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Education Week

Education Week this year runs from Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th. 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 Soirée Française being held on Tuesday, May 7th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. More events are planned for the week! We will be sure to share more in the May newsletter.

School Council Meeting

The next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, April 9th, 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 first 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

Upcoming Events

March 29

Good Friday (No School)

April 1

Easter Monday (No School)

April 2

Autism Awareness Day – Wear Blue

April 3

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

April 5

School Spirit Day – Decade Day

April 8

P.A. Day – No School

April 13

Hillcrest Fundraiser Night at Johnny G's Pizza

April 19

School Spirit Wear Day – School Colours



for Mme Trudeau and her support of students' well-being with this initiative! There are always a variety of needs that staff are attempting to meet. We are grateful for our dedicated staff here at Hillcrest.

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

KidsHelpPhone.ca
1 800 668 6868

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Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System

The Ministry of Education has launched the Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System. This new resource will provide parents with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education. The guide covers a number of subjects such as knowing how their child is doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion processes, attending a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting, and knowing about specialized supports to help all children succeed. This initiative is part of the government's recent efforts to increase transparency and accountability in our school system. The full guide, translated into 10 different languages, can be found on our Parent/Guardian Resource page: Parent/Guardian Resources - Lambton Kent District School Board (lkdsb.net) This information has also been shared to our board website and synced to each school website, as well.

School Climate Survey

The Ontario Ministry of Education asks all school boards in Ontario to conduct an anonymous school climate survey on a regular basis so boards of education can help schools:

- Assess perceptions of safety, mental health and well-being – from students, parents and school staff;
- Continue to build parent voice/participation in
- Make informed planning decisions about programs to help prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive schools;
- Determine the effectiveness of their programs on an ongoing basis; and
- Build and sustain a positive school climate.

[We encourage families to take the time to complete the survey at this link for parents and guardians.](#) Thanks for your help.

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 2024. That being said, the LKDSB is recommending that since Grade 8 students have already selected their Grade 9 courses for the 2024-2025 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 ongoing updates.

Kindergarten Open House

On April 3rd, 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.

