

Hillside Traditional Academy Newsletter



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Dear Hillside Traditional Academy Families,

While another year is almost done and although we are into the final stretch, I would ask that you please remind your child that there is still important work to be done. Keep them in the habit of checking their planner and keeping up to date on all assignments. In addition, now is a great time to build a summer reading and math facts practice habit. Research shows that students can lose significant literacy and numeracy skills during the summer holidays if these skills are not reinforced. I encourage all parents to organize reading and math practice times into the busy summer schedule so that your son or daughter will be ready to take off on their new learning adventure next September. Until then there are many events planned for this busy month including field trips, recognition awards, assemblies, a Farewell to our Grade 6's and, of course, Fun Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our most important partner group, our parents. We continue to accomplish a great deal at Hillside with the dedication of teachers and the help of our parents. With your support we were able to provide many learning opportunities in and out of the classroom for our students. Your huge commitment to the support of the traditional academy is boundless. With enormous gratitude, we say,

Thank You!

Mr. Brian Barber
Principal



Canada 150 Birthday Celebration

With great pride Hillside students and Mrs. Columbus presented an outstanding Canadian music celebration last week. With every student in every division and the Hillside Choir performing for several hundred parents, the Superintendent of School, Mr. Wilson, Counsellor, Carol Hamilton, Counsellor, Pam Alexis and Counsellor, Jim Hinds. Everyone was very impressed with the performance.



Outstanding Achievement Awards Assembly

Our awards assembly this year will include recognition certificates for several students at each grade level as well as service certificates to those students who have given their time as lunch time helpers in the primary classes, office monitors and library helpers. The assembly will take place at 8:45 am on Friday, June 16th. We anticipate a full house so be prepared to arrive early and if possible to leave the car at home this day, as parking will be at a premium. *Parents of students receiving recognition certificates will be contacted.*



Aboriginal Recognition Dinner

The Aboriginal Family Recognition Dinner took place at HPMS on Wednesday May 31st. The evening was a great success, with many our district’s aboriginal students and their families participating in this wonderful event.

A Fond Farewell

When Mr. Sliziak was hired early in the new year for the Vice-Principalship of our school, I knew at the time that with the high skill set that Mr. Sliziak brought to the position, it would be just a matter of time before he would be given a Principalship. Mr. Sliziak’s talents were quickly recognized by the District and last week he was appointed to the position of Principal of Cherry Hill Elementary, beginning in September. During his brief time with us, Mr. Sliziak has made an impact on staff, students and our parent community and we wish him well as he embarks in his new role as Principal of Cherry Hill. While we all hoped that Mr. Sliziak could have served the community of Hillside for a while longer, I am extremely pleased to inform you that Mrs. Tricia Alderson will become our school’s new Vice-Principal. Many of you might remember Mrs. Alderson as our school’s Learning Support Teacher a couple of years ago. During the past year she has been the Vice-Principal at Windebank and she is absolutely thrilled to be returning to Hillside as our Vice-Principal. Needless to say, she is a firm believer in the traditional model and is looking forward to joining us in September.



At the end of the school year we also say goodbye to Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Ferrero. Both teachers will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Douglas has taught at Hillside for the past 20 years and has made many significant contributions to our school including spearheading our Halloween For Hunger food drive and our annual Christmas Bureau Hamper fundraiser which has raised many pounds of food over the years along with thousands of dollars for these two extremely worthy causes. Thank you, Mrs. Douglas, for your many years of service.

Mrs. Ferraro has been the school’s Learning Support Teacher for the past many years. Learning Support Teachers work with those students who require an extra boost in the area of academics. The support work that Mrs. Ferraro does is critical, for it is this work that will give these students the opportunities that they need in order to maximize their potential. So, to Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Ferrero, we thank you for your tremendous dedication to the students of Hillside.



Field Trips and Waiver Forms

Many classes at Hillside will be going on end of the year field trips. Please be advised that permission forms, and in some cases waiver forms, must be completed well before the trip. Parents who are supervising on these trips are also reminded that their criminal records check must be completed as well. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this manner.

Library Books

We are requesting that **all library books be returned** beginning the week of **June 12 - 16**.

Thank you for your efforts in locating all overdue books as well as textbooks. Your attention to this matter is really important to us, as it costs the school a significant amount of money to replace lost books.



Salmon Release

In studying the life cycle of the salmon this year, Mr. Murphy's class watched salmon eggs hatch into fry and when the salmon were ready the class released the salmon into the waters where they will continue their growth eventually making their way to the Fraser River.

School Zone Safety

Thank you to the many parents that slow down to 30 km/hr while transiting the school zone and to all of you who stop when our children are either in the crosswalk or about to enter the crosswalk. Unfortunately, not all of our parent community is respectful of the law, which of course puts our students in danger. Please be mindful of your surroundings while travelling through the school zone and maintain a speed no greater than 30 km/hr.

