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Hillcrest Public School—Newsletter

From the Principal’s desk!

It is my pleasure on behalf of myself, Ms. AuCoin and the school staff, to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. I hope that you have enjoyed the summer holidays. A special welcome is extended to the new families and to our new staff members who have joined the Hillcrest School community.

The information in this newsletter serves as an important reminder for families old and new to Hillcrest.

School Entry and Dismissal

There are 4 designated entry and exit doors for students. JK/SK students are dropped off and picked up on the South side of campus nearest the OEYC and Daycare area. Parents and caregivers should bring their JK/SK student to the fenced area and await adult supervision in the am (8:45). Students are dismissed by classroom staff at 3:20 to designated caregivers. As mentioned in a newsletter that was sent home earlier, parents will need to access the Kinder area by going around the building at afternoon pick-up. The gates by the daycare will be locked. Gr.1 & 2 students enter and exit through the rear doors around the back side of the building. All Gr. 3–8 and 2/3 class students enter and exit through the North side designated doors off the playground. Please meet your child(ren) in their designated area, we ask that parent’s not enter the building to collect their student(s). Upon entry and exit Hillcrest becomes a very busy place and we ask for parents assistance in helping us to keep a calm and orderly environment by not accessing the building.

School Concerns

Should you need to speak with your child’s teacher please call or visit the office to make an appointment with your child’s teacher. This will help to ensure that you have ample time to meet with the teacher as they are often preparing for instruction prior to the school day. Ms. AuCoin and myself are always available to meet with parents should you have concerns that can’t be met by the classroom teacher, we do encourage parents to first make efforts to connect with classroom teachers as they know your child best and can solve classroom problems very effectively.

Parking

The parking lot is closed to parent traffic between 8:45-9:10 and again from 3:10– 3:50 as we have over 10 different school vehicles dropping off and picking up students. Your child’s safety is very important to us and we ask that you keep clear of the parking lot. If you need to drop your child off for school we ask that you use Melvin Street to do so. There is a crossing guard located at the school yard entrance to assist with ensuring that your child makes it safely to campus.

Finally, we are reminded that education plays a vital role in each child’s development and a strong partnership between home and school is essential. High expectations in the areas of homework completion, goal setting, academic achievement, the arts, athletics and citizenship are a focus at Hillcrest. We encourage each child to be the best they can be as we support them on this very important journey. We also want to thank our parents and the community for working with us as we work together to support our children.

John Manzin

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SAFETY REMINDERS

Office Hours

The school office is open from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45p.m. Mon to Fri.

Supervision

The playground is supervised at 8:45– 9:00 and 3:20-3:35.

Busing

Please contact the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board transportation department at **905 523-2318** with any bus-related concerns.

WE ARE A NUT SENSITIVE SCHOOL

Parents are asked to carefully read labels of all food items that are brought to school to make sure that they have no trace of nuts or nut products. Many products now carry a clearly marked “Nut Free” logo.

We appreciate your cooperation in providing a safe learning/work environment for our students and staff.

PD Day

Sept. 22

Thanksgiving

Oct. 9th

School Council Meeting

Sept 21st

Picture Day

Oct. 13th

School Organization for 2017-2018

<u>OFFICE STAFF</u>			
Manzin, J.	<i>Principal</i>	Bishop-Dove, J.	<i>Office Admin</i>
Aucoin, A.	<i>Vice-Principal</i>	Nagel, C.	<i>Office Assistant</i>

<u>TEACHING STAFF / EA'S</u>			
Aragain, P.	Phys Ed	Marchis, C.	Music
Bedford, J.	Gr. 5	Olsen, J.	Gr. 7
Beaton, M.	Gr. 4/5	Pidberezny, D.	Gr. 4
Armstrong, N.	Gr. 8	Peterson, J.	JIDD
Buchanan, S.	Gr. 2	Robbins, A.	FDK
Clemens, A.	Phys Ed	Murray, J.	DECE
Cote, K.	EA	Scime, T.	Gr. 5
Cuthill, D.	Gr. 2/3	Shaw, K.	FDK
Dennie, D.	Gr. 1	Ramjit, C.	DECE
Doucette, D.	Gr. 3/4	Simpson, M.	Gr. 3
Easson, A.	Jr Comp	Smith, C.	FDK
Earl, D.	EA	Hayward, W.	DECE
Edwards, E.	LRT	Small, G.	LRT
Evans, P.	Gr. 2	Turner, L.	SSEA
Fisher, C.	EA	Reitsma, C.	Library
Franks, T.	EA	Wajmer, P.	EA
Gailing, K.	FDK	Weaver, P.	Gr. 6
Munro, R.	DECE	Whitefield, M.	Gr. 1/2
Campbell, H.	French	Wiggins, E.	Gr. 7
Gross, P.	EA	Worosz, B.	Gr. 7
Humphreys, S.	LRT	Zambiasi, S.	Gr. 8
Jacobs, C.	Gr. 6	Woods, D.	EA
Johnson, R.	EA	Turner, B.	EA
Kalafatis, B.	French	Hyslop, C.	EA
Karlash, S.	Gr. 1	Smyth, K.	EA
Killam, M.	EA	Sweet, A.	EA
Kin, S.	PJDD	Heykoop, K.	EA
Large, L.	EA		
Lech, A.	Gr. 3		

ATTENDANCE POLICY

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the office at (905)549-3076 . Please call before 8:40 a.m. if possible. Our answering machine is available any time of the day or night. Please leave the student's name, class, and reason for the absence. Students arriving after the entrance bell will not be permitted into class without a late slip from the office.

