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Track and Field Day

Track and Field Day is on May 16th 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 using their amazing athletic facilities. 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 17th, should we not be able to hold this event on the 16th.

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.

Upcoming Events

May 3

Hillcrest Spirit Wear Day

May 6

Education Week (May 6-10)

May 7

French Soirée – 4:00 to 6:00

May 8

Volunteer Appreciation Tea –
1:10 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

May 8

Hillcrest Night at Johnny G's Pizza

May 16

Track & Field Grade 3 & Up

May 17

Rain Date - Track & Field

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Jump Rope For Heart if Track
and Field Rain Date is not
needed

May 20

Victoria Day – No School

May 29

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

Education Week

The Ministry of Education has declared the school week of May 6th to May 10th as Education Week across Ontario. For 2024, the LKDSB's Education Week theme is "Back to Basics in Education." This year we have many activities planned in classrooms. Additionally, on a school-wide basis, we have planned the following:

- Hillcrest French Soirée: The night will take place on Tuesday, May 7th. 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. Children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian to attend, and it will be a great opportunity to make the French language come alive for students and their families. We look forward to learning 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. Staff and students have planned to transform their classrooms into a variety of French-speaking cities, provinces, or countries from around the world and from here in beautiful Canada. There will be a variety of items to taste test as well (probably not enough to completely replace dinner that evening). Consider coming early in the evening, as when food items are consumed, we will not be able to offer more. It should prove to be a fun evening of learning and community building.
- Wednesday, May 8th is Volunteer Appreciation Day across the LKDSB. Here at Hillcrest, our staff have organized a Volunteer Appreciation Tea starting at 1:10 p.m. and running until 1:50 p.m. We have selected this time so educators and all staff (their regular break time) can hopefully join our volunteers as we celebrate another year of partnering together to make great things happen for students. We appreciate everyone's assistance. Invitations were sent out to volunteers. However, if you helped out this year, and did not receive an invitation, all are welcome.

Windover Nurseries Pick UP

This is from the School Council:

"Hello, Hillcrest families,

A Friendly reminder that your Windover Nurseries flower and gift certificate order will be ready for pick up Friday, May 10th 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 from our school council at s.munro@live.com

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

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 to draw life lessons from them. The students were away for three days and had an exceptional time. A big thank you needs to go out to M. Woltz and Mme Van Troost for volunteering their time so that our students could benefit from this unique experience. We also appreciate their families who had added responsibilities while our staff were away.

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, June 8th! From 10:00-1:00. 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 2024 Graduation Ceremony as well as purchase LCCVI sweaters for our graduates (if sufficient funds are raised)! This is the Petrolia Townwide Garage Sale Day. The event will be held at 480 First Ave., Petrolia, just down the road from the school! Please consider stopping by for lunch.

Graduation at Hillcrest

Our Grade 8 Graduation this year will be held on Wednesday, June 26th at New Life Assembly Church on Oozlofsky St. in Petrolia. The ceremony will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Families of graduating students will receive more information in the coming weeks from the school.

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. Noelle's Gift to Children is focused on ensuring every student in Sarnia-Lambton & Chatham-Kent communities have the resources they need to "Grow up Great". By supporting Noelle's Gift to Children you will provide students with the daily necessities so many don't have. This month they are running their "Find Your Way in May, 2024" 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!