

HILLCREST PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE: OCT. 2023

Hillcrest's School Learning Plan:

Focuses on 3 pillars:

- 1) Being a Mentally Healthy School
- 2) Equity, Diversity and CRRP (Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy)
 - Ms. Thakker and Ms. Mohammed created Hillcrest's CRRP & Equity Newsletter
 - Equity Walk in the future
- 3) Support for destreaming, Literacy and Numeracy
- 4) Student and Community Voice

HILLCREST CRRP & EQUITY NEWSLETTER
CREATING A CULTURE OF BELONGING & CARE
OCTOBER 2023

"A sense of belonging at school means **feeling a sense of acceptance, respect, inclusion and support** in a learning environment... When students feel a sense of belonging in the classroom, it can **increase their educational success**... students are more energized, and **more likely to choose to be in the school environment.**"
- Del. Leon Gray

HOW DO YOU CREATE A CULTURE OF BELONGING AND CARE?

- Bring in food and chat while snacking
- Allocate 10-15 minutes to celebrate milestones at lunch
- Being patient and consistent to build trust (take and stand)
- Using honour to engage, develop language & socio-cultural awareness
- Discussions to talk through processes and learn together
- Science demonstrations involve students themselves to go physical re-encountering

JENNY
• Which the topics of students engage in conversation about how their team performed
• Class discussions on evaluations (similar to an external individual)
• Their work is on the walls

JESS
• Mental health check-ins via Google Forms or in-person
• Using More, Than One Story prompts to learn about students
• Classroom space & content reflect students' identities & interests

ANDRE
Are you interested in doing an equity walk with your class club? Get in touch with Monika, Neeraj, or Afroz

HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO INCREASE MY CAPACITY IN THIS AREA?

I've got a little time	I've got some time	I've got a lot of time
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Warm Calling: Showing Science Videos (Linda, 4 mins)Integrates (except at a short film, 4 mins)Halftime (short film, 2 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Translators (short film, 23 mins)Equity Walk & Research: Informal Leadership Practice (short, 20 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent of Privilege (article)Writing Workshop: English Finalist (201)Southwest Provincial Science Central (interview)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I wish my teacher knew would (article)Do's & Don'ts of Classroom Decorations (article)Social Misconceptions in Everyday Life (PDF)Culturally Responsive Mentor Texts Checklist (PDF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New Middle School Positive Psychology (present, 25 mins)Equity-Centered Translators (short film, 23 mins)Equity-Centered Translators (short film, 23 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Equity-Centered Translators: Informal Education by Alex Vernet (book)Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? by Beverly Daniel Tatum (book)

You can increase books from the DISTRICT Equity Bookshelf Learning Library

News & Events This Month

- Parent Teacher Interviews tomorrow night
- Post-Secondary Application presentation - Dan Lajoie and Natasha Lamb
- Launch Day Nov. 1st
- New book order incoming in the library



From the classrooms of our CWS Department...

Using simulation games to engage students: Ms. Gladu's Grade 10 History class did a stock market simulation game to learn about the 1929 stock market crash

Guest Speakers: Mr Whitfield's Civics class is hosting Senator Duncan from the Yukon this week

Experiential Learning: Ms Mohammed's Grade 12 Law & Grade 12 Equity and Social Justice class visited the Supreme Court



HHS Athletics & Clubs Updates

Student's Council: Spirit Week. Halloween Fashion Show. Culture Day in November

Feminist Club: Movie night in November- Barbie

Black Excellence Club: Organizing an event for mid- Nov. for the feeder schools

Letters of Support for Eastwood Collegiate - combined efforts from GSA, Student's Council, Feminist Club, Black Excellence Club

Gardening Club: lots of harvesting happened!

Tennis: 3 players have qualified for the City Championship tournament

Jr Boys Soccer: 3-1 & complimented on great attitude by other refs

Sr Boys Vball- 3-3

Jr. Girls Bball- improving each game and having fun

X-country: heading to City Championships

Winter sports coming up: Sr Girls Vball, Jr & Sr. Boys Bball, Curling, Nordic Skiing

