



# Hillcrest Middle School HAPPENINGS

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**Mission Statement:**  
*The Hillcrest School Community is committed to providing educational opportunities in a safe and respectful environment that encourages students to become responsible lifelong learners, both individually and cooperatively.*

## October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Provincial Professional Day-October 20<sup>th</sup>:**

All schools in the Province will be closed on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for a common Professional Day. On this day, teachers around the province will be involved in in-service workshops and activities. School will be back in session for children on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

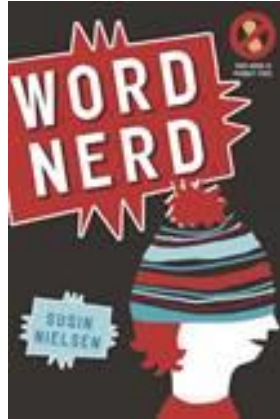
October	20		District Pro D Day
	25		School Wide Read
	26		Explorations Term 1 ends
	30		Explorations Term 2 begins
	31		Halloween Activities
November	1		Camp Read (PJ Day)
	5		Daylight savings time change
	7		<b>Expo term one reports go home</b>
	8	Blk E and F	Remembrance Day Assembly Rehearsal
	9	9:00 am	Remembrance Day Assembly
	10		School is not in session
	11		Remembrance Day
	13		Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
	15	1:05 pm	Earthquake drill
	20		Christmas Community Hamper Drive Begins
	24		Non Instructional Day for redesigned curriculum
	29 - 30	2:00 pm	Early Dismissal

**Please NOTE that our announcements are uploaded to our website each day by our secretary, Mrs. Nichols, so that families know what opportunities are happening on a day to day basis.**

## HILLCREST NEWS

### Word Nerd Day!

Students have been enjoying our school-wide read this year: **Word Nerd** by Susin Nielsen! And fortunately for them, she happens to live in Vancouver and will be paying us a visit on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to kick off our Word Nerd Day! We have an exciting day of activities planned for students to celebrate Word Nerd. Some students will have a chance to select a station activity related to Word Nerd, play scrabble and other interesting word games, learn some self-defence moves, and hear about some other interesting titles by Susin Nielsen and other books similar to Word Nerd. Parents are welcome to join us for her presentation which will begin at 9:00 in the gym.



### Writers Festival 2017

The rainy weather did not dampen 41 eager readers' spirits as they trudged to Granville Island to meet their favourite author: Gordon Korman! Some students had to wait over a year to see him as his presentation last year was cancelled. They were not disappointed, as Mr. Korman shared stories from his long writing career: he wrote his first novel when he was 12 years old, over 40 years ago! The highlight for some students was when they were able to meet him one-on-one during his book signing session. Thank you Mrs. Hampton and Mr. Holbrook for joining Ms. Trieu on this trip to celebrate writers and readers!



**SUN PEAKS Ski Resort, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

We went to Big White two years in a row and have now decided to head to Sun Peaks for some snow action! This year, we will be staying on the mountain! Sign up for this trip if you want a safe and fun weekend skiing/shredding some epic POW! This is NOT a beginner's trip. Only sign up if you are a Novice, Intermediate, or Expert skier/boarder. The last day to sign up will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please register online through KEV. Waiver and medical forms can be picked up from Ms. Trieu.

**COST:** \$400 (own gear)/\$450 (2-day rental)

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

Round trip transportation on a deluxe motor coach to Sun Peaks

- 2 nights' hotel accommodation at the Sun Peaks Grand
- 2 day lift ticket to Sun Peaks ski resort
- Pizza Dinner Saturday night
- Breakfast provided by the school Saturday and Sunday morning (continental breakfast)
- 1-90 minute lesson on Saturday
- Safety video, prizes and giveaways on the coach

**DUE DATES:** November 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 non-refundable deposit DUE

December 22<sup>nd</sup> remaining balance

Registration through KEV will begin October 13<sup>th</sup>

Waiver and Medical Information forms (see Ms. Trieu) must be returned by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Trieu ([ttrieu@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ttrieu@sd43.bc.ca)).

**Upcoming Orange Team Activities:**

Soap Stone Carving (\$11):

Div 20 – November 16

Div 17, 18, 19 – November 17

Curling (\$6)\*:

Div 20 – January 9/11                    1:30 – 3:00

Div 19 – January 16/18                1:30 – 3:00

Div 18 – January 23/25                1:30 – 3:00

Div 17 – January 30/Feb1              1:30 – 3:00

\*Parent volunteers needed for this trip. Please contact core teacher.

<b>DISTRICT INFORMATION</b>
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**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 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](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

***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.***

## JUST SO YOU ARE AWARE

### **REMINDER: Leaving School Early/Absent:**

Parents, if your child needs to leave the school early for any reason, he or she must have a signed note or email from you that goes to the office OR a phone call into the office. This is a safety issue as we cannot dismiss children simply on their word that they have your permission to leave the school. If the child is being picked up by someone who is not listed as a contact on the registration form, they must phone a parent or a note must be written by a parent giving permission for that person to pick up the student.

