

HILLCREST PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE: NOV. 2023

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



Support for destreaming, Literacy and Numeracy

-Focus on literacy instruction and building literacy skills across subjects.

-New strategies for embedding literacy instruction across all subjects and classrooms ie. "Lit Bits"- presented at staff meetings and staff PS. Example here about morphemes presented by Jess Gladu (English teacher)

-Next steps will be looking at higher tiered interventions for students demonstrating more significant challenges in their reading. ie. targeting reading supports, smaller group instruction

-Hillcrest also has a literacy coach who supports our teachers with implementing these strategies

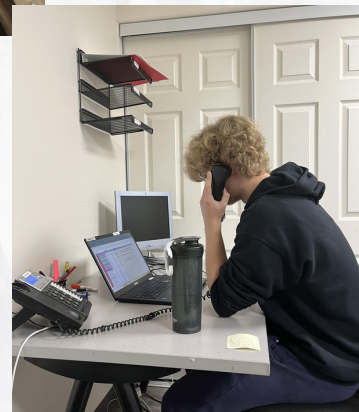


From the classrooms of our Student Services Department...

-LINK leaders are working on planning future events for grade 9s

-Co-op: job offers, upcoming trips- Skilled Trades Fair, University of Ottawa Facilities Tour, Versailles Academy, Parkdale Food Centre, Guest Speakers

-Student Services: Gr. 11/12 assemblies. Course selection start of Sem 2. Lots of students getting involved in Dual Credit opportunities. Grade 8 open house Dec 12



HHS Athletics & Clubs Updates

Student's Council: Culture Day, Spirit Week, Winter Showcase, Movie night, Bake Sale

Feminist Club: Dec 6 tribute, pre-exam de-stressor activity being planned, raised \$318 for Cornerstone from a bake sale last week

Black Excellence Club: feeder school event coming up to learn from high school club members about life in high school, running events at their feeder schools. On Nov. 15, Black Excellence Club hosted a financial literacy workshop in partnership with the Somali Centre for Family Services

Tennis: 3 players have qualified for the City Championship tournament

Jr Boys Soccer: won the Tier 2 City Championships

Jr Boys Basketball, Sr. Boys Basketball, Sr. Girls Volleyball, Badminton Club, curling and nordic skiing all getting started

