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# SPARTAN NEWS

## Hillcrest School—Newsletter

### From the Principal's desk!

What a wonderful month it has been! We have had many successes both inside the classroom and out. The Halloween activities this past week were fantastic with great participation from all classes, as well as a wonderful costume parade. Thank you to the many parents who were out to support. Our Jr/Sr volleyball teams are representing Hillcrest very well. We wish them the best of luck as they close out the regular season and move on to the playoffs. There are a number of lunch clubs, in progress, our student council is active in planning fun events for our school, we have a school band working on performing a musical set and much more. Hillcrest is an exciting place to be!

### Parents visiting the School

I would like to thank our small army of parent volunteers who fill various roles here at Hillcrest from snack preparation to weekly visits, and field trips. Your involvement enriches the experience of all our Hillcrest kids. Recently, we are seeing an increase in the number of parents who would like to touch base with their child's classroom teacher and our staff welcome the open/ongoing communication. We do however, request that the best method of communication is via the student agenda. If the issue or concern requires a more in-depth communication, please leave a message for your child's teacher to give you a call at home or work. If you are requesting to speak personally with the teacher, please make an appointment through the office as we cannot have parents popping into the classroom unannounced at the start or end of the day. November 2nd and 3rd are set aside for our parent teacher interviews. We look forward to providing student updates on or around this date. Teachers are in the process of setting up interviews with families. If you have not received your child's Progress report or interview request notice please make note in the student agenda or send a note with your child to their teacher.

### Progress Report

Progress Reports were sent home on Monday. These reports include information on your child's achievement of the Learning Skills from the beginning of September. As well, the report comments on how your child is progressing in the content areas. There will not be a grade assigned for specific subjects. If you did not receive your child's progress report please contact the school office.

### Hillcrest has KEWL kids

This past month our character builds focus was on Responsibility. Classes have spent time discussing the importance of being Responsible to each other, the environment, our families and of course our school work. For the month of November, we look to celebrate and recognize students for making good choices and for demonstrating the type of citizenship that our school community can be proud of.

### Lost and Found

We have quickly gathered up a large number of items that have been left around the building. We will arrange to have lost items displayed in the foyer on Thurs. Nov. 2nd in the evening and Fri. Nov. 3rd in the morning. Please drop by to have a look when you are in for parent teacher conferences.

## Upcoming Dates

Progress Reports—Oct. 30

P.A. Day—Nov. 3 (Parent/Teacher Interviews)

Immunizations (gr. 7 & 8)—Nov. 7 & 8 Photo Retakes—Nov. 17

School Council—Nov. 20

P.A. Day—Dec. 1



**Pizza** is available by pre-order only every

Friday—\$1.50 per slice

**Milk** is available by pre-order for grades

K-5 and in the office daily—\$0.75 ea

*Please note: School Cash Online is available for pizza and milk*



**Remembrance Day** – This day commemorates the soldiers killed in World Wars I and II and is in remembrance for all those who have given their lives in service of their country.

*Donations can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund.*

**Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place  
Nov. 10th at 2pm**

## Hillcrest's 2nd Annual Sock Drive for the Homeless

Hillcrest's **Social Justice Club / Health Action Team** will be holding our 2nd annual sock drive for Hamilton's homeless community.

Our sock drive will take place from **November 6th - 17th**.

Our homeless community is at **great health risk** due to the effects of the **cold weather**. We know how uncomfortable it can be to wear shoes without socks, leaving no barrier to prevent rubbing and blistering. Imagine combining that with freezing temperatures! We are reaching out to you, our local community, asking for donations of **new or gently used clean socks**. Last year we were able to donate 439 pairs of socks to **The Good Shepherd**. Our goal this year is **500 pairs**.

Together we can help our most vulnerable community stay warm and healthy this winter.

If you have any questions please contact:

[liturner@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:liturner@hwdsb.on.ca)

### **Caregiver Information Sessions**

Did you know that this year at Hillcrest we are offering monthly caregiver information sessions? We offer a light dinner, child minding and a ton of great information for caregivers on how to support your child at school.

This month we are offering a session called **Homework Help!** This session is directed at caregivers who struggle in having their child complete homework tasks. Are you frustrated by the lack of homework or too much homework? Are you unsure of how to support your child? Are you afraid of teaching your child the wrong method? We can help with many of these questions. Please see the attached tear off for registration in the free monthly caregiver session.

Hope to see you there!

### **School Council**

#### **We Need Your Input!**

**Are you looking to find a way to be involved in your child's education?**

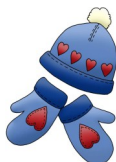






**Are you interested in learning more about how you can help your child be successful in school?**

**Are you busy during the day but still want to find a way to be connected to the classroom?**

**Are you wanting to have input in to what's happening at Hillcrest?**

The next council meeting of the year will be held on **November 20th at 6:30pm** in the library .

# November 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1—Day 5  3:45 Sr. Boys Volleyball Game	2—Day 1   3:45 Sr. Girls VB Game 4:45 Jr. Girls VB Game	3 P.A. DAY <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  <i>*Clocks go back 1 hr Nov. 5*</i>
6—Day 2  Pizza Forms Due  3:45 Sr. Boys VB Game 4:45 Jr. Boys VB Game	7—Day 3  <b>Immunizations—Gr. 7 &amp; 8</b>  3:45 Jr. Girls VB Game	8—Day 4  Primary Division—Fred Penner Trip	9—Day 5  3:45 Sr. Girls VB Game	10—Day 1 
13—Day 2  Milk Forms Due (K-5) 3:45 Jr. Girls VB Game	14—Day 3	15—Day 4	16—Day 5  Educational Assistant Appreciation Day	17—Day 1   Photo Retake Day
20—Day 2  Pizza Forms Due Jr. Swim Meet	21—Day 3  Parent Reach Out #2 Homework Help 4:30-6pm	22—Day 4	23—Day 5	24—Day 1 
27—Day 2  Milk Forms Due (K-5)	28—Day 3	29—Day 4	30—Day 5 	December 1st— P.A. Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

## Parent Reach Out Session #2

### Homework Help

Learn about proper homework routines, homework supports after school.

**Tuesday November 21st 4:30-6pm**

**Hillcrest Library**

**Dinner provided from 4:30-5pm**

**Childcare provided based on RSVP**

**Return RSVP by Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the parent session.  
Family Name

- ☐ My children will be attending  
☐ My children will NOT be attending

Ages of children attending \_\_\_\_\_