



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 8th, 2017

Please view the attachments sent with this newsletter- there is very important information about the Cross-catchment Process and Programs of Choice for 2017-18.



Tambellini Talks

Hello Families

I have the pleasure of reading first formal report cards of all 554 students which are going home on Thursday, December 21st. We hope you take the time to celebrate your child's successes and help your child with his/her new goals for the second term.

December is always an exciting time and as much as we try to keep with routine, the events sometimes throw our normal school structures and cause a little stress for students (and staff too). Add in shopper's fatigue, family Christmas activities and late outings and we have recipe for a few student upsets in schools at this time of year. We are trying to be 'business as usual' or should I say 'busy-ness as usual'. Mrs. Gallelo and Ms. Yeates are preparing for our **Winter Concert** which is scheduled for December 19th at 7pm in our gym. The choirs and bands are really outdoing themselves this year and with so many more members. Yes, there is only two weeks left but there are things to do!

On a very different note, we will be saying our **farewells to our Ms. Trieu** as she heads to the New Westminster School District. She will be a vice- principal at F.W. Howay Elementary school beginning January 2018.

I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Trieu for six years. She joined Hillcrest Middle School at the same time as I did. In fact, even when she applied and was interviewed for her initial position, I was 'blown away' by the enthusiasm, creativity and passion she had for her own professional development; the experiences she provided for students and staff; and the vision she had for the role of the teacher-librarian. Ms. Trieu had many assigned roles: teacher-librarian; explorations teacher; Athletic Director; Grade 6/7 Classroom Teacher; Educational Fund Initiatives Coordinator; Student Services Teacher; and Teacher in Charge when administrators are out of the building. As well, she is currently assigned Team Leader for our NEW Curriculum Initiatives Committee. For the past two years, she spearheaded the design of our A-B-C Curriculum Blueprint. Ms. Trieu is often described as always 'walking the talk'-she is a powerhouse of energy, talent and enthusiasm in all her roles. Her co-teaching role is key to our learning supports for the

Personal and Social Responsibility goal for students and professional development with staff. She helped develop, implement and revise our school-wide learning plan-“personal tools boxes” for students; the co-teaching model for staff; and new curriculum and reporting workshops for staff. SHE WILL BE MISSED! Ms. Trieu has given much time ‘learning with us and teaching us’. We have built much leadership capacity with her support and staff are stepping into the many roles she held. Congratulations Ms. Trieu.

Miss Tambellini

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December	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
January			Random Acts of Kindness month
	8		First day of school after Winter break
	11	Blk F	Earthquake Drill
	12	11:00am– 7:00pm	Ski & snowboard – Cypress
	15		Expo term 2 reports go home
	15	3:15 pm	Staff meeting – NO HOMEWORK CLUB
	19	11:00am– 7:00pm	Ski & snowboard – Cypress
	26	11:00am– 7:00pm	Ski & snowboard – Cypress
	26	afternoon	Grade 8 tours
	29		School-based Pro D day (Focus Day)
	29 to Feb. 23 rd		Canned Food Drive begins

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.

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.



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.