

Hillside News

Hillside Hawks Take Flight

The Poppy

The Poppy has been widely recognized as a symbol of Remembrance, since it was first adopted in 1921. The Poppy is the international symbol of Remembrance representing a visual pledge to pay respect to the fallen, who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the preservation of peace and freedom. The Poppy Campaign was created as a means to raise funds in order to ensure we always remember their sacrifices and give back to them and the community. It is the generosity of the community that enables the Legion to ensure that we have the resources to care for our veterans and help others in the community. Funds raised during the campaign stay in the area they are collected. They are also used for things such as educational bursaries, comforts for veterans in the hospital, community prizes for the annual Remembrance Day poster and literary contests and more. Thank you for your donations to the cans in the classrooms at Hillside Traditional Academy.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Hillside Traditional Academy will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 8th @ 8:45 am. We remember the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Please wear your formal uniform (White Shirt and Blue Sweater)



Formal Uniform Day

November 8th is a formal day at Hillside, students should wear their white shirt and blue sweater. All students will be given a poppy to wear on this day and are encouraged to bring a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR Little Readers Mon. Nov. 5, 19, 26 8:40-10:00 am

Remembrance Day Assembly Thurs. Nov. 8 @ 8:45 am

Formal Uniform Day Thurs. Nov. 8



Remembrance Day Holiday Mon. Nov. 12 Early Dismissal Fri. Nov. 23 @ 11 am

PAC Meeting Mon. Nov. 19 8:40 am

Assembly Fri. Nov. 23 @ 8:45 am

Rotary Choir Festival Thurs. Nov. 29 @ 6:30 pm

Student Drop Off and Pick Up



Thank you for remembering to wait until the flat area of the loop before loading or unloading your children. Some of you may have noticed that there is now a right hand only turn marker on the pavement as you leave the loop. Due to the high traffic volume, please **TURN RIGHT** so we can keep the traffic moving through the loop.

Halloween for Hunger

Thank you for your generosity in your support for Hillside's Halloween for Hunger Campaign. We raised almost \$200 and had mountains of donations.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Our Book Fair will run from Dec. 3 - 5.



Kindergarten Sibling Early Registration

If you have a child currently attending Hillside Traditional Academy and they have a younger sibling born in 2014, it's time to register for Kindergarten! Please come to Hillside Traditional Academy's office on December 4th to register for Kindergarten 2019. Please bring the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Parent's Driver's License
- Care Card

Do you have other little ones at home?

If you have a child attending Hillside Traditional Academy and they have younger siblings, it is very important that parents complete an application for younger siblings to attend our school. As you are aware, all our classrooms are full and we have three portables on site. We have run out of classrooms and if you would like to ensure your child a place at Hillside Traditional in future years, we encourage you to come to the school office and complete the necessary paperwork. Don't forget to bring birth certificate, care card and parent's driver's license.

Rotary Carol Festival

On Nov. 29, 2018, the Hillside Choir will perform as part of the Rotary Carol Festival at the Clarke Theatre. The evening of choral music by various community groups and local schools begins at 7 pm and will surely be a tremendous success if past performance is an indicator. Admission is by donation of cash, a non-perishable food item, or a new, unwrapped toy for the Christmas Bureau.

UPCOMING Events at the Mission Library

Lego Club

Tues. Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4 3:00-4:15 pm

Between the Pages Book Club (Ages 9-12) Wed. Nov 14 3:30-4:30 pm

Paws 4 Stories *Thurs. Nov 15* 3:30-4:30 pm

Fall Book Sale

Fri. & Sat Oct 12 & 13 2:30-4:00 pm Fall Book Sale

Family Fort Night

Tues. Nov 27 5:30-7:00 pm

Christmas Concert

Hillside Traditional Academy is very pleased to offer a Christmas Concert to our school community again this year. We know that the number of people who wish to attend will be very high. Fire regulations limit the number of people we can have in the gym so for that reason we will

be offering two tickets per family to begin with, then opening-up the available tickets on December 18th for families who would like more tickets. **Tickets must be picked up from the office from December 10th – December 13th, inclusive.**



Choice of time is based upon first come, first serve.

