

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday April 30th, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday, April 30 th	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Athletics: Rugby Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
Tuesday, May 1 st	* Kiwanis Band Festival – Advanced Band @ Langley @ 7:45 – 12:00 * Explorations Term 4 Ends * Athletics: Track & Field Practices @ 12:25/ Girls Rugby Game @ 3:00 – 5:30 (Scott Creek)/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, May 2 nd	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Explorations Term 5 Begins * Athletics: Rugby Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30/ Track & Field Mini Meet @ Eagle Mountain Middle 3:15 – 4:45
Thursday, May 3 rd	* Girls Choir in Dramus Rm. @ 7:45 * Div. 9 Science Fair in Library @ 9:00 * Athletics: Track & Field Practices @ 12:25/ Rugby Game Gr. 7/8 boys @ 3:30 – 5:30 @ Scott Creek/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Friday, May 4 th	* Girls/Boys Choir in Dramus Rm. @ 7:45 * Div. 15/ 16 Hyde Creek Fish Release Activity @ 8:45 * Presentation: Jessica Krueger school theme Perseverance and Grit @ 9:00 * Athletics: Rugby Game – Boys Gr. 6/7 @ Scott Creek @ 3:30 – 5:30
Monday, May 7 th	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45
Tuesday, May 8 th	* Boys Choir in Dramus Rm @ 7:45 * Practice Lock Down Drill @ 9:00 with RCMP support * Athletics: Track & Field Practices @ 12:25/ Rugby Game – Girls @ Scott Creek @ 3:30 – 5:30/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, May 9 th	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Explorations Term 4 Reports Go Home * Athletics: Rugby Practice @ 3:00 - 4:30
Thursday, May 10 th	* Girl Choir in Dramus Rm. @ 7:45 * Beginner Band Day @ Moody Middle @ 9:00 * Athletics: Track & Field Practices @ 12:25/ Rugby Game – Boys Gr. 7/8 @ Scott Creek @ 3:30 – 5:30/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Friday, May 11 th	* Kiwanis Choir Festival @ 7:45 for Girls / Boys Choir * District Track & Field Meet – all day at Town Centre Track * MACC – Biennale Art Workshop at Hillcrest * Walking Field Trip – Charles Best for Drama Play @ 9:00 – for Red Team/ Orange Team/ and Div. 13/ 14 classes * Athletics: Rugby Game – Boys Gr. 6/7 @ Scott Creek @ 3:30 – 5:30
Please see our school calendar on our website: www.sd43.bc.ca/hillcrest	

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: Social Media – District PAC Session

A few weeks past our District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and Centennial Secondary hosted an evening with two presenters who are well immersed in the world of social media and children. Prior to Spring Break, I did send an invitation out to our school community asking you to think about registering for tickets to this event. The presenters were Nick Chernoff, trainer/ analyst with Safer Schools Together, check out their website: www.saferchoolstogether.com and Carol Todd, educator and parent of Amanda Todd, the young tri-city girl whose life story has taken on a worldwide message of online safety and parent education of their child's social media profile. Both presenters have travelled the world extensively sharing their knowledge and their message for parents and for youth regarding social digital literacy.

Some key ideas that I took from the presentation I have summarized for you below with my thoughts in italics
Where do social media concerns originate for youth?

- Entitlement Factor
 - *The use of digital technology is viewed by our youth as a right and one that they are entitled to have in any location at any time. This generation has been raised with communication/ entertainment technology from the video player in the family van to the use of games on their parent's phone as a way of soothing their distractibility and appeasing their boredom. The use of digital technology is one that they have used since birth and their expectations are that they can use and access whenever and wherever.*
- Parents Abdication
 - *As parents we want our youth to be able to communicate with us at any time for safety and for simple time management of family affairs. We provide our child with state of the art technology and then we do not give them much in terms of education on how to use, the social etiquette or the application of family values and expectations. For most of us our kids know more about our cell phone capabilities than we do so in many respects. We have abdicated our parental responsibility to manage and teach the ins and outs of social media use. We set our kids up for driving lessons with professionals, we show them the parts of the car and how to drive in our neighbouring parking lots but when it comes to a cell phone we say enjoy. The freedom for any youth to access the world at their fingertips with no or limited filters of pre-discussions about communicating your family's values and expectations is a scary road that many families have travelled down.*
- Peer Influences
 - *The excess of various social media platforms is infinite and your ability as a parent to master the nuances of every platform is impossible, so we must build a trust and resiliency factor in for our youth to be able to speak to their peers and state, "that they are not comfortable with that type of communication." We all know the power of peers and we need to support our children to let them know they have a voice and that they can speak their mind; otherwise, the potential for following along like a puppy is too great a risk.*
- Multimedia Influences
 - *The power of advertising through side scroll bars and pop up ads are the new influences with rapid fire media presentations that barely allows one to comprehend or digest the instant message or the spectacular images being pumped out by the multimedia platforms. Music, cinematic movies, YouTube channels, tweeter feeds all have their associated ads for their 5 second captive audiences. We as the adults need to take the time to discuss and breakdown the messaging the double-entendres and the hypersexualized messaging that is embedded in many of these communications.*

