

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday May 14th, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday, May 14 th	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Class/ CORE Teams/ Panorama Photo Day * Athletics: Rugby Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30 / Gr 6/7 Boys Rugby Game 3:30 – 5:30pm Scott Creek
Tuesday, May 15 th	* Boys Choir in Dramus Rm @ 7:45 * PAC Pizza Lunch Orange and Green Teams – for students who ordered * Athletics: Girls Rugby Game @ 3:30 – 5:30 Scott Creek/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, May 16 th	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Fire Drill in Blk. A * School Trustee – Mrs Judy Shirra visits @ 10:00 * Gauss Math Contest @ 1:15 for recommended Gr. 7/8 students in Rm 163 * Beginner Band Instrument Petting Zoo – for new members @ 6:30 – 8:00 * Athletics: Rugby Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
Thursday, May 17 th	* Girl Choir in Dramus Rm. @ 7:45 * Athletics: Rugby Game Gr. 7/8 Boys @ 3:30 – 5:30 @ Scott Creek/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Friday, May 18 th	
Monday, May 21 st	Victoria Day Holiday – Schools are Closed
Tuesday, May 22 nd	* Boys Choir in Dramus Rm @ 7:45 * May PAC Mtg @ 7:00 in the Library * Athletics: Rugby Game – Girls @ Scott Creek @ 3:00 – 5:30/ Badminton Club Gr. 6/7 @ 3:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, May 23 rd	* Adv. Band – MPR / Beg. Band – Gym @ 7:45 * Athletics: Rugby Practice @ 3:00 -4:30
Thursday, May 24 th	* Girl Choir in Dramus Rm. @ 7:45 * Staff Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by Hillcrest PAC * Athletics: Rugby Game – Boys Gr. 7/8 @ Scott Creek @ 3:30 – 5:30/
Friday, May 25 th	* Field Trip – MACC Div. 9/15/16 Biennale Art Tour through Downtown Vancouver and Kitsilano Beach * Div. 8 Aboriginal Education Story Telling @ 10:40 in Rm. 166 * 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: **"School is Not a Beach" from a Gr. 8 Student:**

Over the past few days we have been blessed with some fantastic weather, bright warm sunny days that have brought many of us out of those wet winter doldrums. The hotter weather also brings to the forefront some other concerns that pose a challenge and require all community partner groups to have open and honest conversations with our students, your children. If you have not noticed that with the change in weather comes a change in clothing attire, all making sense, being that one wishes to be more comfortable in the hotter temperatures. This change takes on a life of its own as some students leave the house dressed in wears that may not be the same clothing attire that they end up wearing at school for the full day. Students have brought different clothes to change into or maybe in some cases we as parents leave before our children do so we may not be aware of their clothing choices.

Now let us be clear we do not want to become the fashion police, nor do we want to dictate dress code conditions, what we do ask for is that all partners, parents, staff and students to have a sense of purpose and understanding that the school is not the beach. School is a place of work and peer collaboration that requires all partners to engage in their learning by working in groups on the floor, sitting in chairs in full circles, stretching out on the green grass at lunch to relax in the sun and then back to class with a pen in hand and eyes on the assignment page. All normal activities in a regular day; however, those activities become greatly adjusted when what we wear makes us look like a beach party.

We have noticed that we have girls getting changed in the washroom from clothes they wore when they left your home or car door and then have on attire that is much more revealing and beach like in function. We ask that you take the time to share your thoughts about professional working environments, clothing attire and the concern of projecting an over sexualized image of oneself to one's peers. As a public school we feel that the conversation about family expectations, societal norms and respectful cultural understanding allows our students to be more informed about the significance and impact of skimpy beach attire being worn in a place where we need to honour the differences amongst cultures and families. We also need to discuss the awareness of hyper sexualization, the negative impact of stereotyping and the idea of presenting yourself as one who is ready and willing to work in a professional and functional manner.

Over the years I have had this talk with many of our students either in small groups or in team settings, not wanting to be the creepy old man; moreover, wanting to impress upon them a message. Yes, and at other times I have had a similar talk with some of our younger staff that I have worked with in my career. That message being that, what they may be sending is not one that bespeaks about them as the thoughtful, considerate, creative and determined individuals that they are, and this applies to both ladies and gentlemen. Please take some time to discuss clothing in the work place and we hope that when we continue with our hot weather we see a purposeful and respectful response from all our community members. Thanks for your support and time in advance on an important discussion.

