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# HILLCREST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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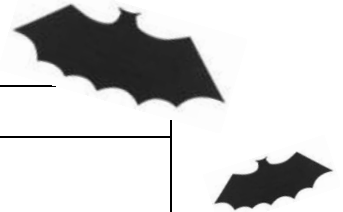
Vice Principal: Mrs. Amanda Johnson

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**School Goal:** To increase students’ experience, understanding, and awareness of Aboriginal ways of knowing across the curriculum. As students explore their own identities along with learning from the Aboriginal perspective, this will lead to further growth in their emotional and social development.

Hillcrest is a globally aware community that values acceptance, diversity and engaged learning while fostering and celebrating student successes

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE...



<b>Thursday, Oct 31</b>	School Spirit Day: Orange & Black Day
<b>Friday, Nov 1</b>	Photo Re-takes – 1:00 pm PAC Pizza Lunch
<b>Friday, Nov 8</b>	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 am
<b>Monday, Nov 11</b>	Remembrance Day Holiday - NO CLASSES
<b>Wednesday, Nov 13</b>	PAC Subway Lunch
<b>Tuesday, Nov 19</b>	PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm
<b>Thursday, Nov 21</b>	Assembly
<b>Friday, Nov 22</b>	Pro-D Day - NO CLASSES
<b>Wednesday, Nov 27</b>	Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



October is almost over and that means that students are about half way through their first term of school. It was great to see the large number of parents who came through during our conferences last week. We had about an 86% participation rate from parents during those time frames, and then more parents were seen at alternate times as well. The first term report cards will be coming home with your child on the last day of school before winter break – Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for being an active part of your child’s education!

Cammy Coffin 

## WELCOME

Hillcrest welcomes *Abigail Badke* to the school community. Abigail is an Educational Assistant and School Supervisor who works in various classrooms.



### **IT'S RAINING... IT'S POURING Supervision Information**

We are coming into our rainy season which we know can last for many months. Thank you for sending your child to school with warm, waterproof jackets, rubber boots, umbrellas, mittens and hats for the cooler weather ahead. Students are expected to go outside at break times, unless we are having a heavy downpour.

We have supervision both before and after school, but only at the school crosswalk and driveway (not inside the school or on the playground). Please be aware of this if you plan on dropping your child off early.

If it is raining outside, you have a few options:

1. Park on the street and come inside to wait with your child until the bell. We would ask that you wait in either the hallway by the gym, or the hallway near the elevators where the seaquarium is (all on the main floor). Students should not be going upstairs or into classrooms as the teachers are preparing for their day and may not be in the classroom or;
2. Drop your child off closer to the bell. Our entry bell rings at 8:35 am, or;
3. Your child can wait outside until the first bell. Thank you for your cooperation with avoiding the main foyer of the school as it can become quite noisy when the office staff needs to attend to incoming phone calls and parent enquiries.

### **“EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!”**

Hillcrest is in the news, thanks to our amazing teacher, Sarah Ball and our Grade 5 students: <https://www.saanichnews.com/community/saanich-retirement-home-welcomes-youngsters-for-halloween-fun/>



### HALLOWEEN NEWS

Cst. Lisa Bruschetta spoke to all of our students today about Halloween safety. We are lucky to have the support of the Saanich Police in our school.

On Thursday, Oct. 31st, we are encouraging students to wear orange and black. Be creative with what you wear! Perhaps you will have orange and black in your hair or on your feet!  
(No masks or props, please).

As we take pride in being a healthy school, we respectfully ask that parents continue to send healthy snacks and lunches to school, and to keep the Halloween candy at home for a special treat.

We hope that everyone has a fun and safe Halloween!

### REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Families are invited to join us for our Remembrance Day Ceremony scheduled for Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am. The assembly is an opportunity for our students to honor those who have served and sacrificed in the past and present conflicts and to focus on the importance of spreading peace for now and in the future. We would be pleased to have you join us as we remember.

Mrs. Seale has been working with all of the classes to prepare the group songs and with Divisions 7, 10, 11, and the Hillcrest Choir who will be performing at the assembly. Students from those divisions as well as the Choir members, the Sound Crew, the Readers and Wreath Bearers are asked to wear dark colored skirts or pants and light colored (preferably white) tops that day. We also ask that all Scouts and Guides wear their uniforms for the ceremony. This is encouraged as a sign of respect towards those who have served our country.

We are also asking that if you or any of your relatives have served in the military and you have photos of them in uniform that you are willing to share with our students, to please e mail them to Mr. Lim at [tlim@sd61learn.ca](mailto:tlim@sd61learn.ca). We are hoping to recognize those individuals and their contributions in a visual display as part of our ceremony. If you have sent in pictures in the past, we are able to access them so there is no need to re-send. Thank you in advance.

Mrs. Seale



**Lest We Forget.**



## **STAR SEARCH**

### **December 4, 2019**

Mrs. Seale is organizing our Star Search Talent Show which is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th at 1:00 pm in the school gym. Family and friends are welcome to attend our show which will begin promptly at 1 pm starting with the Grade 5 string students and will last for approximately one hour. Individual student participation is optional however all students who wish to be in the show must first audition in front of Mrs. Seale during their performing arts class. Audition procedures have been discussed during their performing arts classes and the auditions will begin after Remembrance Day.

Your child is audition ready if:

- they have memorized all the words to a song or skit and can sing/act with feeling
- knows all the notes if playing an instrument and can play without mistakes; memorization is not necessary
- has emailed any accompanying music in an MP3 file to Mrs. Seale (please see address below) for the grade 5 sound crew to manage; music to accompany singing must be the instrumental (karaoke) version
- demonstrates a good level of skill
- has confidence, smiles and has energy when performing
- feels that performing is fun and wants to be on stage in front of over 300 students and parents

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Seale at [jseale@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jseale@sd61.bc.ca) or 250-477-7273 if you have any questions or would be available to help with the show.

Mrs. J. Seale, Performing Arts Teacher



## *We are hiring!*

The Greater Victoria School District is looking for passionate and qualified individuals to join our team as Educational Assistants.

For more information about the position, description, and qualifications click here: [Education Assistant: General](#). If you are interested, please submit a cover letter, resume, qualifications, and references to: [hirs@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:hirs@sd61.bc.ca)

If you know someone who may be interested, please share this email and/or message. We look forward to hearing from people who wish to be part of our learning community.

### **VICTORIA**



The Greater Victoria School District's **International Student Program** is seeking caring families to provide homestay accommodation to international students studying in the District's middle and secondary schools. It is a great opportunity for an intercultural exchange of ideas, food, and life.

We offer the following to our host families:

- Orientation
- On-going support
- Homestay manual
- Remuneration of \$975 per month
- Short and long term students

To find out more about our homestay program or apply please visit our **website:** [www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay](http://www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay) or contact Lukas Hahn (Homestay Manager)  
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