

# June

Dear Hillcrest Families,

As the 2016 -2017 school year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim - filled with the shared experiences that will remain with us in the years to come. Hillcrest Elementary is a very special place where the strength of our school community and a shared commitment makes our school a wonderful place of learning, not only our students, but for all who walk through our doors.

While we were focused on building the academic skills that our students will need to remain competitive, we were equally thrilled when we were able to note all the many additional projects, experiences, and assemblies provided to our students. Our Hillcrest Community School Initiative provided so many enrichment opportunities for our students in our after school program ! We believe that these types of learning opportunities are so much more than enrichment; they are essential experiences that inspire, provide connections, and develop curiosity - all critical to student learning and overall success. We, after all, are developing "*the whole child*".

To all of our Hillcrest Families – thank you for sharing your child with us - getting them to school on time each day, for making sure homework got done... and turned in, and keeping in touch. Thank you for providing rich and engaging, well-rounded experiences for your children. For these, and so many other things, we are truly grateful.

To my Hillcrest staff – you have made my years at Hillcrest very special for me and for our students. Special thanks to all of you who have contributed in ways small, large and unimaginable! Keep being the great staff that I am so inspired by! I will miss you all tremendously!

To my Hillcrest community, may your summer be filled with play, exploration, and lots of time spent outdoors, filled with new adventures, relaxation, and quality family time in the next two months.

To those of you who are leaving us for new places and adventures, we wish you all the best. Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are on to a new stage in their academic careers at the middle school!



Be Safe (don't forget to read!)  
Jacqueline Liburd