Right now, with social media and the viewing habits of our use of the various multimedia platforms we, and more importantly our youth, are building a digital portfolio that charts and channels their viewing habits from YouTube videos watched to music selections downloaded, from Snapchat photos shared to Facebook

messages of likes and dislikes. All are being monitored and what you say, what you post, and what you watch determines your online profile and we need to teach our youth that the online commodity they are building is one that will be scrutinized and viewed by future employers, university entrance advisors and the general public who inquires one day about who that person is. Reference checks take on a whole new definition when the person checking only searches for the online profile and not the true character references that we build with people through daily communications and detailed project work. Media literacy is a display of maturity and an understanding of the communications used to share one's thoughts in an appropriate and safe digital environment. Please help your child by reviewing, what does your child use mobile technology for and does it cause interference in their daily lives of friends, family, school, sports, sleep and general conversation. Please check out these worthy websites for parents: B.C. Ministry of Education <https://www.saferschoolstogether.com> Jesse Miller @ <https://www.mediatedreality.com/> and Carol Todd @ <http://www.amandatoddlegacy.org/>

School Happenings: Events and Activities.

Class Building for 2018 – 2019- Now is the time of year when we start to structure our staffing and our student grade configurations for next year. This is a long and detailed process involving many aspects of each child's learning profile and their social relationships with peers and staff. We take into all accounts the perspectives of the professionals that we know have relationships with your children and then we place together a plan that we feel best fits the learning environment for them and one that we can provide with our staffing arrangements. The principal has the responsibility for final placement of each student. This development of class lists is given a great deal of time, careful thought and understanding with the knowledge teachers have of each student and what will be in the child's best interest.

Factors Considered are:

- “ Academic achievement
- “ Behaviour issues
- “ Previous placement history
- “ Parental recommendations
 - “ Learning styles
- “ Recommendations of teachers and school-based team
 - “ Instructional groupings
 - “ Teaching styles
 - “ Class composition
 - “ Social groupings
 - “ Class size

Parent input is also considered provided that it is received **in writing by letter or email** to the principal, Mr. McFaul, **before May 18th, 2018**. Please note that the focus of parent letters should be about their own children and their needs and **should be based on sound educational reasons**. Please keep in mind that requests must be related to your child's specific learning needs and style. Due to many placement factors and the allowable class size, we may not be able to accommodate all requests. Requests for peer placement or suggestions regarding the placement of other children should respectfully be avoided. While we guarantee that all parent input will be given careful consideration, we cannot promise that all requests will be met due to the above challenges.

Preparing for a Lockdown Drill – On Tuesday May 8th around 9:00am we will be practicing our procedures for a safe Lockdown Drill. This is a very important event and one that we will be sharing with our students over the next week about ways that they can ensure they are prepared for a safe drill practice. The drill is the highest level of school safety that we as a community can practice and one that we hope will never have to use. Like a

Hold and Secure Drill, which we have completed earlier this year the basic procedures are similar; However, the purpose of a Lockdown Drill is to practice our procedures in the event of a threat or a weaponized risk of violence that is inside the school structure. For this practice we will have some RCMP staff do a safety procedure walk through with our admin team to help us identify areas of concern and to fine tune our procedures with students and staff. The why of such an event is obvious, the how is where we want to discuss with our students in advance about what actions they need to do to ensure safety for all.

