

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, February 27, 2023

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST (see repeating events below)

Monday, Feb. 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Explorations Term 4 begins· Eagles (Yellow) MasterChef Team Competition· Grade 7 Boys Basketball Game at Maillard 3:30-6:00pm
Tuesday, Feb. 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Grade 8 Boys Basketball Game at Eagle Mountain 3:30-6:00pm
Wednesday, Mar. 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Falcons (Red) Team Pancake Dessert
Thursday, Mar. 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Owls (Green) Team Pancake Breakfast· Jays (Blue) Div. 9/11 Paddle Art· Supper Club Round 3 begins (for registered students)· Wrestling Districts at Banting 3:30-5:30pm
Friday, Mar. 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Eagles Young Actors (Div. 13/14/16)· PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza· Jays (Blue) Div. 10/12 Team Paddle Art
Please see our school calendar on our website: Hillcrest website	

Repeating Events

Athletics:

- Basketball: Grade 6 coed: Tuesday/Friday – 12:40pm
Grade 7 boys: Monday – 12:40pm, Thursday – 3:00pm (Games Tuesdays 3:00pm)
Grade 7/8 girls: Monday – 3:00pm, Wednesday – 12:40pm (Games Wednesday 3:00pm)
Grade 8 boys: Thursday – 12:40pm, Friday – 3:00pm (Games Wednesday 3:00pm)

Wrestling: Monday/Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm – MPR

Band:

- Beginner Band: Monday/Wednesday 7:45-8:30am – Gym
Advanced Band: Tuesday 7:45-8:30am – MPR
Girls' Choir: Thursday 7:45-8:30am – Music Room



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Clubs:

- Board Game Club: Wednesdays – 12:40pm – Learning Commons
- Chess Club: Mondays – 12:40pm – Learning Commons
- Chill Zone: Tuesdays/Thursdays – 8:20am / Mondays/Wednesdays – Nut Break – Room 158
- Composition Club: Mondays – 12:40pm – Room 149
- NEW** Courtyard Club: Starting after Spring Break – details TBD
- D & D Club: Fridays – 3:15-4:30pm – Room 120
- Graphic Design Club: Thursdays – 12:40pm – Room 124
- HLC: Thursdays 3:00-3:45pm – Learning Commons
- Library Club: Fridays – 12:40pm – Learning Commons
- Minecraft Club: Wednesdays – 12:40pm – STEAM Lab Room 157
- Sewing Kit Sorter Club: Mondays-Thursday – 12:40pm – Room 118
- Scratch Coding Club: Tuesdays – 12:40pm – Room 162
- SOGI Club: Mondays – 12:40pm – Room 103
- Spirit Squad: Will startup again in February
- Stop Motion Club: Fridays – 12:40 – Portable 123
- Writing Club: Thursdays – 12:40pm – Learning Commons
- Yearbook Club: Wednesdays – 12:40pm – Room 124

Upcoming Events

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| Mar. 6-10 | Spirit Week | Mar. 13-24 | Spring Break |
| Mar. 6 | PAC Meeting | Mar. 27 | First day back after Spring Break |
| Mar. 7 | Div. 11/12 to Hyde Creek Hatchery | Mar. 28 | Class/Team Photos |
| Mar. 9 | Report Cards posted to portal | Apr. 3 | Falcons MasterChef Team Competition |
| Mar. 10 | Owls (Green) Team Swim at Poirier | Apr. 7 | Good Friday stat |
| Mar. 10 | Last day before Spring Break | Apr. 10 | Easter Monday stat |
| Mar. 10 | Eagles Young Actors (Div. 13/14/15) | Apr. 21 | Pro-D Day (district) |

Falcons (Red) Team Pancake Picnic Dessert Breakfast

On Wednesday, March 1st the Falcons will be hosting a pancake picnic in the afternoon. Students are asked to bring a beach towel or blanket to sit on as we will be eating out on the field. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move the event indoors.

Owls (Green) Team Pancake Breakfast

On Thursday, March 2nd the Green Owl's teachers will be hosting a pancake breakfast for their students. Students are welcome to come to school at 8:15am and enjoy their breakfast in the courtyard or one of the 4 classrooms. The breakfast will continue into the first part of the morning. Any student with dietary restrictions will have an alternative breakfast provided. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



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Principal's Message

Although a short month February was a busy month. Student-led conferences appeared to be a success. We were grateful students were able to share their portfolios, in person, at school to parents. Our continued work with the Core Competency, Personal identity and culture were on display as well as shared through the students' documents. The book fair organized by Ms. Bahng was well attended and a thank you to parents and PAC who volunteered their time.

