



HILLCREST HERALD

2020-2021, #4

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are so fortunate to be at Hillcrest during this COVID year. The configuration of the school and the amazing yard let us put in place routines and spaces that allow students and staff work and play safely. There are ongoing lessons for students, particularly in the younger grades, as we get used to the new ways, but **we are really impressed with how well students** are able to understand and follow the guidelines. We know that **families are a big part** of this and that the practicing and reminders you give your child every day make a big difference at school.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who are learning about and following the protocols for pick up and drop off. Adults are not allowed on the yard and students are really doing a great job saying good bye at the gate. We are asking all parents and students to walk around the bus loading and unloading area so that we can maintain physical distancing. Please see full details at the end of this newsletter.

As the OPT OUT numbers are determined we have to make changes to our in-school classes. This week we have had to re-arrange classes as noted at the end of this newsletter. We apologize for having to do this in the school year, but as you know numbers are not settled yet and we need to adjust as they do. Mme Thompson is joining Mrs. Taylor in the Virtual School and we wish them all the best. If your child has a new teacher, this teacher will be reaching to you this week to welcome your child and family to the new class. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.
Ms. Adams, Principal, Hillcrest

Illness & COVID - What to do to keep our school safe

As students begin to experience cold and flu-like symptoms this fall, we want to remind everyone of the key points of the KPR Illness Protocol, based on evolving guidance from our local Public Health partners. This process is based on a meeting that was held on Thursday, September 24th with our public health nurse. While this information will likely change, this is what we must follow at this point:

- Most importantly, **in the event of student illness, families must contact their health care provider or a COVID Assessment Centre for guidance and follow their recommendations.**
 - If testing is recommended, children must stay home from school until the test result is received.
 - If the test result is negative for COVID-19, but the child still has symptoms of illness, they should stay home until symptom-free for 24 hours (or 48 hours in the case of vomiting or diarrhea).
 - If the test result is positive for COVID-19, Public Health will be in regular contact and will inform families when children can return to school.
 - If testing is not recommended because the primary health care provider has diagnosed that the symptoms are not due to COVID-19, children must stay home until symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours (or 48 hours in the case of vomiting or diarrhea).

- If children are not diagnosed with an illness other than COVID-19, and/or is recommended for testing for COVID-19 but does not get tested, they must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days from the time their symptoms started. They cannot attend school during this 14-day period.

Please know that our school staff are not medical professionals and are unable to diagnose if a student is ill. We just do our best to follow the protocol provided to all KPR schools by our health units.

Self-Screening

All families, staff and students are asked to use the self-screening assessment each and every day. A link is here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

Orange Shirt Day - September 30th

This Wednesday, **September 30th is Orange Shirt day.** We wear orange to show that all children matter. In Canada's recent history, this hasn't been the case for all children. First Nations, Metis and Inuit children were placed into schools that were very different from the one we experience here at Hillcrest. At Hillcrest, we believe that **all children have rights.**

Terry Fox Run - October 2nd

This year we continue to support Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. **What an amazing human being Terry Fox was.** He lost his leg to cancer at the age of 19. In 1980, at the age of 21, Terry set out to raise money for cancer research. His goal was to run across Canada, doing a marathon a day! He ran for 143 days before cancer reappeared and made it impossible for him to continue. Terry Fox died in June, 1981, after having run 5, 400 kilometers. The strength and courage he showed is an inspiration to all. With this in mind, we are making Oct. 2nd a Super Hero Day. There are so many heroes in our lives, for example Terry Fox, Frontline Workers, Martin Luther King Junior, Malala Yousafzai, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, our families and teachers. Students can come to school wearing something that symbolizes their super hero. Things will look different this year with students remaining on school property to do their walk/run. Each class will have time to spend on the yard with their divisions. Please support this important cause by donating to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/HillcrestPSCampbellford>. Together, we can all make a difference! #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation

English Program

JK/SK	Mrs. Nicholas & Ms. Daskewich
SK/1	Mrs. Fetterly
1/2	Mrs. Real
2/3	Mrs. Shaw
4/5	Mrs. Gummer
6/7	Mrs. Gall
8	Mr. Windolf

Extended French Program

5 /6	Mlle Grills
7 /8	Mme Brinkman

Support Staff

Ms. Light EA
Ms. Watters EA
Mrs. McConnell EA
Ms. Owens EA
Mrs. Marineau CYW

Core French/Music/Planning

Mme Brousseau Core French/Planning
Mr. Creelman Music/Planning

Morning Drop Off and Evening Pick Up Routines

As we follow the safety protocols set out by the Ministry and the Board we have put routines in place to maintain distancing between students, parents/guardians, and staff. We will be making adjustments to these routines over time. If you are picking up your child early or dropping them off late, please make sure you call the school ahead of your arrival so that someone can meet you and/or arrange to have your child enter the school or be brought to you to leave.

Please remember that parents and guardians are not allowed to come on the school grounds at these before and after school times. Staff will be outside to support students as they arrive/leave and to help us all learn the new routines.

Morning Buses and Drop Off - please do not arrive before 8:25.

Buses will be unloaded at the front entrance, students go straight to class.

Families dropping for kindergarten students to the JK/SK class with **Mrs. Nicholas and Ms. Daskewich** will go to the entrance on the north side of the school.

Students in **Mme Brinkman (grade 7/8 Ex. French), Mr. Windolf (grade 8 Eng.), and Mrs. Gall (grade 6/7 Eng.)** will go in their entrance at the front, north side of the school.

Students in **Mrs. Fetterly's SK/1 class, all primary grades, Mrs. Gummer's 4/5 and Mlle Grills classes** will all enter through the gate in the front, far south side of the school (**Mrs. McConnell** will be there to greet you at the gate).

End of Day – walkers are asked to use the side walk at the far front of the school away from buses and bus students.

We will be having a staggered exit to ensure safe and clear exits for students.

Kindergarten parents will meet at the kindergarten doors to pick up their students at 3:05.

Grade 5 to 8 walkers will be dismissed at 3:00

Buses students will exit through appropriate doors and wait in their lines (masks and social distancing will be maintained).

Primary classes 1 to 4 will be in the North field (by the parking lot and the intermediate climbers) with their teachers. Parents will be outside of the gate and staff will bring their child to the gate for them.

KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE



Do not come to school if...



You or someone you are in close contact with have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days



You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19



You have any of the following symptoms

- Fever
- New or worse cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Diarrhea
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches
- Chills
- Runny nose/nasal congestion without known cause
- Nausea/vomiting
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Difficulty walking
- Abdominal pain
- Decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste



Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19
www.kprschools.ca

KPR has created a list of "**Frequently asked Questions**" which is being updated as information is received and can be found [here](#). There is some important information and some responses to questions that Parents and Guardians have been asking.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to work hard to keep children in school safely. Please note that we are moving forward in accordance with protocols set out by the Ministry of Education, Public Health, and KPR Guidelines.

Please be mindful that our school is a scent free school, if you provide your child with hand sanitizer, it must be scent free.

Watch for more communication from us soon.

Contacting Us

The Office Staff has been working hard to answer questions, 705 653 1430.

