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Happy New Year

As 2023 has ended, we reflect on a year of learning that was full of challenges and growth. Thanks, everyone, for your efforts during the 2023 Calendar Year to help support students and build capacity in our school community. We have many reasons to be thankful here at Hillcrest and in our community at large. We wish to extend a very Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is a special series of events for parents to register their children for Junior Kindergarten or students who are new to Senior Kindergarten. It is an opportunity for parents and children to learn more about school. The LKDSB has opened up Kindergarten Registration online for the 2024-2025 school year. Receiving these registrations early helps the school plan effectively for the upcoming school year. We ask parents of children starting kindergarten in 2024 to consider registering their child early. Also, please share this information with your friends who might be parents of children entering kindergarten next fall to take the time now to register. As always, if families have any questions, they are invited to contact the school.

Upcoming Events

January 8

First Day of Classes

January 13

Johnny G's Fundraiser Night

January 18

Grade 5-8 Tubing Trip

January 19

School Spirit Day – Disney Day

January 23

Grade 8 and Kindergarten
Graduation Photos

February 1

Kindergarten Registration
Night and Open House – 4:00
p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

February 2

Kindergarten Registration Day
– 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our first Kindergarten Registration Night and Open House will take place on Thursday, February 1st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Families will have a chance to tour the facility, and interact with our staff, as well as play a few games and learn with our team. Please share these dates with your friends who might have children of Junior Kindergarten age.

[Here is the link to the registration process.](#) Reach out to us here at the school if you have any questions.

MYSBI App

MYSBI is a free app available on the Play Store. It will provide you with real-time notifications of late buses and weather cancellations. Buses that are running more than 10 minutes late will be posted to the app and notifications will be sent out to anyone signed up for those specific buses. Follow these steps that were provided by Transportation Services to stay up-to-date and informed of what is happening with your child(ren) bus(es).

1. Download MYSBI from your Play Store
2. Select All Buses at the bottom of the screen
3. Select *WEATHER CANCELLATIONS*
4. Select Filter by Schools
5. Select your school, then OK
6. Select your buses both AM & PM

Facebook

Don't forget to follow our school's Facebook account. We periodically post items demonstrating student learning, promoting special events, sharing fun facts about our school, and providing timely announcements. You can follow us by visiting us on Facebook. As is the case for each Newsletter, the Facebook link is included at the top of the Newsletter, in the Header section.

Holiday Dinner

December was a very busy month here at Hillcrest. We are grateful for all those who assisted in facilitating a variety of activities for our students. We were happy to hold our annual Holiday Dinner. We wish to thank Burn's Restaurant for catering the event. We were grateful to be able to keep the costs for the event down to \$2 per child, due to different funding opportunities. We are not sure if we will be able to accomplish this next year, keeping the requested contributions from families down to a minimum, but for now, we will celebrate this accomplishment! We wish to thank our community partners for helping make this event happen!

School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held virtually, on February 13th, at 6:00 p.m. Any parent/guardian is welcome to participate. Please email hillcrest.s.council@gmail.com for a link to

participate, or contact the school directly. This is always a great way to stay informed. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please Know That We are Here to Help

We are always proud of our students, parents, and staff here at Hillcrest. It is a great place to learn. We are convinced that should your family need something, when collaborating together, we can find a solution. Please reach out to us if you are in need of anything to assist with your child's learning, or otherwise.