

Kindergarten

It was great to see all parents out for the Student-led conferences. It is always exciting to see and hear all about your child's learning.

Kindergarten is busy working with letters and numbers every day. We are learning to be interesting story tellers and attentive listeners. We can't wait for the warmer weather so we can explore around the construction site on our playground. Happy spring!

Mrs. Ross



There will be NO REGULAR KINDERGARTEN CLASSES for the current students on April 21, 2011.



Kindergarten Registration for 2011/2012

Kindergarten Registration for the fall of 2011 will take place at Hillcrest School on April 21, 2011.

If you have a child (5 years old before Dec. 31/11) and will be starting Kindergarten this fall, please phone the school anytime between 8:00 am to 4:00pm to register your child and make an appointment for orientation. If you know of new families who have moved into the area or will be moving in, who have a child eligible to attend Kindergarten at Hillcrest, please ask them to call the school. The visit will last approximately 30 minutes. We ask that only the new Kindergarten students and their parents attend.

Grade 1

Come on, spring! I know you are there somewhere! I was so happy to see all of you at Student-led conferences. Your children were very excited to lead you in the discussion about their learning. We are learning so much in grade one! It is a very exciting time of year. We still have so much fun ahead of us and I can't wait to continue to watch your child grow and learn!

The speech arts portion of the music festival is fast approaching. So, if your child is preparing a poem, please continue to practice with them each night. I have put a new level of books for them to bring home to read, so please encourage them to challenge themselves with harder books!

Thank you for all of your support this year so far!
Mrs. Davenport

Grade 2

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend Student-led conferences. I always enjoy speaking with you and celebrating your child's success.

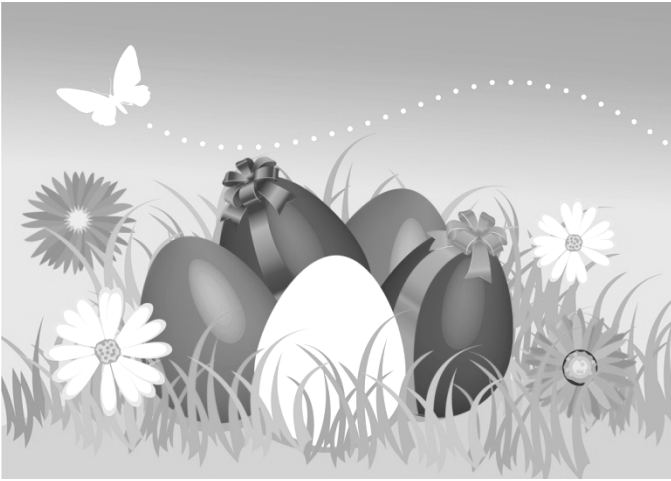
As we continue to work on our double digit adding and subtracting, I would like to encourage you to please work on this with your child at home. Watch what they can do! Try to get a feel for how they solve a problem and what their strategies are. Try to find some real world situations where you can apply double digit adding and subtracting (e.g.: grocery store).

The grade twos are learning a lot about animals right now, as that is what we are reading about in ELA and Science. In Social Studies we are learning about the cultural diversity within our community and why it is important to Estevan. In Health class we are learning about nutrition and the healthy snacks

Thanks again,

Mr. Hayes





Grade 4

It is April already and the school year is just flying by! Although the weather is getting warmer outside, Mrs. Lau encourages us to keep up with our reading and homework. Since some of us like to play in the puddles, please pack extra pants and socks in our backpacks.

We would like to thank you for coming to our Student-led conferences. We really appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to listen and see what we are doing in school.

Please help us continue practicing our multiplication and division in math. In Social, we will be learning about the early explorers and fur traders that discovered our beautiful province long time ago. We will be concluding our study on energy in Science soon. We are really looking forward to making pizza in French! Ask us about some “pizza words” in French! In Health 4/5 we just completed working on an action plan about helping others and for Health 3/4 we are discussing about resolving conflicts and making good choices about friendship.

Thank you for your love and support! We love you very much! Happy April!

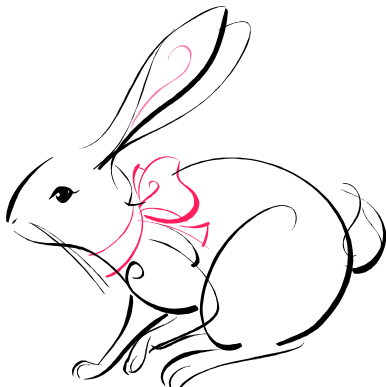
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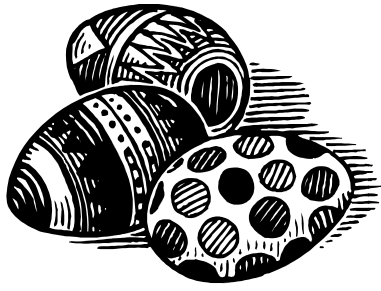
Mrs. Lau

Grade 3

Wow! I can’t believe its April already. We’re working hard and having fun in grade 3. In E.L.A. we’re doing a lot of work in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and representing. In Math we’re working on measurement, fractions and geometry. In Social Studies we’re studying the concepts of “decision-making” and “interdependence”. In Science we’re learning about endangered animals and the solar system. In Health we’re figuring out how to build and maintain healthy social relationships and be safe in a variety of environments. Starting Monday March 28, 2011 every grade 3 student will be identifying a Morning Highlight (M.H.) and an Afternoon Highlight (A.H.) in their agendas each day. Ask them about it!