**Anyone picking up a student from the school needs to sign them out at the office.** Students should not just leave to meet someone outside. Please phone the school to advise us if your child will be absent or late for school. We have an answering machine if you need to call outside of school hours.

### **Halloween Safety:**

Safety at Halloween is always important. Please review the following information with your children, so that they may have a safe and fun-filled day.

1. Wear a lightly coloured and flame-resistant costume.
2. Retro-reflective tape is a nice addition to ensure car drivers can see you better.
3. Wear a costume that fits well and is not too long so that you don't trip.
4. Carry a flashlight so you can see better and be seen.
5. Trick-or-Treat on one side of the street then the other. Never criss-cross the street.
6. Always go out with an adult. Older children should Trick-or-Treat in groups.
7. Discuss your child's route with them and what time they will be home at.
8. Never go into a strange house, apartment or car.
9. Have your parents check your treats before you eat any.
10. Remember to have a snack or meal before going out.



### **Halloween Costumes:**

YES- it is already upon us. Our students are already excited about Halloween- the candy, the costumes and trick or treating. Please encourage your child to come to school in a non-violent costume- one that is comfortable, respectful and safe for school activities.

## PAC NEWS

Thanks to all parents who came out to our PAC meeting on Tuesday. Our next PAC meeting will be held **Tuesday November 21** at 7:00 pm in the Library. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Should you have any questions about fundraising at Hillcrest, please contact Catherine Hubbs at [hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com).

**Fundraising by Donation:** If you would like to support Hillcrest PAC by providing a donation please see the attached PAC donation letter/form. Alternatively, you can make your donation through the School Cash Online (KEV) system by clicking [here](#). No other fundraiser has a 100 percent profit margin and for donations of \$25 or more you will receive a tax receipt from SD43.



**QSP Magazines:** Information about this fundraiser went home with all students last Monday. QSP offers popular titles in both paper and electronic form from both Canadian and international publishers. Magazine subscriptions make great gifts that last the entire year.

Magazines may be ordered using the paper form that is included in the information package or online at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) – **Hillcrest is Group 3745007**. Students who have sold five or more subscriptions by next

Tuesday, Oct. 24 get to participate in the Candy Jump! Hillcrest PAC profits an average of \$10 per subscription sold, making this a profitable fundraiser.

See the attached flyer for details about our QSP Magazine fundraiser. Orders are due by October 30.



**Pizza Lunches:** The PAC will be offering pizza lunches throughout the year. All orders and payments will be through the MunchaLunch system. Please see the attached instructions for registering and ordering. No late orders will be accepted.

We serve two teams on each date on a rotating basis - **remember to order only on your child's team dates**. Each team gets two lunches this term.

**PAC pizza lunch dates:**

Orange and Green Teams – Nov. 7 – orders due Oct. 31

Red and Blue Teams - Nov. 14 – orders due Nov. 7

Yellow and Orange Teams - Nov. 28 – orders due Nov. 21.

**Psst....**Do you have multiple children on different teams? Order extra and the kids can share it - for example if you have Child A on Red Team and Child B on Orange Team order for both under Child A's name on Red Team Pizza Days and order for both under Child B's name on Orange Team dates. The catch - you must order the entire lunch for all kids under the child's name who is on the team being served lunch. The kids must pick the entire order up at the same time.

**We need volunteers to run the lunches – thanks to the parents who have served the last two lunches! If you have about 40 minutes available from about noon to 12:40 pm we would appreciate your help.**

The pizza lunch coordinators for this year are Catherine Hubbs and Deb Dobson who can be reached at [hillcrestlunches@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrestlunches@gmail.com).

**SPC Cards:**

SPC is Canada’s favourite loyalty card that provides students with discounts and deals at thousands of the best stores and restaurants across Canada.



More details at [www.spccard.ca](http://www.spccard.ca).

At a cost of \$10.00, most SPC Card members will cover the cost of the card on their first trip to the mall and the cards are valid until July 31, 2018! Cards may be ordered online at [www.spccard.ca/purchase](http://www.spccard.ca/purchase). Remember to **Promo Code 37268** for Hillcrest to receive the \$3.50 profit.

**Big Brothers and Discover Books Donation Bins – Hosted by Hillcrest:** Hillcrest hosts both a Big Brothers clothing donation bin and a Discover Books bin both located at the Como Lake Ave. entrance to the school. These bins are conveniently open 24/7 and benefit both Hillcrest (we get 10 cents per pound of donated clothing, footwear, linens, material and accessories/eight cents per pound of books) AND Big Brothers. We recently received a semi-annual cheque from Big Brothers for \$780 and a quarterly cheque from Discover Books for \$144.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Hoodies for Teens:**

Andrew Teel, a former Hillcrest student, is working with the schools on the Hilltop to collect new and gently worn adult sized hoodies for homeless youth through Covenant House. He will be placing a box in the lobby of our schools for two weeks to collect donations beginning Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> until Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please check through your closets and see if you can help with this worthy cause.

