



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.

November 17th, 2017



Tambellini Talks

Well there have been a few permanent staff changes since the start of the year with some staff moving from temporary to permanent status in new locations or with us.

We had to say farewell to a few staff members and hello to some wonderful new additions to Hillcrest.

Mrs. Esther Pfungsten moved to Gleneagle Secondary for a 12- month position.

We welcome **Mrs. Leanne Carswell** from Glen Elementary School in our head secretary position.

Mr. Terry Bell, our evening caretaker moved to a day shift position at Montgomery Middle School.

We welcome **Mr. Dan Brown**, who was already with us, into the ‘head’ caretaker role.

Mr. Simon Ng joins us from Dr. Charles Best to take the other evening caretaker position.

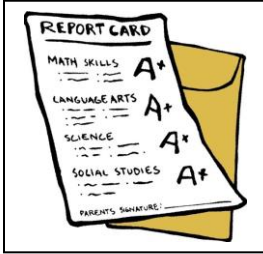
Mrs. Leslie Kidd took a temporary position at Nestor Elementary School as an Educational Assistant at the very start of the school year. It took a bit of time but **Ms. Brittany Tsamkiranis** is now in her role.

We also have **Mrs. Polly Samra** has joined us as one of our Noon Hour Supervisors and **Ms. Taylor Scott** has joined our Student Services Team as Mrs. Davies is away on a leave until January.

Miss Tambellini

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| November | 20 | | Christmas Community Hamper Drive Begins |
| | 24 | | Non-Instructional Day for redesigned curriculum |
| | 29 - 30 | 2:00 pm | Early Dismissal |
| December | 1 | | Core Term 1 ends |
| | 1 | | SEL Presentation by Leah Pells on Grit in Blocks C and D-Altered Day Schedule 2 |
| | 4 | | Core Term 2 begins |
| | 19 | 1:00 pm | Winter concert dress rehearsal |
| | 19 | 7:00 pm | Winter concert |
| | 19 | | Expo term 2 ends |
| | 20 | | Expo term 3 begins |
| | 21 | | Core Term 1 Reports go home |
| | 21 | | Winter Break Game Show Afternoon – Altered Day Schedule 3 |
| | 22 | | Last day of school before winter break |
| | Dec 25 to Jan 7 | | Winter break |



Parent Information Evening

Topic: NEW District Report Card Template
Presenter: Colleen Castonguay (Vice-Principal of Walton Elementary and District CSL Design Team Member)
Audience: Hilltop Parents of Elementary and Middle Students
Where: Hillcrest Middle School GYM
When: November 21st at 7pm

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.

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.



HILLCREST NEWS

School Conference Information:

ALL teams will be hosting parent conferences on the **Early Dismissal Days on Wednesday, November 29th and Thursday, November 30th**. On these days, students will be dismissed at 2pm. We are offering a full day of parent-teacher-student conference meeting times for all core teams on Thursday, November 30th. While conferences are happening on November 30th- the admin team, Ms. Trieu, Ms. Dhaliwal and the Student Services teachers are offering opportunities for the students in Social Studies. Teachers will be sending out their 'invites' next week. Conference times for the teachers on each team on each day are as follows:

| Teams | November 29 th | November 30 th |
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| Core | 2pm to 6pm | 9:30am to 4pm |
| Explorations | 2pm to 4pm or by appointment | 2pm to 4pm or by appointment |
| Student Services | 2pm to 4pm or by appointment | 2pm to 4pm or by appointment |

Please see the map with information as to where you will be meeting the teachers in our main foyer near the office when you arrive on November 29th and 30th.

The appointment times will be made ELECTRONICALLY by each core teacher via the Sign-up Genius APP. Teachers will be sending an invite in the next few days. **Please try to make every effort (if you wish an appointment) to schedule it during the days and times allotted.**

Please note that if you wish an appointment with one of our Student Services or Explorations teachers during their conference times, please email them directly.

SS Team Teachers:

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| Ms. Johns | cjohns@sd43.bc.ca |
| Mrs. Chan | mychan@sd43.bc.ca |
| Ms. Trieu | ttrieu@sd43.bc.ca |
| Mr. J. Wiskar | jwiskar@sd43.bc.ca |
| Mr. Gwilliam | dgwilliam@sd43.bc.ca |

Explorations Team Teachers:

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| Dramus | Ms. Yeates | ayeates@sd43.bc.ca |
| Tech Ed | Mr. J. Wiskar | jwiskar@sd43.bc.ca |
| Art | Mrs. McMillan | tmcmillan@sd43.bc.ca |
| Home Ec | Mrs. Toolsie-Worsnup | stoolsie@sd43.bc.ca |
| Digital Literacy | Mrs. Boileau | sboileau@sd43.bc.ca |

Looking forward to seeing all of you during Conference time.

Miss Tambellini

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting will be held next **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)

Holiday 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. Please see the attached notices for more details. If you can help with Movie Night or have any other questions, please contact Sam Focak at sam.focak@shaw.ca. Movie Night admission, refreshments, and donations toward the Holiday Hamper program may be ordered under the Fundraising Tab on [MunchaLunch](#).



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

Holiday Fundraisers – Purdy's, Fundscrip (Gift Cards) and Poinsettias. An information and order package were sent home with all students on Tuesday and all online order sites for Purdy's and the poinsettias are up and running. **All orders are due Monday, Nov. 27.**

Purdy's: Order online at [Purdy's](#) - Hillcrest is **Group 6408**. View the [catalogue](#) and print this [order form](#) to submit a paper order. Please remember to calculate and include the appropriate taxes (5%). Make cheques payable to Hillcrest Middle School PAC.

Fundscrip (gift cards): Please print this [order form](#) and submit to office along with cheque to Hillcrest Middle School PAC.

Poinsettias: Order online at [MunchaLunch](#) under the Fundraising Tab. Alternatively, use this [order form](#) and return to the school with a cheque to Hillcrest Middle School PAC.

All orders will be distributed between 2:00 and 3:30 in the Stage Room on Thursday, Dec. 7 or by prior arrangement.



Pizza Lunches: The PAC will be offering pizza lunches throughout the year. All orders and payments will be through the [MunchaLunch](#) system. **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:

Yellow and Orange Teams - Nov. 28 – **orders due next Tuesday, 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. 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.



QSP Magazines: Our prize portion of this fundraiser is over, but you can order magazines online all year long. 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 online at www.qsp.ca – **Hillcrest is Group 3745007**. Hillcrest PAC profits an average of \$10 per subscription sold, making this a profitable fundraiser.

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 \$14.