Mr. Ursu





Grade 7

Thank you to all of the parents who came to celebrate their child's learning during the Student-led conferences. To those of you that were unable to attend, I am looking forward to meeting with you soon.

The grade 7's are enjoying our ELA unit about humour. So far, we've done some acting, created our own comic strips, and written fairy tale parodies. There seems to be a lot of giggling going on – so we must have found our sense of humour. In Social, we are drawing near the end of our unit about Resources & Wealth. We have been discussing a lot of the current events happening in the world. Please encourage your child to watch the news so they are aware of global events. In French, we are travelling to Francophone countries around the world and filling in our passports.

With the nice weather, many of the grade 7's have their way into puddles. It would be greatly appreciated if you could encourage your child to bring an extra pair of socks and other clothing if he or she is planning on checking out puddles during recess.

Miss Young

Grade 5

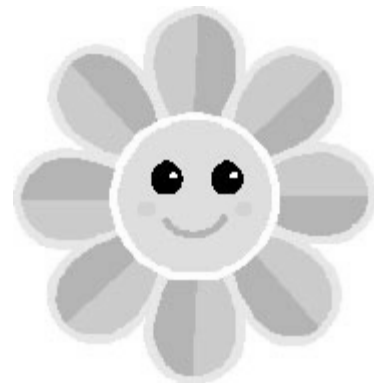
Hello again from the grade 5 classroom. I am very excited to be back in the grade 5 classroom and have started to settle back into the routine. I was thrilled to meet so many parents at the Student-led conferences. This month we have been talking about the weather in Science and ELA. It would be a great opportunity to watch the weather report on the news with your children. They have been talking about different types of weather and are currently working on creating their own weather forecasts which we will videotape in class. We are also working on measurement in Math. Please ask your child to help you around the house with any measurements you might be working on. We are hoping with all of this talk about weather, we will help to create some warm and sunny weather.

Mrs. Cruikshank

Grade 6

In grade six the year is flying by! The students have been working hard in all of their subjects. A reward for this hard work is a pizza party that we are having on April 1st. Students gained this pizza party by receiving tokens for good behaviour. If they received enough tokens they earned their way into the pizza party. I saw many great behaviours in the classroom and got to give many tokens away! In addition, the grade six students went to the Music Festival for Band. The students worked hard and they sounded great! Those are some of the events happening in the Grade Six classroom!

Miss Irvine



Grade 8

With only 13 weeks left to this school year, the grade 8's are getting more excited and nervous about their upcoming transition to the Estevan Comprehensive School. They will be dealing with even more stress than normal as the end of the school year draws nearer.

The students are focussing on bringing their agendas to school and using them every single day. This is a very good habit to solidify now, before they are thrust out on their own next year. Please support this good habit by checking in with your child that he or she is bringing it home at night and looking in it for events and due dates that may be approaching.

Thank you to all of the parents and family members that took the time to come and celebrate their child's learning at the student-led conferences this past week. Any parent that was unable to make the scheduled conference may call the school to re-schedule with me.

Mrs. Bouma

Spirit Club News:

This is Salad Dressing month. Special days through the month can give you a chance to dress up in something fun.

April 5: Oil and Vinegar - dress in things that don't go together.

April 7: House Dressing - dress in your family colours

April 12: Thousand Island - dress in beach clothes

April 21: Italian Dressing - Hot Lunch Day – watch for forms coming home on the 8th.



Hillcrest Spirit

Hurricane

Our Hurricane performance is right around the corner! We are performing for other schools on April 14 at 1 pm. We are also having an evening performance at **7 pm on April 14**. We will be streaming the production as well (please watch for information about this on Highlights). DVDs of "A Midsummer Night's Dream, Briefly" will be available for sale (please watch for information about this as well).

We will once again be streaming the performance live on the school website. Relatives and other special people who live far away can watch live.

www.cornerstonesd.ca/hillcrest

A Midsummer Night's Dream Briefly

Hillcrest Hurricane Performance
April 14, 7:00pm
Hillcrest School Gymnasium

French Club

French Club is meeting Thursdays at lunch. We are busy planning some activities for the school. Please make sure you attend meetings.



Book Fair:

Thank you everyone for a very successful Scholastic "Grow with Books" Book Fair. We had over \$2000.00 in sales which means that our school library will be able to purchase around \$1200.00 in new resources. This is so exciting, but even more important, is that books are going home and our students are "Growing into great readers"!