School Happenings: Events and Activities.

Beginner Band Instrument Petting Zoo – I have never been to an Instrument Petting Zoo before; however, I believe that the idea is to come and check-out all the various instruments that one could play if they are interested and wanting to join Beginner Band. There will be more honking and squeaking of the instruments as we encourage the students to come and do a full test drive on the range of musical equipment. This is the chance to discover a different sound and different ways of making sound from finger plucking to short heavy breathing, to managing thicker chopsticks and to consistent exhaling of a steady air stream. Really not much petting but a lot of hands on in checking out the differences from an acoustic guitar to a bass guitar and discovering what a French horn and an oboe looks like, feels like and most importantly sounds like. We encourage all interested students and parent/guardians to attend this evening event to come and spend as much time as you need and can to learn more about what is the best instrument for your child and your sense of sanity going forward through the early days of skills practice.

Lockdown Drill Review – This past Wednesday we participated in our Drill with three officers from the RCMP who walked us through the finer points of safety and recommended changes to ensure security and protocols were enhanced for the benefit of all. We have received recommendations like the need for blackout blinds/ curtains for our interior hallway door windows, to the time it takes to secure all exit doors and significant points about how students and staff can enter the closest room for attendance. We reviewed with all community members that not everyone would be inside on such an event and that outside classes would need to remove themselves from the campus and travel to Dr. Charles Best and report to their office for assistance. The best reflection was stated by all three officers who agreed that our students took the drill seriously, they were quiet and did their best to remove themselves from open sight lines. We thank all for their responsible and mature manner in handling a drill that we hope we never will have to implement to its full measure.

Track & Field Review - This past Friday our committed and determined track and field athletes gathered at Town Centre to present their personal best in their individual and team activities. This is always a great event to watch as students overcome personal challenges and seek new achievements in their activities. Whether they come first, somewhere in the middle or simply just finish the event one must look at the accomplishment as a learning process; whereby, they pushed themselves to challenge to show their best effort always. The weather was a wonderful day and the athletes took hold of the opportunity and pushed their limits of performance to give it their best shot. Students showed that even though they may be performing as a single athlete, or as a member of a larger group relay, that overall, they represent Hillcrest Middle school and that they gave their all to strive for personal best. Thanks to our super Track & Field Coordinator Mr. Ingelman and supporting coaches from our UBC student teachers; Ms. Warne, Mrs. Heiberg- Harrison, Mr. Hait and Mr. Kim.

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.

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 . We thank Mrs. Midgley for her dedicated efforts in organizing this very important year end celebration.



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.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, September 21, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (Common District/ Common Provincial Day)	Friday, October 19, 2018
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018
Schools Close for Winter Vacation (last day in session)	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	December 24/18 - January 4/19
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (School Based Day)	Monday, January 28, 2019
School Not in Session	Friday, February 15, 2019
BC Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, February 22, 2019
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (last day in session)	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	March 18 – March 29, 2019
Schools Re-Open after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, April 26, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (School Based Day)	Monday, June 3, 2019
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative Day	Friday, June 28, 2019

PAC News and Events:

Our PAC AGM will be held next 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.

Staff Appreciation Lunch – May 24: To show our appreciation to the Hillcrest Staff for their dedication to our children, we are asking parents to either provide a salad/dessert for the luncheon on Thursday, May 24 or a cash donation towards the catered portion of the luncheon. We are also looking for volunteers to set up and clean up. Please see the e-mail coming out later this week and please email if you are able to assist in either set-up, clean-up, or can contribute a salad or dessert by May 18, 2018. Michelle Head - Michelle.head11@yahoo.ca Michele Danielov - unicon@telus.net

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.

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 22 for the next Red and Blue Team lunch. We need 10 more volunteers at the next lunches – please volunteer if you can!

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

Red: May 29

Blue: May 29

Yellow: June 5

Orange: June 5



Orders are due one week before the lunch date.

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.

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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](#)

[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](#)

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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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.



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