
CELEBRATION OF NEW PLAYGROUND AT HILLCREST ELEMENTARY

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

VICTORIA, BC – The media is invited to join the Hillcrest Elementary school community in celebration of their new playground. After a ribbon cutting, partner remarks and singing of O Canada, every student will take a turn using the new slide.

Students, teachers and community partners will participate in the event to celebrate the new playground designed by a committee of school partners and supported by the Hillcrest Parent Advisory Committee and the Hillside Elementary Out of School Care Society.

In June, the school celebrated their 50th anniversary and the Hillcrest school community fundraised upwards of \$75,000 to deliver the project. The new playground features the 'Hillcrest hill-slide' a 12 foot slide, and other fun and age-appropriate playground equipment. It is also the first pour-in-place surface in the district which provides more accessibility, durability and sustainability to playground surfacing.

Friday, September 30th is also "Orange Shirt Day" in the Province of BC, and all students and school staff at Hillcrest Elementary will be wearing orange in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and wellbeing, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters #everychildmatters

PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION:

WHEN: Friday, September 30, 2016

TIME: 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

WHERE: Hillcrest Elementary School, 4421 Greentree Terrace, Victoria, BC

Filming consent: Please liaise with principal to facilitate students for interviews.

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