Please note the date and times of this year's concerts: • Thursday, December 20 @ 9:00 am

Thursday, December 20 @ 12:45 pm

Little Readers

Little Readers is a preschool reading program. It happens every Monday from 8:30 am – 10:00 am. There is usually a story, a craft and a snack. Parents are invited to attend with their children during this time. This is a great opportunity to introduce your preschooler to Hillside. Newcomers are welcome.

Lost and Found

If you can't find your child's lunch kit, jacket, backpack, or Hillside sweater, there is a possibility that the missing item is in our lost and found box. Next time you're in the school, please take a moment to look through the box. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to a charitable organization in early January.

Flu Season

It appears that the flu season has struck early. Parents and students are reminded that one of the best ways to prevent getting the flu is frequent hand-washing with soap. If your child experiences flu-like symptoms, arrangements need to be made for him/her to remain home for the length of the flu symptoms and at **least**



24 hours after all symptoms have disappeared. Staying home for another day after being symptom free will indeed ensure

that your child returns healthy and flu free.

School Closures Due to Inclement Weather

Although we hope that winter weather is a long way off, you may want to make a note of the following information. If you are wondering if Mission schools are closed, you can go to www.mpsd.ca (Mission Public School website), scroll down the page to the heading "School Closures". There you will receive the most up to date information.

Dressing for a West Coast Recess/Lunch

Winter will soon be upon us and we will be receiving our fair share of inclement weather. Please make sure that your child is 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.

Being Prepared for the Weather

To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to have appropriate clothing such as:

- Rain jacket
- Rubber boots so they can enjoy the puddles
- Rain pants
- An umbrella
- Rain hat or coat with a hood

Remember sweaters and hoodies are neither wind nor waterproof.

Attendance

School is a preparation for adult life and job experiences. Regular attendance is as essential for success at school as it is in the adult working world. A consistent pattern of regular attendance and prompt arrival at school is vital for student success at Hillside Traditional Academy. Students who arrive late disrupt the classroom and the student misses important instructional time and information. If a student is late, they must report to the school office. We believe that parents are "partners" in a students' learning and that it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their children are at school on time and attending regularly.



School Liaison Presentations



Thank you to our School Liaison Officer, Constable Young from the Mission RCMP detachment for meeting with all our grade 3 classes to talk about anti-bullying. He will be returning to the school throughout the year to speak to other students on a variety of topics (community safety, internet safety etc). We are pleased to have him supporting our school.



Extra Curricular Activities

Basketball

This year's basketball season has begun. The Grade 5 & 6 students have been working hard on their skill development and are looking forward to demonstrating what they have learned so far.

We are pleased to inform you that Hillside is hosting Grade 6 games this season. Both teams played so well during their first two games. On November 8, we will be hosting Ecole des Deux-rives and Deroche and on November 15, we will be hosting Hatzic and Dewdney.

Thank you to the staff and parents that are giving of their time to work with our students.

Choir

Our choir has begun to practice for its first performance. Please plan ahead to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thurs. Nov. 8 @ 8:45 pm

Subscribe to our Calendar

Please visit our website (<u>https://hillside.mpsd.ca</u>) and click Subscribe to our calendar to get any calendar changes automatically uploaded to your smart phone.

Important Upcoming Dates

November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly 8:45 am Formal Uniform - White Shirt & Blue Sweater
November 12	NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day Holiday
November 19	PAC Meeting 8:45 am Nutcracker 1:45-2:15 pm
November 23	Assembly 8:45 am EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:00 am
November 29	Rotary Choir Festival
November 30	Hot Lunch
December 3	Report Cards home Book Fair Begins
December 4	Parent-Teacher Conferences
December 5	Divisions 12 & 13 to Abbotsford EcoDairy Book Fair Ends
December 6	Div. 14 & 11 to Abbotsford EcoDairy
December 20	Christmas Concert

