**Hillcrest Happenings**

**PEN Update December 11th**

**Hillcrest School Fall Fundraising Campaign 2015**

There is still time to donate! Please check: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/hillcrest-annual-fall-campaign/> for more information.

**Winter Holiday Concert…..Wednesday, December 26th @ 6:30 p.m.**

Admission to the Holiday concert will be food items for the Food Drive or a donation to the Foodbank. There will also be a bake sale run by Parent Council, so come hungry for some goodies!!!

**Food Drive**

Our food drive continues until Thursday, December 17th . Please bring in what you **can** to support this initiative.

**Fundraiser to support Syria**

Room 212 conducted a very successful fundraising drive and reached their goal of $500. Hillcrest School Council matched the effort and we have sent a cheque for $1000 to help with the Syrian Refugees Crisis, through the tdsbCARES board-wide campaign. Our contribution will now be matched by the Federal government for a total of $2000, to support the efforts of the Canadian Red Cross to provide refugees and migrants with providing essentials, such as food, water, shelter, health care, counseling, sanitation, and more.

**Attendance**

Please make sure you call the school and let us know if your child will be absent. If you are planning on leaving early for the December break or extending afterwards, please let the office know in advance- it can be noted in the system and you will avoid unnecessary calls.

**Scrabble Club**

How many points is Tigers? BlueJays? Come and find out. New members are welcome to join. The club meetings take place every Friday at lunch in the library.

**Success Assembly** is on Thursday, December 17th at 9:10 a.m. Everyone welcome.

**Aboriginal Storytelling Event**

The Hillcrest Parent Council is supporting and funding an Aboriginal Storytelling Event on December 14th and 15th. All students will have the opportunity to listen to stories told by Aaron Bell. Please see attached poster for more details. He's going to meet with all the students divided by grade, in 8 workshops over two days. The workshops for our younger grades will be interactive and include more movement and eye catching performance with a focus on the gift of imagination. The workshops for the older students will share the Creation Story, the First Nations World View through stories, teachings and historical interpretations and will also share sensitively the issue of residential Schools.

**Holiday Sing-a-Long**

This annual event will take place on Friday, December 18th in the morning @ 9:00. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend and sing a long with our students☺

**Lost and Found**

Things are being lost and then found…Please check the L&F for your stuff before the Break.

**Twitter**

Are you looking for a little extra Hillcrest information in your life? Sign into our twitter feed and stay up to date on all Hillcrest happenings. Our goal is to reach 100 followers.

Follow us at <https://twitter.com/tdsb_Hillcrest>

**Extracurricular and Sports update**

Ice Hockey Tryouts continue at @ Bill Bolton on Thursday December 17th @ 3:30-4:30

**Coming Soon….**

Winter Holiday Concert………………………… Wednesday, December 16th

Competitive Choir at the Ontario Legislature…. Thursday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Sing-a-Long…………………………… Friday, December 18th in the a.m.

**Last day of classes…………………………………… Friday, December 18th**

**First day of Classes in 2016……………………… Monday, January 4th**