

## **Académie Hillcrest Academy**

The Hillcrest staff is committed to pursuing a goal for academic success for all of our students within a healthy, safe and caring environment.

### **We strive to foster:**

- Team Work
- Harmony and Respect
- Interest in learning
- Creativity
- Cooperation
- The opportunity to thrive academically, socially, physically and morally
- Global awareness

### **What We Offer**

- Day Care Service
- Hot Lunch Service
- School Assemblies
- Festivals & Carnivals
- Co-curricular Activities- field trips, plays, etc.
- Early Literacy and Numeracy
- Coding and robotics
- Library, smart boards in every class, Computers, iPads, & Chrome books,
- Psychologist & Speech Language Pathologist - assessments & interventions
- C.L.S.C. Nurse & Social Worker
- Resource Teachers
- On-Line Tutorials (LEARN)
- Extra-Curricular Activities

## **Hillcrest Academy Governing Board**

Governing Boards plays a central role in the proper functioning of schools by helping them meet the needs of all students. This year the Hillcrest Academy Governing Board met on:

- September 12, 2019 (general assembly)
- September 29, 2019
- November 4, 2019
- December 9, 2019
- January 13, 2020
- February 17, 2020
- May 11, 2020—Online meeting
- June 8, 2020—Online meeting

At those meetings, topics discussed and voted on included but were not limited to subject time allocation, criteria for the selection of a principal, the school budget, Educational Project and the anti-bullying and anti-violence (ABAV) plan.

### **HAHSA**

HAHSA was very active in supporting the many programs and activities at Hillcrest. Volunteers were always available to help with classroom activities, field trips and special events. With the strong support of the parents, Hillcrest was able to defray the costs of fieldtrips, social and cultural events and the purchase of chrome books and laptops. Fundraising is an essential part of a school's success.

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**2019-2020**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**FROM THE**

**GOVERNING BOARD**

**C. Mourad (Chair & Parents' Committee Delegate))**  
**A. Kosciuk (Secretary & Parent)**  
**J. Georgiopoulos (Parent)**  
**N. Bakali (Parent)**  
**E. Petroulakis (Parent)**  
**L. Andradi (Vice-Chair, Parent)**  
**T. Creswell (parent, alternate)**  
**V. Guindi (Teacher)**  
**A. Héту (Teacher)**  
**A. Gurevitch (Teacher)**  
**N. Dranitsaris (Teacher)**  
**M. Knox (Support Staff)**  
**S. Valetta (Daycare Technician)**  
**Mrs. M. Lazaris (Principal)**  
**A. Abramovitch (Community member- non-voting)**

**2019 – 2020** was a busy and successful year at Hillcrest Academy, one filled with educational and social activities for our students, reflecting the aims and objectives of our Management and Educational Success Plan as well as the strategic goals of our school board.

#### **Our Priorities for the year were:**

To develop in our students, a sense of character; those positive qualities that speak of who we are and the kind of person we want to be. These character traits were celebrated monthly with awards and assemblies using our emoji board.

We strive to instill leadership skills through student council, lunch time kindergarten buddies and through the leadership crew.

#### **E-Learning**

The exceptional circumstances this year have allowed us to demonstrate our leadership through online learning. Our teaching and support staff have adapted to using different platforms for online teaching (Zoom, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, Microsoft Teams).

#### **Daycare**

The Hillcrest Daycare is a MEES-regulated childcare service, which seeks to cultivate and nurture positive relationships between members of the Daycare staff, students and parents. As an extension of Hillcrest's regularly scheduled school hours, the Daycare offers a structured program planned by our qualified daycare staff with activities such as a variety of sports, arts & crafts, games, special activities, homework period, short and long-term projects to all our daycare students while providing time for homework and outdoor play. Pedagogical days have been more than successful this past year; they are truly fun-filled days for all.

#### **Other Programs**

**Bartimaeus—Epique**, was asked to present their *Solutions Program* to grade 5, as well as their *Transition to High School* program to grade 6 students.

With monies from the "**Reading In School**" program we have added many new titles, in French and English, to our new school library.

#### **Our students gave back to the community**

Many opportunities to practice giving back to the community: dress down day in support of many charitable events and activities, AGAPE food drive and volunteering for the Christmas baskets, hot chocolate fundraiser for the Australian wild fires, etc.

#### **Anti-Bullying**

The Act to prevent and stop bullying and violence in school is still in effect. The Hillcrest Anti-bullying policy was created by the school staff and approved by the Governing Board.

#### **Activities included but were *not limited to*:**

- The Learning X-Change Story Time
- School Dances
- Music concerts and talent show
- Sports teams
- Ice Hockey team
- Halloween costume parade
- Scholastic Book Fairs, English & French
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Winter & Spring Concerts
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebrations
- Reading Week
- After school activities
- Grade 6 Graduation
- Anti-Bullying assembly
- Lego Club
- Student council
- Leadership crew
- Art in school

#### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

**First day of school—September 1, 2020**

**Curriculum Night—September 3, 2020**

**Picture Day—September 10, 2020**