



The Hillcrest Herald

October 2021 Edition

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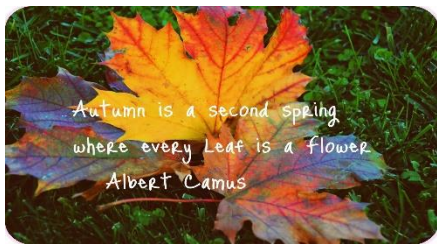
Note from the Principals

It has certainly been an exciting and smooth start to what promises to be a fantastic school-year. No one can deny that the pandemic continues to pose challenges, but we feel our health and safety protocols are strong, consistent, and working well! We want to thank you for being responsive when we call about your child/ren feeling unwell and continue to encourage you to not send a sick child to school in order to protect the health and safety of all students and staff.

October is going to be an action-packed month full of exciting events such as our Terry Fox Run, Fun Days, Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Scare Away Hunger Food Drive! We also proudly participated in the Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day Campaign.

As always, we wish to express our sincere gratitude toward our entire school community. We would not be the amazing school that we are without the help and support of all of you. Thank you and may you have a safe, healthy, and happy fall season!

Mrs. Lazaris & Mrs. Butler



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The weather is changing, please send your child dressed for the cold and rain. Rainboots are a must when the field is muddy.

- Masks should be worn by all parents at the gate. We all must do our part to keep our COVID cases down. Presently, there are too many individuals in close contact at the end of the day not wearing masks.
- René-Coty is not an official drop-off or pick-up zone. There is no teacher supervising this area.** You should only be using this area if you are walking or live on René-Coty. The cars being parked here endanger the safety of students and hinder the departure of the school buses. Respect the NO PARKING signs.
- If you drop off your child after 8:55, **you MUST sign them in at the front office.**
- LOST AND FOUND: The lost and found is exploding with misplaced items. Please send your child to look for missing items. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of on October 8th.**
- To ENSURE student safety parents must refrain from making dismissal changes. **Only if absolutely necessary can changes be made.**
- Use Mozaik to report all absences / lates / early dismissals.
- When picking up a student, the secretaries will only call down a child once a parent arrives at the school, please do not call or email the school on your way to ask to have them ready and waiting.
- If your child takes the bus you CANNOT make changes and pick them up at the gate after school
- The main office is closed during lunch period (12:25-1:20pm).
- Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and utensils if needed for their lunch.
- FOR STUDENT BIRTHDAYS: Please check with the teacher first before sending anything in. The school may only accept store bought, individually wrapped, NUT free treats.
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Compliments of the Chef Merenda Lunch Catering



Should you have any inquiries or questions, please call us anytime at 514-490-1235.

Team Merenda

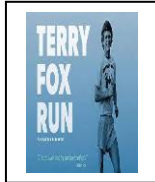


Upcoming and Recent Events

FUN DAYS: October 27th and 28th will be our Fun Days. Each class will have an hour to participate in the outdoor bouncer activities that we have planned.



TERRY FOX RUN- Please send in all pledges by Wednesday, October 6th so that we may have a tally for the day of the race. Online donations are welcome. Any donations over 20\$ should be recorded on the pledge sheet and a tax credit will be issued. Volunteers are to meet in front of the school on Bladen on the day of the run. Mr. Rother has sent an email with the details. Please be sure to wear a mask even though we are outdoors.



SUPER RECYCLEURS-Parent volunteers will be at school on October 24th to collect any old or outgrown clothing, linens, household items or toys you may have been looking to get rid of/donate. All funds raised from this collection will go directly to our school wide air conditioning project. Details will be provided shortly.



DRESS DOWN DAYS—Please remember that our dress down days are **FUNDRAISERS** for the Children's Hospital. If your child chooses to come to school in their regular clothes (not uniform), they **MUST** contribute their \$2. On October 29th, students may dress down for Halloween. They may choose to wear a costume or dress in orange and black. There should be no face paint, masks or hand-held accessories.



News from our HAHA President

HAHSA has been working extra hard this year to make it a wonderful and exciting school year for our kids! Our committee, made up of dedicated and amazing parent volunteers, have been planning activities, fundraisers, learning activities and so much more for all the kids and teachers at this wonderful school. We are always trying to think up of new and exciting fundraisers to fund all the activities and initiatives that the school offers. We are also offering language courses this year and hopefully will be opening our after-school activities in the fall! All these exciting activities would not be possible without your ongoing support to our school and our kids!



Our next HAHA meeting will take place virtually on October 19th at 7:00pm. If you are not a HAHA member but would like to attend this meeting please email general@hahsa.ca for more information.

News from HAHA Fundraising HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER

Get ready for Halloween weekend and support our school! Bad Monkey Popcorn mini bags are perfect for trick and treating and our Kandju candy bucket is the perfect combination sour and sweet gummies...to fill the indecisive in you! ORDERING CLOSES ON OCTOBER 18TH. PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 29TH. For complete details and to place an order please go to <https://hahsa.ca/halloween>



HILLCREST ACADEMY HOLIDAY SHOP – COMING SOON!!!



We are very excited to announce our first ever Hillcrest Academy Holiday Shop!!! This holiday season we are offering a series of ways to get your holiday shopping done and support our school! From wrapping paper to dessert for all your holiday entertaining, easy weeknight dinners and gift cards! Our holiday shop will be launching the first week in October. Share with family friends and support our school! Complete details will be sent home with students as well to all parents by email, and will be available at www.hahsa.ca/holidayshop



TCBY & Pizza Days

Reminder that registration for the complete school year is now closed but you can still register your child by week. To register your please go to <https://hahsa.ca/tcbypizza> If you have any questions, please email fundraising@hahsa.ca

News from HAHA After School

Greek Program

Registration for our After School Greek program has started. Registration closes on October 10th. For complete details and to register your child please visit www.hahsa.ca/greek We are currently working on bringing back a limited number of programs for the Fall 2021 session of after-school activities. Activities will run for a six-week period and registration will open in the coming weeks. As soon as we have more information it will be communicated to parents by email, on the HAHA website and HAHA Facebook page. We look forward to offering more after-school programs for Hillcrest students starting January 2022.

VOLUNTEERING

HAHA strongly encourages parents to get involved in school life in any way possible. Volunteering at the school is a great way to get involved, support the school, and support your children's education and social development. **If you would like to be notified of volunteering opportunities at Hillcrest, please make sure to fill out our volunteer form at <https://hahsa.ca/volunteering> so your name is added to our list. All volunteers are also required to undergo a "Judicial Verification" or police check as well. Please make sure to download (found with volunteer registration form) and print the Judicial form and send it to school with your child, attention Sandie. We also ask that all volunteers take the time to read the school's volunteer handbook, available on our website.**

