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HILLCREST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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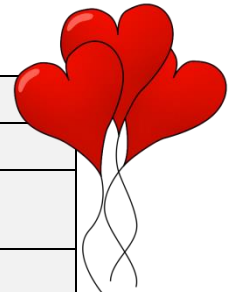
Admin Asst: Ms. Jolette Holland

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

DATES TO NOTE:

Friday, Mar 6	PAC Pizza Lunch
Wednesday, Mar 11	PAC Subway Lunch
Friday, Mar 13	Report Cards sent home Last Day of Classes before Spring Break!
Monday, Mar 16 - Friday, Mar 27	SPRING BREAK
Monday, Mar 30	First day of Classes after Spring Break



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Today we had our star assembly and acknowledged Pink Shirt Day. The message we gave was around kindness, however, we did speak directly about what bullying looks like and how it might feel. Divisions 1-3 shared strong messages via poetry on the perspectives of the bullied, the bully and the brave. It was a moving experience and we hope that your child felt compelled to think a bit more deeply about how we can eradicate bullying in our society. We like to say that kindness is the new cool at school, and our students show this in many ways! We are so lucky to have a great school community at Hillcrest!

Cammy Coughlin



Looking at our Numbers for Next Year!

As we head into March, it is time to look closely at our school enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year.



If your child is in *Kindergarten to gr. 4*, **AND you are moving and will not be attending Hillcrest Elementary next year**, we ask that you go online to complete a short form. It can be accessed here:

<https://hillcrest.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/are-you-moving-click-here/>

Having this information allows us to begin to form our classrooms, which takes numbers and composition into play. You do not need to complete this form if your child will remain a student next year. Thank you in advance.



Greater Victoria School District Seeks Input on Building Inclusive Learning Environments

The School District strongly believes diversity is a strength and strives to create the most inclusive learning environments, where each student has an opportunity to reach their greatest potential.

We understand the important role students, staff, parents and guardians have in developing a sense of belonging for everyone in their school.

The School District values your voice and invites parents, guardians, staff and students to share their thoughts, experiences and perspectives on inclusion and diversity by participating in this five-minute survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/InclusiveSchools

The survey will close on Tuesday, March 3rd at 4 p.m.

STAMP CLUB NEWS

The upcoming VICTOPICAL 2020 Stamp Show, will be held on March 14-15th at the Comfort Hotel (3020 Blanshard).

Your child may submit four entries featuring one theme per page. Please ensure the page is primarily done by your child. Parents are encouraged to help with spelling and punctuation. Please use the stamp hinges that were sent home to attach the stamps to the page (Kenmore Stamp Company has an excellent tutorial video on You Tube). Mrs. Weston will open her classroom (room #20) at lunch hour on Friday Feb. 28, Monday Mar. 2, Friday Mar. 6 and Monday Mar. 9 for students to work on their stamp show pages.

In lieu of these extra stamp club sessions, the regular Wednesday stamp club meetings are on hold for the time being. All submissions for the show are due to Mrs. Weston by Wednesday Mar. 11. Student work will be displayed at the show on Saturday (10am – 5pm) and Sunday (9:30am-2:30pm). All children present at 2:30 pm on Sunday will participate in a stamp “scramble” after the awards presentation. **Your child does not need to attend in order to participate in the show and pages will be returned to the school.** Admission to the show is by donation and all funds are returned to the children (prizes, “scramble” items and school stamp club materials).

Happy Stamping,
Mrs. Weston



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