



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.

December 1st, 2017



Tambellini Talks

Hello Families

Mr. Romano will continue to be away until January. Teacher leaders have been assisting at the office for a week at a time. I have appreciated Mr. Shong, our assistant superintendent, 'okaying' this opportunity for us. It allowed many teachers to experience leadership as an admin assistant as well as not compromising a 'class' by taking its teacher out of class for the full eight to ten weeks. A big THANK YOU to the following teachers who have stepped up or are stepping up in the next few weeks for their wonderful leadership: Mr. Foulkes, Mr. Van Hove, Mr. Ingelman, Mr. Wiskar, Mr. Lageston, Mr. Nay, Ms. Trieu and Mr. Holbrook.

Just so you are aware, I will be away at a conference beginning on Saturday, December 2nd until Thursday, December 7th. Mr. Rob Lederer, vice-principal at Best Secondary, will be onsite during my absence assisting as required. He can be reached at: RLederer@sd43.bc.ca .

WHAT A BUSY FEW WEEKS! Teachers completed assessments, met with families this past week and are finishing up the first Formal Reports, which will be sent home on December 21st. Thank you for taking the time to sit down with your child and discuss their progress in the first term and set new goals for term two.

As a staff, we would like to thank all parents for the fantastic support you provide for your children, our school, and this community. Your help driving on fieldtrips (getting all those forms done!!!!), helping with homework, and attending Communicating Student Learning Conferences help our students be the best they can be.

Well done Hillcrest!!!

Nadine Tambellini
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	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

HILLCREST NEWS

Staff Leaving:

Ms Penner Hunt, our youth worker at Hillcrest has posted into the permanent position at Port Moody Secondary. Her last day with us was today. She will start on Monday, December 4, 2017. A posting went out today for the Youth Worker position at Hillcrest. We will have a substitute youth worker in until the position is filled.

Jason Van Loenen, our day time caretaker, took a position at Centennial Secondary. His last day with us was yesterday. We will have a substitute custodian in until the position is filled.

Opportunity KNOCKING:

WHAT: Team Canada VS Team Uruguay World Cup Qualifying Game

WHEN: Saturday, January 27th, 2018 @ 5PM

WHERE: BC Place

WHO: Students, parents, grandparents, uncles, cousins, aunts, etc.

WHY: Because it's a great sport! We can cheer for Team Canada! Hillcrest has a great rugby culture! AND it's only **\$15/ticket!** It makes a great stocking stuffer!

This is not a school-sponsored function.

We are merely providing the opportunity for families to take advantage of this great school-rate.

Purchase your tickets through School Cash On-Line from December 1st-13th!



PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 16 at 7 pm** 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. Information went out to all families earlier this week about the program and also about the family your child's class is sponsoring.

As you prepare for your own holiday season, please think about collecting just one or two small items that are commonly requested – clothes, books, grocery cards or toys. You can also make a monetary donation on [MunchaLunch](#) under the fundraising tab. Thanks to those families who have already contributed.

We will collect presents and donations until Monday, December 18th. If you have any questions please contact Sam Focak at sam.focak@shaw.ca.



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

Holiday Fundraisers – Purdys, Fundscrip (Gift Cards) and Poinsettias. Thanks so much to those families who supported this fundraiser! **All orders will be distributed between 2:00 and 3:30 in the Stage Room next Thursday, Dec. 7 or by prior arrangement.** Please contact Catherine Hubbs at hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com.

Fundraising by Donation: If you would like to support Hillcrest PAC by providing a donation you do so 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: Online sale wraps up Thursday, Dec. 7

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.



QSP Magazines: We've raised \$575 so far with our magazine fundraiser. 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. Subscriptions may be purchased online at www.qsp.ca – **Hillcrest is Group 3745007.**

Pizza Lunches: We have wrapped up our lunches for the term. Thanks very much to the dedicated volunteers who helped serve pizza this fall! Watch for the new Winter/Spring



session to be up on MAL soon. The pizza lunch coordinators for this year are Catherine Hubbs and Deb Dobson who can be reached at hillcrestlunches@gmail.com.

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.