Grade 6 Leaving and Farewell Assembly

We will be honouring our grade 6 students and a few staff members at our Farewell Assembly being held at 8:45 am on Thursday, June 22nd. Our choir will sing a few songs and the grade 6 students will receive certificates. Afterwards, cake will be served in the gym for the Grade 6 students and their parents as we say goodbye and transition them to Middle School.

Fun Day

Fun Day has been scheduled for June 26th and will take place rain or shine. We hope for sunshine, but if there is torrential rain, we will hold the events indoors. Teachers will be splitting their students into colour teams. Students may wear athletic attire in their team colours for this day.

- Students will proceed through fun stations as a class throughout the morning. Parents are invited to attend to watch the children at these morning activities.
- At recess, students will take a 15 minute break and they will be provided with a treat (bag of chips) from the PAC.
- After recess, rotation through the stations will continue.
- Lunch will be held at the normal time of 11:55 am.
- After lunch teachers will have activities planned in their classroom

Thanks to the generous PAC for sponsoring an annual favourite, the bouncy castle. If you would like to volunteer, please give the school a call to let us know.

Dates to Remember

- June 2 Assembly Division 6
 Hot Lunch
- June 9 Div 3 & 4 to Fort Langley
- June 15 First Salmon Ceremony
- June 16 Outstanding Achievement Awards
 Hot Lunch
- June 20 Div. 8 & 9 to Eco Dairy
 Div 13, 14, 15 to Zoo
- June 22 Farewell Assembly
- June 23 Mission Public Library visit
 Div. 5 & 6 to Zoo
- June 26 Fun Day
- June 29 Last Day for students
 Div. 1, 2, 3, 4 Swimming



2017/2018 School District Calendar

Schools Opening Day for Students	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
<i>Non Instructional Day</i>	Friday, September 22, 2017
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 9, 2017
<i>Provincial Professional Development Day</i>	Friday, October 20, 2017
Curriculum Implementation Day	Monday, October 23, 2017
<i>½ Day Assessment/Evaluation (PM only, Elementary, Middle, Secondary)</i>	Friday, November 10, 2017
Remembrance Day	Saturday, November 11, 2017
Stat in Lieu of Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2017
<i>Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Elementary, Middle, Secondary)</i>	Friday, November 24, 2017
Last Day before Winter Break	Friday, December 22, 2017
Schools Reopen	Monday, January 8, 2018
Family Day	Monday, February 12, 2018
<i>Professional Development Day</i>	Friday, February 23, 2018
<i>½ Day Assessment/Evaluation (Elementary PM only)</i>	Friday, March 2, 2018
<i>Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Elementary only)</i>	Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring Break	March 19 - 29, 2018
Good Friday/Easter Monday	Friday, March 30 / Monday, April 2, 2018
Stat in Lieu of Good Friday	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Schools Reopen	Wednesday, April 4, 2018
<i>½ Day Assessment/Evaluation (Middle, Secondary)</i>	Friday, April 13, 2018
<i>Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Middle, Secondary)</i>	Friday, April 27, 2018
<i>Non Instructional Day</i>	Friday, May 18, 2018
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018
Last Day of School for Students (Elementary, Middle, Secondary)	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative Day	Friday, June 29, 2018

Last Day of School, Wednesday, June 29th

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 29th. Dismissal will be at 2:23 pm. and report cards will be issued at that time. If students are absent on June 29th, report cards can be picked up at the school office on Friday, June 30th or the following week up to and including July 6th. The office will be closed, July 1st, Canada Day.

Lost and Found

Don't forget to have a look in the lost and found before the end of the year to claim those missing sweaters and hoodies. Any unclaimed items will be sent to Goodwill at the end of the year.



First Salmon Ceremony

On June 15th, Johnny Williams, our Aboriginal Liaison will host a school wide event known as the First Salmon Ceremony. This presentation involves sharing with our school community the importance of salmon in the lives of Aboriginal People. The assembly will be followed by cooked salmon samples being offered to all of the students in the school. This presentation is open to all of our parents and begins at 10:45 am and will last for approximately an hour.

