



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 27th, 2017



Tambellini Talks

We love to provide opportunities for our students such as curling, swimming and skating within the community around Hillcrest i.e. Spani Pool and Poirier Rec Center. We do not need to rely on parent drivers or buses to get us there so the costs are kept low. However, we are struggling at times to find **parent volunteers** to help with the supervision to, at and from the field trips. We are hoping to put together a pool of parent volunteers who would be willing to be contacted on an 'as need basis' to be borrowed for a few hours of exercise, helpful interactions and fun. Please email me at ntambellini@sd43.bc.ca if you are interested.

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 placed a box in the lobby of our school earlier this week to collect donations until Friday November 3rd. Please check through your closets and see if you can help with this worthy cause.

Phones and sleep- definitely, these two words do not go together in a healthy way! I am having more and more students chatting with me about using their cell phones into the wee hours of the morning. I am having more and more students telling me they are going to bed midnight or later because they are busy playing games on phones or on Instagram or Snapchat. This is way too late to be productive at school or to let their 'bodies' recover from busy days. Teens need 8 to 9 hours of sleep at least. Help your child set up a routine to 'induce sleep' by placing their 'electronics' such as phones in a room outside of the area they are sleeping a few hours before bedtime.

On a different note, the district is introducing a new **Report Card Template** for the 2017-18 school year. Hillcrest is hosting an evening to 'unpack' the various parts of the report card and to answer questions prior to term 1 report cards going home in December. Please put a note in your calendars to attend this opportunity in our **Hillcrest Gym on November 21st at 7pm.**

Have a fabulous weekend-

Miss Tambellini

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	30		Explorations Term 2 begins
	31		Halloween Activities
November	1		Camp Read (PJ Day)
	5		Daylight savings time change
	7		Expo term one reports go home
	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

DISTRICT INFORMATION

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 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.

FAMILIES OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS TAKE NOTE:

iHub Open House 2017
Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00pm until 10:00pm

Inquiry Hub is another type of Grade 9 to 12 campus. Having students leading the school is one of Inquiry Hub's core concepts. So at iHub Open, you won't see the principal and the teachers speaking for endless hours about learning outcomes and GPAs (although you might hear about the success of our grads). Instead you'll see what you need to see: Students presenting about the school, their peers, and their passions.

HILLCREST NEWS

RED TEAM UPDATE:

Red team is enjoying Term 1 so far. Students have been very busy with many activities in and out of the classroom. We enjoyed our first field trip to Poirier Pool this month, some students have joined Hillcrest's swim, volleyball and cross-country teams, while others had the opportunity to attend the Writers Festival to hear Gordon Korman speak. We also had the amazing opportunity to hear Susin Nielsen talk at Hillcrest on our "Word Nerd" day; this is the school-wide read we have been reading and responding to since September. Our students are also looking forward to the upcoming school-wide "Camp Read Day" where students bring their tents, sleeping bags, and pajamas to cuddle up in and read a novel of their choice happening on Wednesday November 1; fitting for the day after a "sugar-rush filled" night on Halloween! In the areas of curriculum, Mrs. Caldwell and Divisions 5 and 6 are enjoying the "Life through Time" Science project, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Byrne's students have enjoyed designing their own mysterious artifacts in Social Studies, as well as using their budding archaeological skills to uncover artifacts in their very own classroom excavation dig! Ms. Ngo and Mr. Lee have been having fun with Divisions 5 and 7 in French, creating a video project incorporating basic French vocabulary such as numbers and days of the week. As always, Red Team teachers encourage parents to keep informed of their child's progress through Freshgrade, but to remember that this is only one piece of the puzzle, and that an email or phone call is another great way to communicate with your son or daughter's teachers should you have any questions or concerns. Happy Halloween all!

JUST SO YOU ARE AWARE

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 6:30 pm (please note that this is an earlier start)** in the Library. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Should you have any questions about fundraising at Hillcrest, please contact Catherine Hubbs at hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com.



QSP Magazines: All orders for our annual magazine fundraiser **are due next Monday, October 30**. Information about this fundraiser went home with all students Monday Oct. 16. 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 – **Hillcrest is Group 3745007**. Hillcrest PAC profits an average of

\$10 per subscription sold, making this a profitable fundraiser.

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 next Tuesday, 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.

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.



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.

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. 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.

Coming up! Our annual Holiday Fundraising Package – **Purdys, Gift Cards and Poinsettias**. Paper order forms and online ordering information will be coming out soon.



Hamper Program: Hillcrest will be lending a helping hand to local families during the holidays. We will be hosting a Movie Night on Friday Dec. 1 in support of this program. Watch here for details.

