**Hillcrest Happenings**

**PEN Update February 12th**

**Hillcrest Hustle on Friday, February 26th**

**Tickets are still available!!!** The first ever Hillcrest Hustle is less than **14 days away.** Mark it on your calendar and make a plan to attend a fun adult evening out. Early bird purchase bonus…tickets are only $25. Don’t be left out in the cold☺

**Report Cards and Interviews**

Thank you for attending the interviews this week. A strong home and school connection is essential in supporting student success.

**African Heritage Month**

**On Wednesday, January 17th**, we welcome Passages Canada Speaker Maria Eva Laure Mihami, who will be speaking to our grade 3-6 students, starting at 9:15.

**On Wednesday, February 24th** @ 10:35 Hillcrest will have our monthly assembly with a focus on African Heritage Month.

**As always parents and guardians are welcome to attend our assemblies.**

**Skating and Hockey Day @ Hillcrest**

On February 25th students in grade 4-6 will be travelling to De La Salle Arena for this event. At 1:00 the Hillcrest Hockey Team will play an exhibition game vs. De La Salle, followed by a free skate for all students.

We are in need of gently used helmets and skates (adult size 5 and up), to provide the opportunity for all our students to participate in this event. If you would like to donate, please see Mr. Costa or Ms. Lee.

**Authors’ Week**

Each year we celebrate literacy with an Authors' Week, which will run this year from April 25-29th. Every afternoon from Monday to Thursday of that week, the children will experience workshops run by authors and illustrators and on the Friday afternoon, we will celebrate with an assembly where all the students' writing will be on display. Children are also invited to dress as their favourite character from a book on the Friday. Miss Booker has begun contacting favourite children's authors, but that week is always made extra special when parents come in and share their expertise. We're asking any parents who work in publishing, writing or illustration, (magazines or books), and who would be willing to give a one hour workshop to their children's class, to please let Miss Booker know at [Julie.booker@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Julie.booker@tdsb.on.ca). Thanks!

**Music by the Lake**

Music by the lake is a co-operative venture of the TDSB and Camp Wahanowin, providing a residential music camp with band, strings and choral programs. To apply, students must be enrolled in their school music band or string program. The eight day camp operates from June 4 to June 11, 2016. For more information check out the website <http://www.mbtl.ca>

**Illness**

If your child is ill, kindly call the office to notify us for safe arrival and when your child will be back at school. Also, if your child is feeling under the weather and is at school, please let the teacher know, so that they can accommodate your child’s needs as they arise throughout the day.

**Hillcrest Lost and Found**

Please take a look through the lost and found for your child’s clothing. We will be clearing all items in the next few weeks.

**Extracurricular and Sports update**

**Anne of Green Gables**

Rehearsals are continuing in earnest…..

**Girls Volleyball**

The grade six girls team played an excellent tournament finishing a strong second place.

**Boys Basketball**

Congratulations to the grade six boys basketball team which competed in the division one tournament and finished in second place and qualified for the quarter finals.

**Junior Ice Hockey**

The team has gone undefeated in the regular season and will play its quarter final game on Tuesday, February 16th at 12:00 @ Bill Bolton Arena.

**Go Tigers!!!!!**

**Coming Soon….**

Family Day………………………… February 15th

African Heritage Presentation…… February 17th

African Heritage Assembly……….. February 24th

Parent Council Meeting…………….. February 24th

Skating/Hockey Day……………… February 25th

Pizza Lunch…………………………… February 25th

Hillcrest Hustle……………………… February 26th