Our office staff must contact the home of each and every student marked absent as part of our safe school policy and we thank you for your continued co-operation in helping to minimize the number of calls we must make.

BE ON TIME!!! BE AT SCHOOL EACH DAY!!!

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for student success. All students are expected to be at school, on time each day. Our school day begins promptly at 9:00 am and we dismiss at 3:20 p.m.

FORMS....FORMS....FORMS

You have received a package of "very important" forms from your child's teacher. Please take the time to neatly and accurately fill them out and return them to the school with your child this week.

TELEPHONE USE

The office telephone is for emergency use only. All other arrangements are to be made ahead of time including extra-curricular and social activities. We will not be passing along messages to students during the school day.

Did you know that you can find this newsletter and calendar on line at the school website!!www.hwdsb.on.ca/hillcrest

PLEASE UPDATE THE OFFICE

Please notify the office any time there is a change in your child's registration information.

It is very important that any EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION on file is accurate and up to date at all times throughout the school year. Please include valid cell phone numbers wherever possible.

If there are any special arrangements concerning your child, please ensure that this is clearly communicated in writing and discussed with the homeroom teacher and the school administration. Legal documentation (i.e., court orders) must be on file in the school before any custody terms can be addressed.

CUSTODY AND ACCESS ORDERS

If there are any special arrangements for your child(ren) which the school needs to be aware of, please ensure that the Office Administrator have an updated copy of the court orders for access or custody, signed by an Ontario Court Judge. The school provides information on a child's progress when requested by a non-custodial parent who has legal access.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found tub is located near the Gym corridor. We ask that you **LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**. We ask that you encourage your child **NOT to bring expensive items (iPods, portable gaming systems) to school**. We also recommend that students not bring extra money or large sums of money to school except with family permission to purchase items occasionally offered at school. **NO VALUABLES OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE CHANGE ROOMS DURING GYM CLASSES OR IN A BACKPACK IN THE HALLWAY**. Please help your child(ren) learn these personal management skills just as we as adults ensure that our own valuables (purses, wallets) are kept safe. Items in the bin will be emptied at the end of each month and donated.

SAFE SCHOOLS

In accordance with the SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAM, we remind parents to use the school's front entrance which are the doors closest to the office. If you have to drop off items for your child, please deliver them directly to the office and we will call your child down during nutrition breaks to prevent interruptions during classroom instruction time. **All students enter and exit from the playground, unless being dropped off during the day, following an appointment.**

If you are volunteering in the school, please sign in at the office and use the "Visitor" or "Volunteer" tags to identify yourself while in the school. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Our school is pleased to welcome parent and community volunteers to support our programs here at Hillcrest. If you have any spare time and wish to volunteer, please contact your child(s) teacher.

Please note that as per Board policy, all volunteers must supply the school with a copy of the Police Clearance Report before interacting with our students.

Parents who wish to volunteer to support our nutrition program are invited to attend an initial information session Monday Sept. 11 th at 9:10 am in the Nutrition Rm

Agendas

Every student in Grades 1 to 8 will be given an agenda. The agenda contains important information about our school such as the Code of Commitment as well as general information regarding our day to day procedures. *Agendas are designed to help **students** develop important organizational skills—recording homework, announcements, special events, teacher information.* Agendas can also be used as a communication tool for parents and teachers. Please be aware that this does not mean that the agenda will be used by teachers as a daily journal, recording every event that has transpired throughout the day. **Please read and review all the important information in the agenda with your child(ren) and sign at the bottom of page one to indicate you have read the handbook. The cost of the agenda to the school is \$5.00 if you would like contribute to help offset the cost to the school please feel free to do so however, this is an optional fee and there is no charge for the agendas this year!!!**

Medication

Please note we must have your written permission (on the approved form) to dispense or supervise the intake of medication for your child. Forms are available at the main office if your child requires medication. **Please note that permission must be renewed at the beginning of every school year and your family physician must also sign the medication form.**

Hillcrest School Council starts up in September. If you are interested in becoming a member of council please feel free to attend the first council meeting of the year which will be held on September 21st at 6:30pm in the library. Following meet the teacher Night!

School Council

September 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 LABOUR DAY	5	6	7	8 Day 4
11 Day 5	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4
18 Day 5 Vision Testing Sr. Boys 3 Pitch Milk Forms Due	19 Day 1 Vision Testing Jr. Boys 3 Pitch	20 Day 2 Vision Testing Sr. Girls 3 Pitch	21 Day 3 Jr. Girls 3 Pitch MEET THE TEACHER 5:45 School Council Mtg. 6:30	22 P.A. DAY NO SCHOOL
25 Day 4 Pizza Forms Due	26 Day 5	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3 Pizza Day

Meet the Teacher Night!!

Thursday September 21st!!

5:30-6:30pm

Come out and meet your child's teacher! Come learn how you can be involved in your child's education and how you can have input into initiatives at Hillcrest School.