



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.

October 13th, 2017

Interim Reports

Interim report cards were sent home with your child today. This report gives a snapshot of your child's progress to this date. Please sign this report and return it to school as soon as possible.



Tambellini Talks

As always, it was a busy week at Hillcrest. Interim reports went out today and teachers are already busy prepping for **interviews with parents in late November**. More details on these conferences are coming up soon.

Students have been busy; some will be representing us at the **Me-to-We Event** at Rogers Arena on October 18th with Mrs. Stewardson and Ms Penner-Hunt.

Community spirit is always the forefront of all we do. The school-wide read of 'Word Nerd' and the follow-up **Literacy Day on October 25th** are few examples the community events which highlight our leadership, school spirit and teamwork within our building with staff, students and community members. **Parents are welcome** to attend- a highlight will be Susin Nielsen speaking at 9am.

Just a heads up that **Mr. Romano**, our Vice Principal, will be away until most likely after Christmas, on a leave. In his absence, we will be rotating various teachers on staff on a week by week basis into the office to assist me.

Thank you also for supporting the many **PAC fundraisers**. We rely on these PAC initiatives to fund many of our 'school extras.' Last year, PAC funded the replacement of our Tech-Ed computer lab, school wide performances; new assembly chairs; replacement of the Home Ec. microwaves; replacement of the Tech-Ed vices; more document cameras; and music enrichment lights. We so appreciate our PAC executive and all their hard work. A special 'shout out' to Catherine Hubbs, our PAC fundraising coordinator. She is the Energizer Buddy of ideas and enthusiasm in organizing all the efforts in these initiatives.

Your child may not appreciate you regularly asking about school, but research indicates that higher student achievement results when parents assist with organizing and monitoring a child's time, helping with homework and discussing school matters. We all face the challenge of getting past the answer “Nothing”, when asking the question, “What did you do at school today?” Asking, “What concept are you covering in math?”, or “How is the Bubble-ology unit going in science?” might open the door to more productive discussion. Communication for many adolescents is not their strength, but be persistent; it really does make a difference!

Many of our students are very involved in evening and weekend activities and sports, which is great, but if not managed carefully, can have an impact on their school work. Finding a balance with time for homework and remembering that adolescents need plenty of rest is important. ***If you do find that you have a few spare minutes, all students would benefit from a daily review of basic math facts, especially times tables.***

In late September and early October, Hillcrest began to see a much more than usual student absenteeism due to the flu and colds. We want to thank parents for your support and extra efforts during that time. Thank you for arranging to pick up your child when we called you during the day, and for keeping them home until they were completely recovered.

Schools are a place of work for both staff and students. Schools need to feel and to be safe for everyone. It is ILLEGAL and against our district code of conduct for students to bring cigarettes, alcohol, vaporizers, fireworks, weapons, drug products or related paraphernalia to school. There are very strong consequences at the school and district levels as well as with the police if students are found with these items.

Miss Nadine Tambellini

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	13		Interim reports go home
	16	9:00 am	Photo Retakes
	20		District Pro D Day
	25		School Wide Read
	26		Explorations Term 1 ends
	30		Explorations Term 2 begins
	30 to Nov. 23		Canned Food Drive begins
	31		Halloween Activities



School Photos – Retakes

Students who were absent on photo day and those who have requested a retake, will have their photos taken in the morning of **Monday, October 16th at 9am.** Those who are having retakes, please bring your proofs to the photographer when you have your retake.

Provincial Professional Day-October 20th:

All schools in the Province will be closed on Friday, October 20th for a common Professional Day. On this day, teachers around the province will be involved in in-service workshops and activities. School will be back in session for children on Monday, October 23rd



JUST SO YOU ARE AWARE

Halloween Costumes:

YES- it is already upon us. Our students are already excited about Halloween- the candy, the costumes and trick or treating. Please encourage your child to come to school in a non-violent costume- one that is comfortable, respectful and safe for school activities.

Halloween Safety:

Safety at Halloween is always important. Please review the following information with your children, so that they may have a safe and fun-filled day.