Bicycles/Skateboards/Roller Blades/Scooters/Wheelies/Heelies



With the arrival of good weather, it is hoped that many of our families will take the opportunity to enjoy the fresh air and walk to school. At this time we would like to remind you that roller-blades, scooters and wheelies should not be brought to school. There is simply no space to store them and we are very concerned about the students' safety on the roads. Students may ride their bicycles to school but must remember to bring a lock and to not ride them on school grounds. All students riding their bikes **MUST** wear a helmet. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Next Year's Volleyball & Basketball

As our school grows in the intermediate grades, it has become necessary to make changes in some of the sports. In September we will likely be the second largest elementary school in the District with over 400 students, having over 90 grade 5's and 6's attending. When numbers become this large, in all District elementary schools, extra-curricular basketball and volleyball is offered to the grade 6's only as including the grade 5's results in unmanageable numbers. It's extremely difficult to give effective instructions during practice and playing time on game days is severely reduced. We are hopeful that we will be able to offer intramural volleyball and basketball for the grade 5's.

Moving?

Families who may be moving from our area during the next few weeks, or during the summer months, are requested to let us know as soon as possible. We are currently planning for the coming school year in terms of the number of classes and teachers required. Your assistance in helping keep our anticipated enrolment figures up to date would be greatly appreciated.



Dress Code

The uniform that students wear was chosen by Hillside's uniform committee, in conjunction with school administration. While most of our students wear the proper attire as outlined in Hillside's uniform guidelines, some students are not. The handbook states, in part, that any aspect of the uniform must not be faded, ripped, torn, or frayed. In many cases, the pants that are being worn often become faded and begin to look quite worn just after a few washes. The situation continues to be an issue, despite the administrations' attempts to have some parents comply with our school's dress code. Therefore, in consultation with the PAC Executive, it was decided that for the upcoming school year, pants must be of the French Toast brand. French Toast is also the name of the manufacturer of our skorts and jumpers. While French Toast pants and other wear can be purchased from multiple sources, French Toast is also available at Able Cresting in Abbotsford. If you are purchasing elsewhere, please ensure that they are the correct French Toast uniform pant. Navy blue, straight leg, flat front pants. **No skinny, jogger, ankle length, cargo or pleated pants.** Thank you in advance for your support and understanding as we continue to ensure the best learning environment for the children of Hillside Traditional Academy.

A new way to pay for 2017 – 2018

The entire Mission School District is starting to use School Cash Online, a parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school fees. Beginning in September we are going to be offering this option for parents and encourage you to sign up now! Planners and fieldtrips will be posted on the site in September. The instructions are on the last page of this newsletter.

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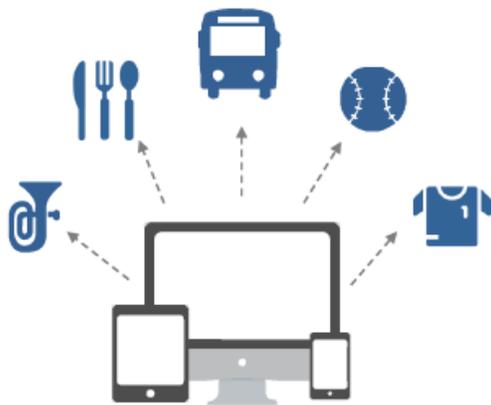
Welcome to School Cash Online

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events.

Why Use School Cash Online?

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever. Trips to the school to drop-off cash or sending your student with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your student's school items and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck through School Cash Online.



myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date, as you would with a gift card.

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 **Create Your Profile:**
Go to <https://mpsd.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".
- 2 **Confirm Your Email:**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 **Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.



Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1.866.961.1803

Mission Public Library News

LEGO Club

Every Tuesday, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Love LEGO? We provide the LEGO, you bring your imagination! Come play, create, and experiment. LEGO Club is a fun after school program for kids.

Aboriginal Day Special Storytime

Tuesday, June 20, 10:30 am – 11:00 am

Drop by for a special Aboriginal themed storytime at Mission Library! Children and caregivers will enjoy interactive stories, songs, rhymes, and more. In cooperation with Aboriginal Family Place.

Summer Reading Club Kick-off

Saturday, June 24, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Take a walk on the wild side at the library this summer! Join us for games, refreshments, and fun. It's a one-stop shop to sign up for all of our Summer Reading Clubs, including preschoolers, kids, teens and adults.

Make It and Take It Craft Program

Wednesday, June 28; 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Calling all kids! Want to create something cool and learn something new? Come to the Make It and Take It zone at the Mission Library. Take the finished product home and wow your family. All supplies are provided.

We have a whole host of exciting summer programs for June, July and August:

Magician Andrew Dalziel on July 7, 11 am – 11:45 am

Walk on the Wild Side with Elspeth! Puppet Show, Saturday, July 15, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Pyjama Storytime, Mondays, July 17, Aug 21, 6:45 pm- 7:15 pm

Urban Safari, Wednesday, July 26; 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Mad Science, Saturday, August 12; 2:00 pm-2:45 pm

Family Fort Night, Thursday, August 17, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Ventriloquist Kellie Haines, Friday, August 25; 11:00 am - 11:45 am