 participating retailers			
aerie	Extreme Pita	New Balance	Teriyaki Experience
ALDO	First Choice Haircutters	Old Navy	Thai Express
American Eagle Outfitters	Forever 21	Orange Julius	The Brick
Ardene	Freshslice Pizza	Panera Bread	The Chopped Leaf
Banana Republic	Globo Shoes	Pantorama	The Source/La Source
Bath & Body Works	GNC	Pita Pit	TOPSHOP/TOPMAN
Bench	Jack Astor's	Pizza 73	Urban Outfitters
Bentley	Journeys	Pizza Hut	Urban Plaet
Bikini Village	Jugo Juice	Pizza Nova	Victoria's Secret PINK
Bluenotes	Kernels Popcorn	Pizza Pizza	West49
BonLook	KFC/PFK	PUMA Outlet	WIRELWSSWAVE
Booster Juice	la Vie en Rose	Rexal/Pharma Plus	WLKN
Burger King	Little Burgundy	Roots	Yellow Shoes
Call It Spring	Manchu WOK'	Running Room	Yogen Fruz
Calvin Klein	Marble Slab	Sirens	Yogurty's Froyo
Chatters	MR.SUB	Sleep Country	
Coffee Culture	Mucho Burrito	South St. Burger	
Country Style	Nando's Chicken	Tbooth wireless	
DAVID's TEA	NYX Professional Makeup		
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Fundraising by Donation: You can still support Hillcrest by providing a donation to the school! You can do this through our School Cash Online (KEV) <https://www.schoolcashionline.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!

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:

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.