

# HILLCREST PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE: MARCH 2024

## Hillcrest's School Learning Plan:

Focuses on 4 pillars:

- 1) Being a Mentally Healthy School
- 2) Equity, Diversity and CRRP  
(Culturally Responsive and Relevant  
Pedagogy)
- 3) Support for destreaming, Literacy  
and Numeracy
- 4) Student and Community Voice

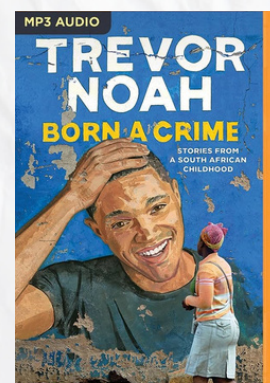
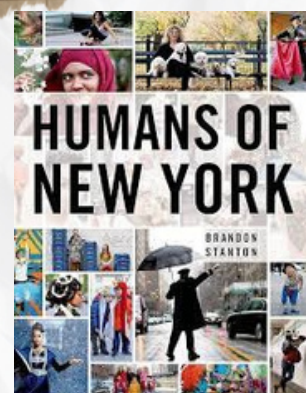


## Languages Dept @ Hillcrest

- Ms Urosevic took 3 students to compete in "Poetry in Voice" city-wide competition on Mar 25
- Company of Fools came in to HHS to perform Hamlet for Grade 12 English classes in Nov
- Literacy test April 17th

## A look into Ms. Gladu's English classes...

- using various mentor texts to explore self-expression and identity such as poems, and short stories. Students wrote a 100-word memoir and focused on using a variety of craft moves in their writing. They are now working on spoken word poetry.
  - Reviewing parts of speech in order to learn some new grammar skills such as how to avoid run-on sentences, comma splices, verb-subject disagreements, etc.
  - in April will be working on a media project titled "Humans of Hillcrest." Over the course of this project, students will explore their digital footprint / narrative, and online safety. It will culminate in students exploring peers' personal narratives, and learning transcription and interviewing skills in the style of "Humans of New York."
- In May we'll read an autobiography: Trevor Noah's Born a Crime, and learn how to write a persuasive literary essay



## UPDATES FROM MR. KENNEDY'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP PILOT PROJECT

“Pitch day was a huge success on Friday March 1st. Principal Chande, Board rep Malbeouf, and myself were simply blown away by the professionalism and preparedness of students. My classes took a brief pause on the project to trade emails back and forth with the risk management and legal departments of the board. Students have been responding to questions and conditions with flexibility. All products, excluding 1 still pending, are approved and we will be moving into marketing our products next week. Look forward to our pitch day video next month which was recorded by our Board videographer Chris Chitaroni. Sales day will be May 7th and all students will be attending at the NAC with approximately 12 other schools.

## Skilled Trades at HHS

- latest prov. budget: gov't has invested more than \$1 billion in the skilled trades
- is providing an additional \$16.5 million annually over the next three years to support a variety of programs that focus on breaking the stigma and attracting more young people into the skilled trades (<https://budget.ontario.ca/>)
- e.g. \$21.1 million to expand the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
- here at HHS: field trips, career fairs, co-op, guest speakers, experiential learning opportunities ...what else can we do to promote the trades? I am looking for feedback from parents!

