



# École Publique Hillcrest Public School

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## Starting With Gratitude

There are so many things for which we can be grateful here at Hillcrest:

- We wish to thank the Student Parliament for organizing and facilitating the Hillcrest Family Movie Night on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We also wish to thank all who attended and supported the efforts of our Student Parliament that evening.
- We are grateful for the continued communication of parents, letting us know when student absences are taking place.
- We wish to thank the members of our School Council for all that they are doing to support student achievement. We recently had our School Council Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
- We are grateful for the Lion's Club and their recent donation of \$1000. These funds will be used to subsidize our yard improvement project that is ongoing.



## Upcoming Events

### April 3

Book Fair Starts (April 3-6)

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Staffy's Fundraiser Starts

### April 7

Good Friday (No School)

### April 10

Easter Monday (No School)

### April 11

Hillcrest Fundraiser Night at Johnny G's Pizza

### April 12

Kindergarten Open House (please see details on this event in the newsletter)

### April 17

Staffy's Fundraiser Ends

### April 28

P.A. Day – No School

### May 9

School Council Meeting – 6:00

## Education Week

Education Week this year runs from Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to celebrate Learning that week (and every week). More details will be provided in the May Newsletter, but for now, we want to ensure that you are aware of our Hillcrest Family S.T.E.A.M. Night being held on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. More events are planned for the week!

## Next School Council Meeting

The next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 p.m. Please reach out to the school if you would like to attend and we will forward the Google Meet link for our virtual meeting. We are grateful for the continued support of our amazing parents here at Hillcrest.



## Homework Club

Did you know that we have a Homework Club here at École Publique Hillcrest? Every second recess of each day, students can access a quiet location where they can complete incomplete tasks, find a quiet place if the typical noises of the day become a little bit too much, or just need a space to read. We are grateful for Mme Williams and her support of students' well-being with this initiative!

## Kids' Help Line

Kids Help Phone is available 24/7 for students who need immediate support. To contact Kids Help Phone call: 1-800-668-6868 or visit [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)



## Staffy's Fundraiser

Our Staffy's Fundraiser will begin on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Information will be provided through School Cash Online.

## Curling 101

What does it mean to be Canadian? Defining Canadian Culture is just as profound. As with anyone's history, despite an imperfect past, being Canadian means many things, such as showing mutual respect, egalitarianism, kindness, and compassion. Winter Sport has always been a big part of our collective story. Over the past several months, many of our students here at École Publique Hillcrest Public School have participated in one of our favourite past times, curling. [Consider visiting this link to review a recent article about one of our amazing teachers here at Hillcrest, Mme Thomas.](#) Read about her efforts to bring curling alive for our students, and the experience of her students playing the great game of curling and experiencing a little piece of Canadiana.

## Book Fair

Get Ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. Every book they buy earns Rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from April 3rd to April 6th.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to our school, and we will arrange for a pickup time when they arrive (or be able to place them in your child's backpack, depending on the order size/weight – let us know if the order is a gift in advance and we will be sure to avoid this option). Your online orders will also benefit our school.

[Visit our Virtual Book Fair homepage to watch some trailers and look through our digital flyer by clicking on this link.](#)

## Grade 9 Summer School

Summer "Reach-Ahead" credit opportunities will be available again this summer for Grade 8 students. Grade 8 students may take Grade 10 Careers & Civics or any Grade 9 Course during the summer of 2023. That being said, the LKDSB is recommending that since Grade 8 students have already selected their Grade 9 courses for the 2023-2024 school year, that they take Grade 10 Careers & Civics, should they wish to "Reach Ahead." Please see the website, <https://www.lkdsb.net/summer>, for specific program information and for ongoing updates.

## Kindergarten Open House

On April 12th, our school will be holding an Open House for students starting Junior Kindergarten this September. Students and their families are invited to attend the event anytime from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The more your child visits the school, and sees their future learning environment, the easier the transition to school will be in the fall. Two of our Kindergarten Educators will be in attendance that evening, along with our school's principal. Please consider attending our event and preparing any questions in advance.

## Closing Remarks

We are grateful that you're still here and have read the whole newsletter. You're still clicking on links and absorbing information. We know that there is a lot of information that families receive from classroom teachers, the school, the school board, and beyond in an effort to communicate with families. Thanks for being an engaged member of our school community and taking the time to read this newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to us here at the school should you need anything moving forward. We look ahead with excitement to another wonderful month here at Hillcrest.