The articulation process has already started for our grade eights moving on to high school, course selection has been completed and thoughts of grade nine our dancing in the grade eights' imagination. Incoming students from our elementary schools are also feeling the excitement in the air. Mr. Hart and Mr. Gangnes are setting up times to meet with the elementary school students and staff to ensure a smooth transition to middle school. The articulation meetings are scheduled for April. Grade five parent night is May 18th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and grade 6 for half a day is on June 8th from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Principal and Vice Principal for a day participants, Jordan Tam and Ezra Brustolin (VPs) and Yuna Roh and Vania Amirizadeh (Ps), had full day attending meetings with teachers and Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Shong met with the students and toured them through the new Education Learning Centre. It was an eventful day. The four students each presented an idea to the teachers on how they would like to invite a positive change at Hillcrest. The proposals were well received, and the students will be pitching their ideas to the PAC at the March 6th Zoom Meeting.

Report cards will be published to the MYED portal on March 9th. I encourage you to contact your child's teacher in the next two weeks if you have questions or concerns. We want to encourage an open dialogue and ensure there are no surprises, for you or your child, on the report cards. The student-led conferences were an opportunity for you to participate in your child's learning journey and have a better understanding of the report card.

Snow has arrived again, and as I have learned, Hillcrest Middle has its own climate zone. Plenty of snow means wet and cold if children are not dressed properly. We understand middle school learners believe they are impervious to the weather, but we encourage you to do your best to have them in 'west coast' snow attire.

Respectfully,
Laurie Ebenal

Supper Club Rotation 3

There is still space available in our 3rd round of Supper Club which starts Thursday, March 2nd. Sign up on School Cash Online. There will be 2 sessions before Spring Break and 4 sessions after.



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Information from our PAC

Purdys Easter Fundraiser

Order your Purdys Easter goodies and support Hillcrest. Deadline to order is Saturday, March 18th. Pick up your order at Hillcrest on Thursday, March 30th. See the flyer and catalog posted on the PAC area of the Hillcrest website for more details.

PAC Meeting – Monday, March 6th

Our next PAC meeting will be on Monday, March 6th at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86385409731?pwd=UF1DMmNzdHZ0NEp6QTY2N2QzekUvdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 8540 9731

Passcode: 888973

Recycling Fundraiser - Express Return It Depot

Help us raise funds for our Hillcrest Middle community. Drop off your recycling bottles at a Return It depot near you. The Return It depots offer an Express Drop off that is easy and fast. No need to count the bottles, just drop off and go. All you need is the school's phone number - [\(604\) 936-4237](tel:6049364237), which can always be found on the school's website. 100% of the funds raised from the deposits will help support our Hillcrest Middle's activities and enhance our students' experiences at our school.

PAC Information & Links

You can find [PAC information](#) on the Hillcrest website by clicking “Parents” and “PAC”. This is where you can find information about our Executive, our PAC Meeting Minutes, Fundraising information, etc.

Dr. Charles Best Tutoring at Hillcrest

We have students from Best tutoring at Hillcrest on Wednesdays after school 3:00-4:00pm. If any student would like extra help with their schoolwork, they are welcome to drop by the DMA room.

Grade 8 Information

Grade 8 students should have done their Secondary School course selection through their MyEd Portal. If they have any questions or have had any problems, they should check with Mr. Gangnes.



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Community Info

Spring Girls Club Basketball

For grade 6 & 7. Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School.
See attached flyer for more details.

Tri City Ball Hockey Registration

[Registration Link](#)

Online Registration is Now Open for the 2023 Season. Registration closed March 1st

TCMBHA Contest: \$50 off your Registration Fee, how to participate:

1. Like & Subscribe to our Social Media accounts - YouTube, Facebook, Instagram & Twitter
2. Like our Registration Post & Tag a Friend (extra entries for additional tags)
3. Share our Registration Post, Tag Us & don't forget to use #TCMBHA & #TriCityBallHockey

One Entry per Social Media Platform, links are below. Winner will be picked before the season starts!

[YouTube](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

Tri City Eagles Field Hockey registration open

[Registration Link](#)