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## Thanks & Happy Holidays

Everyone will be looking forward to a change of pace as we move into the Holidays. We wish everyone a relaxing vacation and hope that each member of our school community has a rejuvenating holiday as we move into 2022. As we draw closer to the winter break, we wish to extend a huge thank-you to all parents, students, staff, and volunteers who have worked so diligently this fall to promote student success and to create a warm, welcoming learning environment. We hope that the Holiday Season brings a few moments of relaxation and a chance to reflect on all that we have accomplished together in 2022. From our family here at school to yours at home, Happy Holidays.

## Holiday Celebrations

During the month of December, different holiday theme days will be celebrated. We are grateful for the Student Parliament and Organizing Staff who have been working hard planning different assemblies, events, and themed days. These dates can be seen in the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter. We appreciate the Student Parliament's leadership in creating and facilitating these days and events which will make coming to school fun and exciting for our young learners.

## Upcoming Events

### December 1

Can-struction Day

### December 2

Jersey Day

### December 9

Fun Hair Day

### December 12

Spirit Wear Day (Superhero Day)

### December 12

Hillcrest Fundraiser Night at Johnny G's in Petrolia

### December 14

Holiday Dinner 12:00 p.m.

Spirit Wear Day (Gold & Silver)

### December 16

Spirit Wear Day (PJs)

### December 23

Last Day of School

### January 9

First Day of School in 2023

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Just by way of follow-up, we wanted to make sure that we thank everyone who attended a Parent/Teacher Conference. Your participation in these conferences promotes student success. Parents can reach out to staff at any time of the school year to discuss their child(ren)'s progress. The more communication between home and school the greater likelihood that student success is at the forefront and each child's needs are being met.

## Head Lice

As we get into the colder months of the year, and there is the possibility of students sharing toques (despite home and school's encouragement to avoid this), etc., all students should be reminded of steps they can take to reduce the likelihood of getting head lice. Even though lice do not jump or fly, they can spread from one student to another by sharing combs, brushes, clothing, hats and more. Anyone can get head lice; all members of the household need to be checked when there is one case of head lice in your immediate family, or the cycle of treatment and infestation can be continuous.

## Missed Milk Days

Over the past several weeks, four Milk Days were missed because of school closures and missed delivery dates because of school closures. Any students who ordered milk for these days that were missed will receive their milk during the last week prior to the December Break. If you have any questions regarding this attempt to rectify the missed days, please contact us at the school. Thanks for your understanding.

## Holiday Dinner

As was the tradition in years prior to COVID, the Hillcrest Holiday Dinner will return on December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m. Students will be treated to a turkey dinner, with potatoes, and vegetables, all prepared by Burn's restaurant, and a holiday cookie. The costs for this meal are covered at this time through the help of community partners, such as Johnny G's Pizza (thanks, folks, who have supported them on their Hillcrest Fundraiser Nights on the first Tuesday of every month). Please consider adjusting the amount of food sent that day. If you feel that your child will not eat a lot of the food we are providing, please consider sending an amount, closer to what you normally would for any given school day. Please contact us at the office if you have any questions about this meal.

## Winter Dress

With the ever-changing weather, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately in hats, boots, waterproof mittens/gloves (waterproof are best), and warm coats. This is also a great time of year to wear layers so that children can adjust their clothing as the temperature warms throughout the day. Our students enjoy playing outside twice a day for twenty minutes each break and we want all of them to feel comfortable. Please reach out to the school if your family is in need of any

of these items or any other essentials. We always have ways by which we can help and we would love to support you and your family!

## Legion Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to all of our Petrolia Legion Art Competition winners this year. Thanks for putting your best foot forward and striving to do your best with Remembrance Day Art, Poem, and Essay entries!! Thanks, M. Triest and M. Nesbit for your encouragement and all teachers who supported students in this effort.

We are so proud of you of all of you!

## Inclement Weather

In cases of severe weather consider one of these options to obtain bus cancellation information for our school, that is located in Zone 4:

- Listen to The Fox, 99.9 and the Cool 106.3. starting at or before 6:30 a.m.
- Information is also posted at [School Bus Info](#)
- Follow the Bus Info link on the LKDSB website (top left of the website)
- Perhaps the best method to determine if buses are running, or if they are on time or running late, is this. Student Transportation Services offers the [MySBI mobile app](#) to receive instant notifications of school bus delays, and cancellations. Just download the free app from Android/Apple app stores, and subscribe to Weather Notifications, as well as to your school bus(es). Please visit this link for additional details.



## Fundraising Reports

Thanks to everyone's efforts in assisting with fundraisers that have been run through School Cash Online. We are extremely pleased to announce that as a community we have raised \$345 for the Petrolia Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, as well as over \$1500 for the school's Nutrition Program. Thanks, everyone for your continued effort to support our school and area communities.

Hillcrest is again collecting for "Petrolia's Christmas for Everyone Campaign". There are many ways for families to contribute. We are accepting gift cards, new unwrapped toys, non-perishable food, and personal hygiene items as well as online donations on School Cash Online. Items and donations are due by December 2, 2022. Contact the school if you have any questions about any of these efforts, or about how one can contribute!

## Leaving & Returning to School Following the Holiday Break

We are encouraging students to take their belongings home during the winter break. This promotes the practice of inventorying what students currently have, and what they need for the upcoming second term, and permits the school to be organized and tidied for everyone's return after the December Break.

Additionally, we look forward to seeing everyone when we return on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you and your family have a well-deserved holiday. Thanks again for all of your support in 2022!



From our school family to yours,  
we wish you the happiest of  
holidays and a very rewarding  
2023!