- Students will hear the following PA message – Three Times – Lockdown, Lockdown, Lockdown
- Students will be secured in their classroom or nearest room
- Doors locked, and lights turned off and windows covered
- Students will be placed in their room to ensure that visual sightlines to them are reduced
- Staff take attendance of students present and missing individuals
- Staff will monitor information through their district email
- Silence is expected
- Use of cellphones is prohibited to safeguard safety for all
- Doors are not to be opened to anyone
- Think Safety first before social-media opportunity
- The drill will be over with a PA message – Three Times – All Clear, All Clear, All Clear
- Once we have completed our drill with our RCMP support we will review the drill with our community

Please take the time over the coming week to discuss school safety in general and how being prepared is not to be feared; moreover, it is to be confirm in your child's mind that they know why we practice, what to do and how to feel in control of their world.

Thanks to our Quebec Visitor Host Families – Our students twins and host families just experienced a very special week last week with wonderful weather and a great many tourist activities showcasing our beautiful province and the people who live here. Our Host Families were always ready to help out and pitch in for extra drivers, the moving of equipment and delivering of needed materials and the provision of great tender loving care to our student visitors from Quebec City. Your children were great as ambassadors to our west coast living as reported to us everyday by Mr. Sharma and Ms. Curran and Mrs. Hampton. Congrats to our students and to these three teachers who gave much of their time to ensure success was experienced by all. Well done Hillcrest Tour Company.

Parents of Grade 8 Students - Please plan to attend a Leaving Ceremony meeting in the library on Wednesday, May 30th at 7 pm. Students do not attend. Send any questions to ltmidgley@gmail.com

Odyssey of the Mind Fundraising Adventures – The OM Team from Hillcrest Middle is raising funds for their planned adventure trip to Iowa to compete in the World International Odyssey of the Mind Finals. A huge goal and one that the girls hope can be achieved through your kindness and support.

They have three methods for fundraising over the next few weeks:

1. **Freezie Sales:** Do you like freezies? Go to Hillcrest's Odyssey of the Mind Team's fundraiser on Wednesdays after school starting Wednesday April 25th and ending on Wednesday May 16th! You can find them in the parking lot near the gym or at the spirit bear! Remember to bring money for your jumbo freezie!
2. **Online Garage Sale:** The Hillcrest Odyssey of the Mind team invites you to participate in their online bidding auction to raise funds for their trip to World Finals. You'll never know what treasures you will find! Or maybe you have items you'd like to post and get out of your house. All proceeds will benefit the team. Read more here:
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1498336123622966>



ATTENTION NEIGHBOURS OF HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

You can help stop vandalism on school grounds

What You Can Do

Parks, schools and public spaces are most vulnerable at night. Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities. Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

604-927-7600

Call immediately when something raises your suspicions.

Do not wait for the damage to be done.

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. Security personnel will be alerted and will investigate. They will take direct action or involve the police. **Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.** The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day.

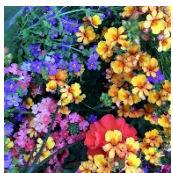
KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE IT IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.

PAC News and Events:

Our PAC AGM will be held Tuesday, May 22 at 7 pm in the Library. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are looking for parents willing to take over the fundraising and lunch programs the year after next (Fall 2019 start) so they will be able to shadow the coordinator and learn the ropes during the 2018/19 year.

The PAC is on Facebook – join us at Hillcrest Middle School Parents (Coquitlam)

Questions about fundraising at Hillcrest? Contact Catherine Hubbs at hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com.



LAST DAY TO ORDER Hanging Baskets and Bedding Plants: don't miss out – order before Tuesday, May 1! You can order your hanging baskets, bedding plants and herbs and tomatoes online under the fundraising tab at [MunchaLunch](#). There are beautiful hanging baskets for shade and sun as well as a variety of bedding plants and herb and tomato combos. All orders are due May 1 with the plants arriving on May 10 in time for Mother's Day. Our flowers make an excellent gift that last until fall! If you are using a paper form to order ([Click here for paper form](#)) please make the cheque out to Hillcrest Middle School PAC and e-mail hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com to let Catherine know to expect it as forms sometimes get lost between home and school.

Pizza Lunches: Ordering for PAC pizza lunches for the remainder of the year is now up and running on [MunchaLunch](#). All orders and payments must be made through the MunchaLunch system.

Orders are due May 8 for the next Green and Orange Team lunch

Each team will be offered four lunch dates. The remaining dates are:

Green: May 15

Red: May 29

Blue: May 29

Yellow: June 5

Orange: 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 noon to 12:40 pm we would appreciate your 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.

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 have received over \$1500 this year from the clothing bin and expect to receive approximately \$500 from the book bin – your donations make a difference!**

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.



