

Hillside Traditional Academy Newsletter



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Dear Hillside Traditional Families,

The second term has been very busy and productive at Hillside Traditional Academy for that is when a significant portion of the curriculum is covered. I am always most impressed with the students of our school. They know what is expected of them and they are always very quick to get right down to the business of learning. With the return to classes after Christmas break, the remainder of January went by quickly. This week we say goodbye to Ms. Monika Schedeva who has been the school's TTOC and Grade 2 VP relief for Mrs. Alderson on Thursday afternoons and all day Friday's. We will miss Ms. Schedeva and wish her well as she pursues her career in another district. As we move into the final month of the second term, I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support of all that we have accomplished at Hillside Traditional this year and I look forward to our continued partnership as we move to the backside of this school year.

Mr. Brian Barber
Principal

Volleyball

Practices are in full swing. This year the teams are being coached by Mr. Boulter, Mrs. Plecas and Mr. Phillips. It is wonderful to see so many students come out to participate. Their first series of games will be held on Thursday, February 8th at ESR Elementary. All games will start at approximately 3:00 pm.



Uniform Inspection Day

One very obvious difference between Hillside Traditional and other schools in the District is that our students wear a uniform. Last week the students had an opportunity to present themselves to the administration to ensure that each student was conforming to the uniform guidelines. While the overwhelming majority of the student body met the requirements, we ask that the parents of those students who did not meet the guidelines remedy the situation with their child as soon as possible.



Uniform Accessories

Please remember that the uniform guidelines state that any hair accessories such as hairbands, hair elastics, barrettes, headbands, etc. must be of school colours --- blue, black or white.

Label your Child's Uniform

Please label all articles of clothing and shoes clearly with your child's name. Make sure that you check to see that the ink hasn't run into a big blotch and that we can still clearly read what you have written. It is also helpful if you check regularly to make sure your child is not wearing an item that belongs to someone else as they may have brought home the wrong sweater or picked up the wrong article of clothing after PE.

Thanks for your help with this.

Healthy School - Birthday Treats & Special Occasions

At Hillside Traditional Academy we continue to incorporate best practices for our students. To this end we are encouraging the whole school community to focus on healthy food choices. Keeping in mind that we will have students with diabetes, life-threatening peanut & nut allergies, and lactose and gluten intolerances, we are enforcing the message that students are only to eat food provided to them by their own parents. As such:

- On special occasion days, please send only the food item that is requested by the teacher as they are aware of the allergies within their respective classrooms
- Please choose healthy snacks and treats for your children when packing lunches and remind them not to share their food
- Please refrain from sending products with peanuts to school
- Please do not send any treats to class when it's your child's birthday as we have multiple allergies and sensitivities in a number of classrooms



Recycling Presentation

At the school level, Mrs. Plecas' and Mr. Phillips' classes ensure that our school based recycling program is top notch and on Monday the students were treated to a presentation on recycling by Return It Corp. It was heartening to see the number of students who are actively involved in recycling at both home and at school. Way to go Hillside!

Interim Report Cards

Your child will be bringing their Interim Report Card home on Monday, February 5th. These reports give a quick overview as to how your child is progressing since their last formal report card. As always please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Homework

It is important for children to recognize that their family places value on learning and is interested in their school work. By developing a regular routine for home study or homework, the value is realized by the child. A key to homework success is a defined schedule agreed upon by the parents and child. Homework should be completed during a time of quiet without the distraction of televisions or music and minimizing potential distractions.

District-wide Professional Development Day

School staff will attend a variety of activities on February 23rd at the District Professional Development Day. On this day, educators will gather at Mission Secondary to participate in a variety of workshops that will enhance their skillset so that they may continue to provide the best education possible for your child(ren).

Pink Shirt Day - Wednesday, February 28th

Students may wear a pink shirt and their uniform bottom on this day. Students not wanting to wear a pink shirt must wear their regular school uniform.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Second term report cards will be coming home Tuesday, March 13th. Teachers will be holding conferences on Wednesday, March 14th. Please watch for a letter from your child's teacher outlining their specific availability and sign-up times. This opportunity for communication is an invaluable component of your child's progress at school.

Next PAC Meeting

We welcome everyone to join us for our monthly PAC Meetings. Our next meeting is Friday, February 16th at 8:45 AM. Come meet some new parents and be a part of your school.

