

**May 28th, 2014**

Dear parents of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls,

The next few years are an exciting time for our young girls as they make the transition from elementary school into middle school, then high school. We know the future holds incredible promises for them, but also unique challenges, as they learn to adapt to new surroundings that often quiets their voices and leadership potential.

As the year draws to a close, we want to take an opportunity to meet with the 6th grade girls as a group to discuss some of these common challenges. Next week, Mr. Cutillo and I will meet with them during their lunch period to watch and discuss clips from portions of three acclaimed TED talks (links below). These talks are wonderful examples from female leaders about how they've each discovered their own voices and dealt with particular teenage challenges. We will be providing pizza and drinks for the girls to enjoy during these three lunches. We're looking forward to this opportunity to have an open discussion and help these young girls leave Hillcrest with a sense of empowerment and hope needed for the future!

Please contact us with any questions about your child participating.

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[http://www.ted.com/talks/tavi\\_gevinson\\_a\\_teen\\_just\\_trying\\_to\\_figure\\_it\\_out](http://www.ted.com/talks/tavi_gevinson_a_teen_just_trying_to_figure_it_out)

[https://www.ted.com/talks/sarah\\_kay\\_if\\_i\\_should\\_have\\_a\\_daughter](https://www.ted.com/talks/sarah_kay_if_i_should_have_a_daughter)

<http://www.tedxteen.com/talks/tedxteen-2014/217-sana-amanat-myths-misfits-masks>

Lunch #1: Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Lunch #2: Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Lunch #3: Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>