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Dear Hillcrest Parents,

Thank you for helping to make our school start up successful for your children. We have 317 students this year, and two additional classes – we continue to grow.

At our opening assembly we discussed a few important items. We discussed friendship, teaching students how to expand their friendship umbrella: 1. Smile, be welcoming and listen to others 2. Share leadership, don't always be the boss 3. Be kind and inclusive, ask others to join in. We concluded our assembly, reinforcing the power of working together, by singing, "Fish and Chips and Vinegar."

Hillcrest teachers are doing a super job of building on the concepts from our first assembly. It has been a pleasure visiting classrooms and seeing our teachers building safe and inclusive learning environments.

Alan Harrison,
Principal

Meet the Teacher Evening

All families are invited to our PAC sponsored "Meet the Teacher" event, on Wednesday, September 20th, from 5:30 to 7:00. Each Hillcrest student will receive a free slice of pizza and bottle of water. Additional pizza for other family members may be purchased for \$2 a slice and water \$1. Our PAC will be selling grocery cards at this event for interested parents.

This evening is an opportunity to have your child introduce you to their teacher, and also to show you their working space in their classroom. We hope to see you there!

School Fees

Thank you to those who have already paid their fees. For the 2017/2018 school year, the voluntary student activity fee remains at \$20.00 per student, with a family rate of \$40.00. Supply/music fees are \$32.00 per student and agendas are \$7.00 (except for Mrs. Boyd/Caves classes).

Fees can be paid either to your classroom teacher, or in the office.
The deadline for school fee payment is Friday, October 6th. Thank you.

School Photos

Individual photos will be taken of your child on Tuesday, September 26th. Retake day is Monday, Oct. 23. Class photos will be taken in the Spring.

Registration day for next year's Kindergarten students is Monday, October 2nd. If you know of children in the Hillcrest catchment area, who is turning five in 2018, please let them know

Breakfast

Our breakfast program starts, Tuesday Sept., 19th. Students who arrive at school, needing a little more to eat, are welcome in the multi-purpose room between 7:50 and 8:08. Thank you Camille Aura who is coordinating the breakfast program – a big job, of purchasing groceries and getting volunteers. We are in need of volunteer parents to help out on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Please email Camille at rcaura1984@gmail.com.

***Debbie is also looking for a Monday volunteer for the “Phone home program.”
If you can help on Mondays, from 8:05 to 8:30, please call Debbie at 250 832-7195.**

Parent Cupcake Bakers – Celebrating Student Birthdays

Are you able to bake 24 cupcakes to help celebrate one birthday month? At the end of each month we celebrate student birthdays. If you are able to help, please email aharriso@sd83.bc.ca. If there is a specific month that suits you, let us know. We really appreciate your support☺

Professional Days

Friday, September 15th is a new curriculum learning day for teachers. Monday, September 18th is a Provincial wide professional development day. All Hillcrest teachers are attending workshops to learn more about the implementation of the renewed curriculum.

Students do not attend school on these days.

Hillcrest Parent Advisory

You, and all Hillcrest parents are members of the Hillcrest PAC. We hope you can join us for our first meeting, Tuesday, September 26th, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the school library. Free child minding will be provided.

Our annual grounds clean up morning will be on Saturday, October 14th from 9:30 to 12:00. All Hillcrest families are welcome – please put this date on your calendar. More details will be shared on the October newsletter.

A reminder that Tuesday, September 19th is Fuel Good Day at the Co-op gas station. Please use the Hillcrest Co-op number, 97166. On Fuel Good Day, the Hillcrest playground fund will receive 10 cents a litre.

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Orange Shirt Day at Hillcrest is September 29. If your child doesn't have an orange shirt, anything orange is fine.

Our school goals for this school year are:



“To provide our students with meaningful outdoor learning opportunities.”



 To explore the Core Competency of Communication, specifically the facet of having students explain/recount and reflect on their experiences and accomplishment.

