

## *Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter*

Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45
Tuesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	* Boys Choir in Dramus Rm @ 7:45 * PAC Pizza Lunch Orders for Orange & Green Teams Due * <b>Athletics:</b> Track & Field Practices @ 12:25/ Girls Rugby Game @ 3:30 – 5:30 Scott Creek/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Practice Lock Down Drill @ 9:00 with RCMP support * Explorations Term 4 Report Card goes home * <b>Athletics:</b> Rugby Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
Thursday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	* Girl Choir in Dramus Rm. @ 7:45 * Beginner Band Day @ Moody Middle @ 9:00 * <b>Athletics:</b> Track & Field Practices @ 12:25/ Rugby Game Gr. 7/8 @ 3:00 – 4:30 @ Scott Creek/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00 * PAC Fundraiser – Hanging Baskets and Bedding Plants Arrive for pick -up
Friday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	* Kiwanis Festival – Advanced Band @ 9:00 @ Langley * 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 * <b>Athletics:</b> Rugby Game – Boys Gr. 6/7 @ Scott Creek @ 3:00 – 5:30 * A reminder for Mothers Day on Sunday May 13th
Monday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Class/ CORE Teams/ Panorama Photo Day * <b>Athletics:</b> Rugby Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30/ Gr 6/7 Boys Rugby Game 3:30 – 5:30 Scott Creek
Tuesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	* Boys Choir in Dramus Rm @ 7:45 * PAC Pizza Lunch Orange and Green Teams – for students who ordered * <b>Athletics:</b> Rugby Game – Girls @ Scott Creek @ 3:00 – 5:30/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Beginner Band Instrument Petting Zoo – for new members @ 6:30 – 8:00 * <b>Athletics:</b> Rugby Practice @ 3:00 -4:30
Thursday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	* Girl Choir in Dramus Rm. @ 7:45 * <b>Athletics:</b> Rugby Game – Boys Gr. 7/8 @ Scott Creek @ 3:00 – 5:30/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Friday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	
Please see our school calendar on our website: <a href="http://www.sd43.bc.ca/hillcrest">www.sd43.bc.ca/hillcrest</a>	

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## McFaul's Chat and Chew: The Art of Reporting Absenteeism

Over the past few weeks we have seen an increasing number of absents in our students due to a variety of issues and opportunities, none to say the least is the improvement in good weather. Hold your run-away thoughts because we are not talking about the old-fashioned idea of skipping school as we have not witnessed this type of behaviour at Hillcrest. Moreover, this is a simple rise in students being absent. This could be due to an illness or flu bug impacting more of our population or it could be due to the opportunities for families to find time to connect beyond the weekend parameters. Recently with the warm weather we have more students outside running, moving, playing football, soccer, kickball and sometimes they forget to look where they are going and – BANG we have a head on collision resulting in some minor injuries and more serious concussed heads. For others it could be the increase in outside activities like sports or clubs that now sneak into the “work week” and through this meaningful encroachment of time the minutes at school gets slightly whittled away, all for good reasons that provide growth to students in many other areas of life. For others it could simply be the case of suffering from a one day “sunitis bout” which provided some rest and relaxation for all in the family.

We ask you to help us be as vigilante as possible in the management and communication of your child's absence due to any reason. The tracking and confirming a student's absence is our first assignment of the morning to ensure all have arrived safely and to verify student absences with a parent/guardian contact. Your support by using our online absence report or by phoning into the school to leave a message if you call before 8:00 and if you call after by informing our wonderful office clerical staff, who work diligently to get the attendance data out to our teachers and most importantly to confirm with you that all is safe and sound with your child on the school front. So please click on the school website:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/hillcrest/Pages/default.aspx>

See the Absence Report on the right-hand side of the page and click. Fill in the required information fields and hit submit. This simplifies the process and helps in our two -way communications between school and home. Now, back to the claim of a bout of “sunitis”, it is a rare malady that inflicts one or a family in need of some downtime and rest and relaxation for a day to reconnect with maybe a walk on a sunny day, a favourite sunny location to spend time together or a sunny snack on the back deck. All have been known to be required for maintaining your sanity and your sense of purpose with your child.

## School Happenings: **Events and Activities.**

**Frantic Friday** – Many of our students will be having multiple options as to what activities they will need to choose from for their Friday activities as we have a great diversity of conflicting schedules and events. These activities are all purposeful, but they will require careful thought and consideration on behalf of their commitment and sense of personal responsibility.

On Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> we have the following activities unfolding:

- **Kiwanis – Advanced Band Festival at Langley** – all members of the Advanced Band must be attending this event as Band is a credited course and requires performance-based criteria and participation by all members.
- **District Track & Field Meet at Town Centre** – Athletes that are participating will have to have met the district standards for their specific event. Athletes will be informed by their coaches of their participation in the exact events that they have qualified for in advance of this date. Not all athletes will be able to meet the standards and thus will not be participating in this event.
- **Dr. Charles Best School Play – A Midsummer Night's Dream** – Will have the student from Red and Orange Team and Div. 13/14 from Yellow Team participating in this theatrical event. Students will be walking over the Best Secondary with staff and will have the opportunity to see older peers they know

perform in a Shakespearean play. If the student is in Advanced Band or has met the athletic standards for the Track & Field meet, then they will be required to miss the play performance.

- **MACC Biennale Art Project** – The students in our MACC program will be doing some pre- project learning on the Biennale Art for which they will be working on and touring to view in the coming weeks.

All good and challenging opportunities for our students to showcase their talents and aspire towards greater dreams as they prepare for new experiences in their learning world.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parents of Grade 8 Students** – The transition time is nigh and the need for Gr. 8 Parent Volunteers is upon us as the Gr. 8 students look to travel onwards to secondary school settings across the district. You can help by providing the gift of time and ideas to help organize the Gr. 8 Leaving Ceremony. 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](mailto:ltmidgley@gmail.com) . We thank Mrs. Midgley for her dedicated efforts in organizing this very important year end celebration.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com).



Thanks to all who have ordered hanging baskets and bedding plants! Pickup is this Thursday, **May 10 after 1 pm** from 2350 Sumpter Drive, across from Baker Drive Elementary.

Questions? Contact Catherine Hubbs at [hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrestfundraising@gmail.com)

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

**Orders are due TOMORROW May 8 for the next Green and Orange Team lunch. We need 10 more volunteers at next weeks lunch – please volunteer if you can!**

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

**Green:** May 15 – orders due tomorrow!

**Red:** May 29





**Blue:** May 29

**Yellow:** June 5

**Orange:** May 15, June 5 – **orders due tomorrow!**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](#)**

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

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

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

[Raising Digitally Responsible Youth](#)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)