



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.

January 19th, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	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
February			Olympics from Feb. 5 to 25
	2	11:00am–7:00pm	Ski & snowboard – Cypress
	2		Ground Hog Day
	5/6		Satisfactions Surveys (Grade 7's only)
	7	Blk A	Lock Down Drill
	9		School not in session
	12		BC Family day
	23		District Pro-D day
	26		Expo term 3 ends
	27		Expo term 4 begins

Buy Your Hillcrest 2017-2018 Yearbook

Last chance to purchase yearbooks through [KEV online](#). Yearbooks are \$55 and will be delivered to the school in June. This is available for ordering until Jan 31st, 2018 . The school will not have extras to sell when they are distributed to students in June so now is the time to get them!

GRADE 8 OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Grade 8 Tour of Secondary Schools – Friday, January 26th

Dear Families of Grade 8 Skiers and Snowboarders:

One of the days that are planned for skiing/snowboarding (Friday, January 26) falls on the same day as all the Coquitlam secondary schools have their Grade 8 Tours. **Therefore, we need to hear back from all grade 8 ski/SB parents as to whether your son/daughter will be attending the tour or going to Cypress.**

Some things to consider in your decision:

1. Some secondary schools are also conducting pre-assessment tests for certain programs before and after the tours. Please refer to the Grade 8 timeline attached for more information.
2. There will be parent information evenings at each secondary school, which students can attend with their parents if they choose to go skiing/snowboarding.

Please email your choice to all 3 staff members: Ms. Dhaliwal ldhaliwal@sd43.bc.ca Mr. Romano tromano@sd43.bc.ca and Mrs. Nichols lnichols@sd43.bc.ca

Grade 8 Parent Information Night & Tour at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School

Thursday, January 25

Tour starts at 6:30 pm

Information meeting starts at 7:00 pm – Gym

COMMUNITY NEWS

SFU APPLIED SCIENCES INFORMATION: Upcoming programs for elementary, middle, and high school students interested in computer science and engineering! Please find a brief description of our upcoming programs below with detailed information available on their website at <https://www.sfu.ca/fas/news-and-outreach/community-outreach.html>.

Elementary School

Technovation (January to May 2018)

Open to girls ages 10 to 18. The Technovation Challenge teaches middle and high school girls how to make an app for a mobile phone using AppInventor. This 12-week, online, after-school program is structured so that groups of girls (ages 10-18) learn how to identify a problem, design and test a solution, collaborate with a team and communicate effectively. Each team will work through the Technovation curriculum with assistance from a mentor. [Find out more.](#)

Girls Get IT (May 26, 2018)

Open to girls ages 9 to 11. Each year, the Faculty of Applied Sciences hosts a great opportunity for girls aged 9-11 to learn about the fields of Computing Science and Engineering! Participants take part in various activities and have the chance to talk to current students about what it means to be a computing scientist or engineer. All activities are supervised by SFU faculty and staff. Girl Guides Canada participants complete all requirements for both their computing science and engineering badges. [Find out more.](#)

Science ALIVE (Throughout the year)

Open to grade K to 9 students depending on the specific program. Science Alive provides opportunities for youth to explore science beyond the textbook through hands-on, interactive discovery which stimulates their interest and fosters confidence. A student-run not-for-profit organization based at Simon Fraser University, Science ALIVE is supported by the Faculty of Applied Sciences, and a member of Actua, a national organization that reaches 225,000 youth annually. [Find out more.](#)

Middle School

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Go CODE Girl (February 3, 2018)

Open to girls grades 8 to 11. The Faculty of Applied Sciences at Simon Fraser University invites girls (grades 8 – 11) and their parents/guardians to learn more about the wonderful world of computing science. Please join us for this free event where girls will have fun participating in programming activity while parents learn

about the possibility of computing science as a career choice for their daughters. The day will conclude with refreshments. [Find out more.](#)

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Go ENG Girl (TBA)

Open to girls in grades 7 to 10. Nationwide engineering day Go ENG Girl gives girls the exciting opportunity to visit the SFU campus and learn from women professionals, academics and students about the wonderful world of engineering. While the girls enjoy fun hands-on activities, their parents are treated to an informative session about the path to a career in engineering. [Find out more.](#)

High School

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AI4ALL (July 9 to 20, 2018)

Open to girls in grade 11. Artificial Intelligence for All (AI4ALL) is a 2-week summer enrichment program for young women to explore artificial intelligence and technology. Girls will get hands-on experience with artificial intelligence and have fun making an impact through tech. Girls who are curious about AI should apply. Successful applicants will be provided with accommodation in SFU residence for the duration of the program. [Find out more.](#)

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Science ALIVE Volunteer Opportunity (Throughout the year)

Open to grade 9 to 12 students. Interested in volunteering with Science ALIVE? We are currently accepting volunteer applications for our weekend clubs and our summer camps. Students can apply to assist our staff in inspiring youth through hands-on interactive activities. This is a perfect opportunity for high school

students who are interested in working with youth and are passionate about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). [Find out more.](#)

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at fasevent@sfu.ca. Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season!

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PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting will be held **Tuesday February 20 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)

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

Pizza Lunches: Ordering for PAC pizza lunches for the remainder of the year is now up and running on www.munchalunch.com/schools/hillcrestms. All orders and payments must be made through the MunchaLunch system.

Each team will be offered four lunch dates:

Green: Jan. 23, Feb. 13, Apr. 17, May 15

Red: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Apr. 17, May 29

Blue: Feb. 6, Feb. 27, Apr. 24, May 29

Yellow: Feb. 6, March 6, Apr. 24, June 5

Orange: Feb. 13, March 6, May 15, June 5

Orders are due one week before the lunch date.



We serve two teams on each date on a rotating basis - **remember to order only on your child's team dates.** If you have multiple children on different teams you can 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. **Please note:** you must

order the entire lunch for all kids under the child's name who is on the team being served lunch that day. **The kids must pick up the entire order together 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.

**** We need three more volunteers for next lunch on Tuesday January 23. Please let us know if you can help ****

No late orders, no refunds and no special orders. All orders and payment must be through the MunchaLunch system.

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.



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.