From Catherine Hubbs, PAC Fundraising Coordinator and PAC Lunch Coordinator: Next year (2018-2019) will be my last as a Hillcrest parent. I'm looking for parents who have both younger children and an interest in volunteering to take over the Fundraising Coordinator and Pizza Lunch Coordinator positions.

Before my last child leaves in June 2019 I'd like to share what I've learned with the incoming coordinators. Over the 2018/19 year I'll introduce the new people to our suppliers and systems and then leave it with them to decide what works - they can leave things as is or change things up and put their mark on it!

If you are interested please contact me at hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com.

Community News:

Coquitlam Open Learning Opportunities:

Please see the various links below for

[Continuing Education](#),

Continuing Education Magazine

<http://online.flipbuilder.com/bmrxxag/mobile/index.html>

External - posted on the [district public-facing website here](#)

[Coquitlam in Bloom Sports Fair](#)

[Invitation to Our Public Works Open House \(Port Moody\)](#)

[Port Coquitlam Public Works Day events and contests](#)

[Spring Transit Service Changes](#)

[Help release coho smolts at Salmon Leave Home](#)

Science Expo Edging towards Deadline

Local kids and teens can celebrate the spirit of innovation at Coquitlam Public Library's third annual Science Expo on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

The Expo invites Tri-Cities students – working on their own, or in pairs – to present a project in one of four categories: Elementary (gr. 4 and 5), Middle (gr. 6 to 8), Junior (gr. 9 and 10) and Senior (gr. 11 and 12). The first, second and third place winners in each category will receive prize cheques, medals and trophies.

To register for the Expo, students must submit a registration and a consent form by the deadline date of Monday, Apr. 16. The forms are available on the Coquitlam Public Library web site:

<http://www.coqlibrary.ca/programs-events/children/sci-expo>

A partnership between School District 43, Douglas College and Coquitlam Public Library, the Science Expo will run from 3:30 to 8:00 pm on May 10 in the City Centre Branch library, 1169 Pinetree Way.

If you have questions about the Expo, please check the introductory document on the library web site, or contact librarian Chris Miller at cmiller@coqlibrary.ca, or 604-554-7339.

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Dance Invite: Lights Out for Miracles is a five-hour-long glow-in-the-dark/neon themed event organized by Charles Best Miracle Movement that challenges you and your friends to stay on your feet for the entire time and participate in activities and competitions in support of sick children at BC Children's Hospital. Activities include: Rave Hour with a live DJ, Giant Obstacle Courses, Awesome Prizes, So Much Food and more! Tickets are available for a minimum \$5 donation at: <https://goo.gl/3XEES1> or by contacting charlesbestdm@gmail.com.

Event Name: Lights Out for Miracles

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018, 4PM-9PM

Location: Charles Best Secondary School Small Gym

Ticket Price: Minimum Donation of \$5

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Principal: Mr. Rob McFaul Vice-Principal: Mr. Tony Romano



CHARLES BEST MIRACLE MOVEMENT'S

LIGHTS OUT FOR MIRACLES

ALL GRADE 8'S INVITED

RAVE HOUR WITH LIVE DJ - GIANT OBSTACLE COURSE - PRIZES
FOOD - GLOW IN THE DARK ACTIVITIES - AND MUCH MORE!

THURSDAY, MAY 31ST 2018, 4PM-9PM

DR CHARLES BEST SECONDARY, SMALL GYM

TICKET PRICE: MINIMUM DONATION OF \$5



← REGISTER ONLINE OR SEND US AN EMAIL!

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Learning for All

Engaging and quality learning opportunities await your child this summer!

Summer School Programs 2018
Registration opens April 27th

**Elementary
Skill Building**
Friday, April 27th

**Middle School
Skill Building**
Tuesday, May 1st



**Secondary Program
Secondary Skill Building
and Remedial**
Tuesday, May 1st

**Grade 10 Advanced (High
School) Credit and Online
Fast Track**
Friday, May 4th

**Grade 11 Advanced (High
School) Credit and Online
Fast Track**
Tuesday, May 8th

**Grade 12 Advanced (High
School) Credit and Online
Fast Track**
Friday, May 11th

- Students must have an account on our online system BEFORE registering for courses.
- Please visit our website and create/update your account now.
- To create an account you will need your child's PEN number, which is available at your child's home school.

Courses are Tuition free for BC Residents.



**Courses
Start July.**
For exact dates,
times and
locations
visit our website.



www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca