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### **December '17**



# Hillcrest School—Newsletter



#### From the Principal's Desk

With Progress Reports and Parent interviews complete, our classes are now focusing on the first term work to be reported on in February. The Progress Report provided parents with a good indication of their child's strengths and the areas that need to be worked on. Hopefully you were able to come in to have a meeting with your child's teacher to further support your student's success.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our community a very happy holiday and a healthy New Year. Whatever your family is celebrating, may your time with friends and family be joyful and relaxing!

#### **Holiday Concert**

This year our Holiday Concert will be held on Thursday Dec. 21st. The concert will begin at 1:40 pm.

#### **Special Holiday Luncheon**

This year we have been very fortunate to have the *Daughters of Penelope* sponsor Hillcrest school for the Holidays. This group has generously decided to put on a special holiday luncheon for the students of Hillcrest school. Our students will take part in a sit down meal on Monday December 18th.

#### Every Child Reading By the end of Grade 1

At Hillcrest, we're committed to supporting a goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, where developmentally appropriate. A child who is reading by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success. In September 2017, HWDSB celebrated the deployment of 48 Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms. Reading Specialists are working with children within classrooms, alongside classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and/or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs. We're pleased to welcome Ms. Contant in our school this year. If you have any questions about the Reading Specialists and their role in your child's class, please contact the school.

# Upcoming Dates

P.A. Day—Dec. 1

Turkey Luncheon—Dec. 18

Parent Engagement Session #3—Dec. 13

Winter Break—Dec. 25-Jan.5

Family Magic Show

**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

**Popcorn** is available every Wednesday—\$1 per bag

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## **Community Night at Hillcrest**

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### FAMILY MAGIC SHOW

## Wednesday December 13th

The show has a focus on being positive using the four secrets of magic:

- 1. Anything is possible
- 2. Believe in Yourself
- 3. You are not alone
- 4. Find your magic

Doors open at 5:30 pm, the show will begin at 6:00 Popcorn available for \$1 per bag

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