



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 15th, 2017



Tambellini Talks

Hello Families

At this time of giving, it is also important that some people receive the ‘thank you’ that they so well deserve. Some very special people support our students, staff and fellow parents. They are the devoted members of our PAC Executive. For instance, PAC supported the fundraising for new Home-Ed sewing machines, new Dramus ukuleles, Literacy Day Celebration, Grit Literacy Kit, new Tech Ed scroll saws and playground equipment. PAC activities not only ‘fundraise’ for extras for the school but they are a wonderful way of bringing the community together.

Thank you to our PAC Executive:

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| ✓ Sam Focak | Chair |
| ✓ Luba Shaferman | Vice-Chair |
| ✓ David White | Secretary |
| ✓ Michelle Head | Treasurer |
| ✓ Catherine Hubbs | Fundraising Coordinator |
| ✓ Kirsten Anderson | DPAC |
| ✓ Michelle Danielov | Executive Member at Large |

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF!

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

DISTRICT NEWS

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 at all 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>

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 by e-mail 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.



The Winter Concert is just a few days away on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 pm and it's always a great evening! The PAC has planned a few activities around the concert including:

HoHoHold Those Seats! Our online auction for reserved front row seating for the concert **has been extended and runs until next Monday, Dec. 18 at 8 pm**. If you'd like to ensure that you have the best seats in

the house for the concert please visit [32 Auctions](#) and bid on your choice of pairs of seats near Beginning Band, the Choirs and Advanced Band. Bidding starts at \$5 per pair of seats. We also have a 'Buy Now' option where a pair of seats can be purchased for \$40.

Bake Sale: We'll be holding a bake sale of yummy goodies before and during the concert. **If you are able to donate baked goods (homemade or store bought)** please let Catherine (hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com) know to expect them. All baked goods should be nut-free and may be brought to the office the day of the concert or directly to the concert. Thank you for your donation!

50/50 draw: We will be holding a 50/50 draw the night of the concert so consider bringing some cash and trying your luck!

Thank you very much support! **All money raised during the concert supports the arts at Hillcrest!**



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.