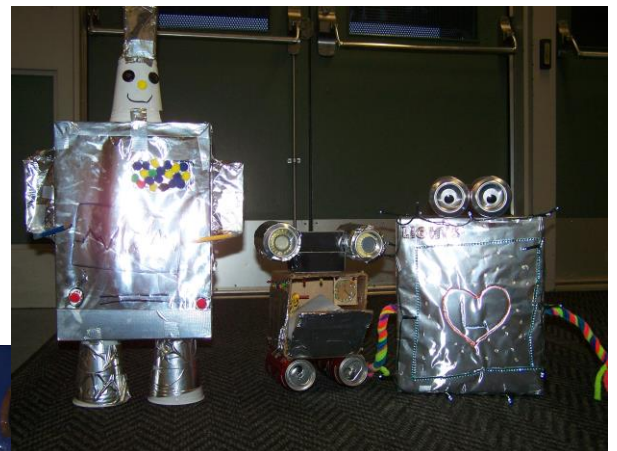


Dressing for the Weather

Please make sure that students are dressed well for the rain, wind and snow. Going outside to play is much preferred at recess and lunch by students and staff. Students are more focused on learning when they have a chance to get active. Remember sweaters and hoodies are neither wind nor waterproof. Students need a coat!

Robots have invaded Hillside Traditional!

We encourage parents to stop by and see all the wonderful robots. Students did a great job completing the learning outcomes for this project.



Dates to Remember

February 2	Assembly
February 5	Interim Report Cards Home
February 8	Grade 6 Volleyball game
February 9	Sushi Hot Lunch Assembly
February 12	Family Day Holiday – No School for students
February 15	Grade 6 Volleyball game
February 16	PAC Meeting 8:45 am Assembly
February 19	Family paint night
February 22	Grade 6 Volleyball game
February 23	Professional Development Day – No school for students
February 28	Pink Shirt Day – Pink shirt & Uniform pants
March 1	Newsletter Home to families
March 2	Assembly Assessment afternoon – students dismissed at 11am
March 9	Assembly PAC Meeting 8:45 am
March 12 – 15	Book Fair
March 13	Report Cards home to parents
March 14	Parent Teacher Interviews
March 16	No school for students
March 17 – 31	Spring Break Holiday
April 2	Easter Monday
April 3	No school for students
April 4	Classes resume for all students
April 5	Newsletter home
April 6	Life Touch photos Life Touch family photos - evening
April 13	Interest Fair – Division 1, 2, 3, 4
April 19	Formal Uniform Inspection
April 20	PAC Meeting 8:45 am Assembly
April 27	Assembly

May 1	Traditional K Parent Meeting
May 3	Jean Day – Blue Jean & Uniform Shirt District Track Meet
May 4	District Track Meet Assembly
May 5	PAC Meeting AGM Assembly
May 18	Non Instructional Day
May 21	Victoria Day Holiday
May 25	Kindergarten Orientation Grade 1 Field Trip
May 28	Parent Appreciation Lunch
May 30	Aboriginal Dinner @ HPSS
June 1	Assembly
June 7	Newsletter Home
June 8	Assembly Division 11 & 12 Field Trip
June 15	Outstanding Achievement Awards
June 21	Farewell Assembly
June 22	Div 7, 8, 9 Field Trip
June 25	Fun Day
June 28	Last Day for students Div 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Swimming



Fraser Valley Regional Library

Events held at the Mission Public Library over the next month.

LEGO Club

Tues, Feb 7-Mar 28, 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Love LEGO? We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, create, and experiment.

Hearts & Flowers Puppet Show

Tuesday Feb 13, 6:45 pm -7:30 pm

Bring the one you love the best to the library for some sweet stories, songs, and a puppet show.

Travel Around the World with Green Screen

Friday, Feb 16, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Armchair travelling at its best! Dress-up in your holiday attire, choose your background and get your photo taken with Green Screen technology. All ages welcome.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Friday, March 2, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

You would not, could not, want to miss a celebration such as this! Come help us celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with stories, games, crafts and cake!

Dance Fever Puppet show

Friday, March 16, 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Put on your dancing shoes and come to the library for a swinging good time with stories, dancing, and a puppet show!

Stuffed Sleepover

Thursday, March 22, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Pickup: Friday March 23

Bring your stuffies for a story & craft. Leave them over for a sleepover. Next day, come and see what they've been up to. Registration required.



MISSION LACROSSE CLUB



Looking for a fun and fast sport for your child?

Come try Canada's National Sport!

Registration is now open for box lacrosse! Players develop teamwork, endurance and skills while families can be a part of a wonderful sport community.

Kids born 2002-2013 are eligible to play.

Want to give it a try before registering?

The Mission Lacrosse Club is providing an opportunity for those up and coming lacrosse players to get their sticks out and have a fun night all at the same time.

We are offering 8 free sessions at the Community Gym at Heritage Park Middle School from 6-8pm. No equipment is necessary...we will provide the sticks and balls...just come ready to have some fun!

Dates: Tuesdays: January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13

When: 6:00-7:00pm for MiniTykes (2012/2013 birthdates)
7:00-8:00pm for Tykes and First Year Novices (2009-2011 birthdates)

Where: Heritage Park Middle School Community Gym (entrance is at the back by the track)

All new players receive a discounted introductory rate!

Go to www.missionminorlacrosse.com for more information or email our club registrar at tsbell17@gmail.com