



Hillcrest Elementary School

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Good evening Hillcrest families - it's Mr. Blunsdon here.

Here we are at the end of Week 2 and I am happy to report that it has been a great start-up! Both Staff and Students are getting back into routine and the sounds of learning are echoing throughout the school!

In terms of updates, we expect to find out if we will be reorganizing the school in the days to come. For those of you who might not know, every September the Board looks at our actual enrollment of students and compares it to the projections made in the Spring to make sure we have the correct number of classrooms and Staff to support students. At this point we are not sure if we will need to reorganize, but if your child is impacted, know that you will receive direct communication the last week of September.

I am happy to announce that we also have extracurriculars already starting up! We have three 3-Pitch Teams that have started up for tournaments happening on the 20th, 26th, and 28th of this month. We wish our teams and coaches all the best as they represent Hillcrest on the baseball diamond!

Next, I am thrilled to share that by Wednesday, we hope to have our Nutrition Program back up and running. This means that everyday, classrooms will be receiving a Nutrition Bin filled with Healthy snacks for students. A huge thanks goes to Mrs. Bishop-Dove for her work to coordinate this fantastic program.

I also wanted to let you know Hillcrest will be having our Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 29th in recognition for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation which falls on Saturday September 30th. This day provides us here at Hillcrest with the reminder of the important role that schools play in Reconciliation as we continue to learn, teach, and recognize the importance of Indigenous history and culture every day in our community and beyond. Looking forward to seeing those Orange shirts on Friday Sept 29.

Hillcrest's School Council will be meeting soon. This is a group of parents who meet myself regularly to discuss what is happening in and around the school and how we can make Hillcrest an even better place for our students. If you are interested in being a part of our School Council, please stay tuned for our first meeting date.



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And for my last item ... I want to share and remind everyone that at Hillcrest, we always talk to our students in terms of Kindness - both in our everyday interactions around the school, and when student behaviour doesn't go as expected. Starting very soon, students will be recognized for their kind actions and words and will be given paper leaves to place on our Kindness Tree in the front Hallway of the school. Feel free to take a few minutes this weekend and throughout the week to remind your child about the importance of kind words and action and how they can make both Hillcrest and the world a better place!

Well, that's it for tonight. Thank you again to our Staff, Students, and Community for a great start-up - and remember, you will find all the information I just shared on our School Website under Spartan News.

Thank you and I hope everyone enjoys a nice weekend.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Nutrition Program begins next week.
- Orange Shirt Day (for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) - Sept 29th
- School Council ... stay tuned ...

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