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Starting With Gratitude

As always here at Hillcrest, we would like to start with gratitude. Here are just a few of the many reasons we are grateful here at Beautiful École Hillcrest Public School.

- We are grateful for members of the parent council who have assisted with the Windover's Fundraiser, and for all parents who have made purchases to beautify our community and support our learners here at Hillcrest
- Our school has recently started fundraising efforts through Jackpot City by assisting with Bingo Fundraisers. We are so, so grateful for the support of a group of parent volunteers who are making this possible. Their efforts will provide many great resources for learners in the coming months and years.
- We are thankful for the support of our Book Fair during the first week of April. More details about the success of the event are shared below.
- We are thankful to all parents and guardians who have assisted with a variety of field trips over the past few months. Without your assistance, trips such as these would not be possible.
- We are grateful for community partners helping to provide financial support to provide field trips, nutrition and much more for our learners.

Upcoming Events

April 28

P.A. Day – No School

May 1

Education Week (May 1-5)

May 2

S.T.E.A.M. Night – 4:00 to 6:00

May 5

Vive le français- Crêpes Day

May 9

School Council 6:00 p.m.

May 11

Track & Field Grade 3 & Up

May 12

Rain Date - Track & Field

May 19

Jump Rope For Heart

May 20

Graduation BBQ at Heidi's

May 22

Victoria Day – No School

May 31

Kindergarten Open House

Track and Field Day

Track and Field Day is on May 11th for students in Grades 3 and up. Students are asked to report to school and follow normal routines for attendance purposes. After morning attendance is taken, classes will walk down to LCCVI to participate in Track and Field. Please remember to pack a lunch and snacks, water, appropriate clothing for the day, a sun hat, and sunscreen. Our Rain Date for this event is Friday, May 12th, should we not be able to hold this event on the 11th.

EQAO

Students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics in the coming months (depending on the class). This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario. EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in The Ontario Curriculum, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Parents of these students will receive more information in the coming weeks.

Education Week

The Ministry of Education has declared the school week of May 1st to May 5th as Education Week across Ontario. For 2023, the LKDSB's Education Week theme is "Reconnecting With Communities." This year we have many activities planned in classrooms. Additionally, on a school-wide basis, we have planned the following:

- Hillcrest S.T.E.A.M. Night will take place on Tuesday, May 2nd. This is promising to be a great night of learning and family fun. Join us here at the school for a variety of activities spread throughout the building in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian to attend and it will be a great opportunity to learn about some strategies families can use at home to help children learn more about S.T.E.A.M. subjects. We are also excited to hold our annual Hillcrest Family BBQ that same evening. We look forward to learning and dining with you and your family. Doors will open and learning activities start at 4:00 p.m. and the event runs until 6:00 p.m. The BBQ will be provided by the Lions Club of Petrolia and will be by donation to the Lions Club. The BBQ will start at or slightly before 4:30 p.m. and run until the end of the event (for your planning purposes).
- On Friday, May 5th, we will be holding our Vive le français activities. Part of our planned day will include the serving of crêpes for all students. This is promising to be a fun opportunity for students to enjoy another layer of French culture at our school. Crêpes will be served to all students wanting one during the middle block, and into the second nutrition break (time dependent on age group). They will be provided free of charge and prepared by a team of parent volunteers. Thanks, Anne Hazzard (retired teacher and grandparent in our school community), for your support and offer to facilitate this, working with our school team to make this happen.

Windover Nurseries Pick UP

This is from the School Council:

"Hello, Hillcrest families,

A Friendly reminder that your Windover Nurseries flower order will be ready for pick up Friday, May 12th at Windover Nurseries, 3662 Petrolia Line, Petrolia.

Pick up time is 12:00pm - 5:00pm. !!

If for some reason you cannot make this time work, please reach out to Stephanie Munro s.munro@live.com, or 519-381-8685.

We thank you for your fundraising efforts to support Ecole Hillcrest."

Book Fair

Our Book Fair in April was a huge success. Thanks to the support of students, families and staff, we were able to raise over \$1800 to support the purchase of books and materials for the school. We hope that the Book Fair ignites excitement in many of our learners to explore their world and build imagination as they read the many books purchased during the Book Fair. We wish to publicly thank, Mme Woltz and all who helped support this effort. Nice job, everyone!

Muskoka

In the month of April, our Grade 8 students traveled to Muskoka Woods. The camp offers a fun, safe and welcoming environment for all youth. The camp's vision includes a desire to help young people realize their full potential. They are committed to making fun experiences the foundation for building new friendships and self-confidence. They foster a sense of community and encourage youth to reflect on their experiences in order to draw life lessons from them. The students were away for three days and had an exceptional time.



Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.)

S.T.E.A.M. activities are alive and well here at Hillcrest this month and every month. Did you know that we have a three-dimensional printer at our school? This printer was purchased last year in partnership with the L.K.D.S.B.'S Enrichment Team. Most recently students designed and printed

their own player pieces for our Dungeons and Dragons Club. If you are stopping in for our S.T.E.A.M. night on May 2nd, please pop by the Learning Commons/Library to see the printer in action.

BBQ Fundraiser

The Grade 8 students, along with the Parent Graduation committee, will be hosting a fundraising BBQ for our Graduation this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20th! From 10:00-2:00 at Heidi's Independent Grocer. Organizers will be serving Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. All proceeds from this BBQ Fundraiser will be used to support the planning and facilitation of the 2023 Graduation Ceremony! Please consider stopping by for lunch!

Online Auction

"The Student Parliament's Social Affairs Committee is putting on an auction! This auction has been taking place on [Hillcrest's Facebook page](#) (École Publique Hillcrest Public School). To participate in this auction, you can comment on your wanted item by stating the amount that you are bidding. The person who bids the highest amount will win that item. This auction started on Wednesday, April 19th and bidding closes Friday, April 28th at 8 a.m. We will contact the winners on Monday, May 1st. All winners will pay for their winning item/items on School Cash Online. If you have any questions about the auction, please feel free to contact the school and we will be happy to help." - Hillcrest's Student Parliament

Folks, the auction will close the day after sending this Newsletter out. Consider checking out the auction today.

Earth Day Community Cleanup

On Friday, April 21st, the Dragons took to the community to tidy up the community. This was done in commemoration of Earth Day. As a school we worked hard to clean up any items that might have been collected over a long winter here in Petrolia. We appreciated all parent volunteers and the efforts of our students to make our very beautiful community just that much cleaner. Nice job, Dragons.



Noelle's Gift

One of the many ways we can help students and provide support to families is by accessing resources and funds through the charity Noelle's Gift. Noelle's Gift helps students directly at our school and schools throughout Sarnia Lambton and Chatham Kent. This month they are running

their "Count Your K's in May" fundraiser. If you wish to find further information about this fundraiser, [follow this link](#).

Closing Remarks

Well, you made it all the way to the end of our newsletter. Thanks for taking the time to familiarize yourself with what is taking place here at École Publique Hillcrest Public School. We look forward to working closely with you this month in our collective effort to promote student success during this beautiful time of the year. Have a great month, everyone!

Noelle's Gift
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