1. Wear a lightly coloured and flame-resistant costume.
2. Retro-reflective tape is a nice addition to ensure car drivers can see you better.
3. Wear a costume that fits well and is not too long so that you don't trip.
4. Carry a flashlight so you can see better and be seen.
5. Trick-or-Treat on one side of the street then the other. Never criss-cross the street.
6. Always go out with an adult. Older children should Trick-or-Treat in groups.
7. Discuss your child's route with them and what time they will be home at.
8. Never go into a strange house, apartment or car.
9. Have your parents check your treats before you eat any.
10. Remember to have a snack or meal before going out.



HILLCREST NEWS

Orange Team

Orange Bears have had a great start to 2017-18! The grade 8s have bonded well and are showing great leadership in and outside of the school. To kick off their final at Hillcrest, the Bears went on a field trip to Grouse Mountain to learn first-hand about grit and perseverance! The rain did not dampen their spirit as there was a lot of chatter heading up! The chatter soon became groans as they grunted their way up the last bit of the Grind. This did not stop the students from encouraging each other and keeping each other company. Sure enough, at the top of the Grind, students were beaming with pride and joy as Mrs. Gallelo greeted them with a well-deserved treat! It takes a lot of grit and perseverance for 90+ students to hike the Grouse Grind in the rain. Well done Bears!!



With their experience with grit and perseverance, some Orange Bears had the opportunity show their leadership and cheered on some very gritty elementary students from Parkland, Miller Park, and Seaview who participated in a very special Terry Fox Run: they ran their money from their schools to The Terry Fox Foundation in Port Coquitlam! Students from Division 18 prepared a refreshment station and along with other students from Hillcrest, cheered on these amazing kids!

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting will be held **Tuesday October 17** at 7:00 pm in the Library. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

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

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.

FALL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER QSP

QSP Magazines: Watch for information on our magazine fundraiser coming home with all students October 16! 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 ordered using the paper form that is included in the information package or online at www.qsp.ca – **Hillcrest is Group 3745007**. Students who have sold five or more subscriptions by Oct. 24 get to participate in the Candy Jump!

See the attached flyer for details about our QSP Magazine fundraiser. Orders are due by October 30.



Pizza Lunches: The PAC will be offering pizza lunches throughout the year. All orders and payments will be through the MunchaLunch system. Please see the attached instructions for registering and ordering. No late orders will be accepted.

We serve two teams on each date on a rotating basis - **remember to order only on your child's team dates**. Each team gets two lunches this term.

PAC pizza lunch dates:

Blue and Yellow Teams - October 17 – orders for this lunch are now closed

Orange and Green Teams – Nov. 7 – orders due Oct. 31

Red and Blue Teams - Nov. 14 – orders due Nov. 7

Yellow and Orange Teams - Nov. 28 – orders due Nov. 21.

Psst....Do you have multiple children on different teams? 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. The catch - you must order the entire lunch for all kids under the child's name who is on the team being served lunch. The kids must pick the entire order up 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 are short eight volunteers for next Tuesday's lunch

The pizza lunch coordinators for this year are Catherine Hubbs and Deb Dobson who can be reached at hillcrestlunches@gmail.com.

SPC Cards:

SPC is Canada's favourite loyalty card that provides students with discounts and deals at thousands of the best stores and restaurants across Canada.

More details at www.spccard.ca.

At a cost of \$10.00, most SPC Card members will cover the cost of the card on their first trip to the mall and the cards are valid until July 31, 2018! Cards may be



ordered online at www.spccard.ca/purchase. Remember to **Promo Code 37268** for Hillcrest to receive the \$3.50 profit.

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 usually make about \$1000 per year from the clothing bin and \$500 per year from the book bin.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hoodies for Teens:

Andrew Teel, a former Hillcrest student, is working with the schools on the Hilltop to collect new and gently worn adult sized hoodies for homeless youth through Covenant House. He will be placing a box in the lobby of our schools for two weeks to collect donations beginning Monday October 23rd until Friday November 3rd. Please check through your closets and see if you can help with this worthy cause.

