



# Hillside News

## Hillside Hawks Take Flight

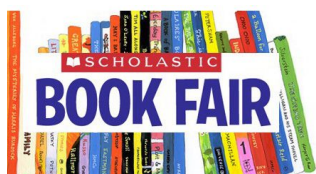
### Happy Holidays!

December and January are exciting months with many special days, from many different cultures. Knowing about holiday traditions can help people see new cultures in a clearer light, connect with your friends and co-workers who celebrate differently than you, and just overall understand the world on a more beautiful and diverse level.

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Epiphany, and St. Nicholas Day are just a few of the many celebrations that take place around the world during this season. Please take the time to look at the various traditions and share them with your children.



### 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 is in full swing. Consider stopping by before or after meeting with your child(ren)'s teacher.

### 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

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Parent-teacher Interviews

Tues. Dec 4

#### Book Fair

Mon. Dec 3- Wed. Dec 5

**REMINDER**  
**NO SCHOOL**

#### Non-Instructional Day

Fri. Dec 7

#### Christmas Concert

Thurs. Dec 20  
9:00 am & 12:45 pm

#### Last Day of School before Christmas Break

Fri. Dec 21

#### School Re-opens

Mon. Jan 7

## 2019-2020 Kindergarten Sibling 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

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 year.

## Safety for Drop-off and Pick-up

Safety is of paramount importance to us at Hillside. Parents who use the loop, please remember to only drop off or pick-up your students from the flat area of the loop and not on the hill. As the pavement gets wet or freezes, it can become very slippery for both cars and students. Also remember that on dark and rainy days, it is difficult to see children at the crosswalks. Please refrain from parking in the crosswalk or the bus stop. These areas are clearly marked by signage and/or yellow curbs.



## Idling Cars



These colder mornings have resulted in a number cars parked along the roadway with their engines left running in order to keep warm until it's time to send your child out to line up. However, the exhaust fumes are being inhaled by those students and parents that are walking past the idling cars. Therefore, we would ask for the sake of our environment and the health of our school community that you not idle your car while parked. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

## Lost and Found

Please check the Lost & Found when you are at Hillside for Parent-teacher Interviews. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to a charitable organization in early January.

## 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](http://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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MISSION LIBRARY



### Lego Club

Tues. Dec 4, 11, &  
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3:00-4:15 pm

### Between the Pages Book Club (Ages 9-12)

Wed. Dec 12

3:30-4:30 pm

### Paws 4 Stories

Thurs. Dec 6

3:30-4:30 pm

### We Wish You a Merry Christmas Puppet Show

Tuesday, Dec 11

6:45-7:30 pm

## Happenings around Hillside

### Basketball

Congratulations to the Hillside Grade 6 Basketball teams. Our Hillside A team finished with a strong second place. Hillside B was just as great! Thanks for showing all the schools that Hillside is not only good academics and sports, but also has good sportsmanship too! We are so proud of you! Special thanks to Mr. Murphy for helping to organize the season and for the excellent coaching of our teams.



Also, a very special thank you to Dena Witmer and Tom Osterberg for giving the grade 5's an opportunity to hone their basketball skills. These students are our future grade 6 league players. I cannot wait to see them represent Hillside next fall in the league.



### Choir

On Nov. 29, 2018, the Hillside Choir performed as part of the Rotary Carol Festival at the Clarke Theatre. Our students, under the direction of Mrs. Columbus, were fantastic. Thank you to all the parents who brought their students out to this event.

Our Choir also performed for our Remembrance Day Assembly. Thank you to all the students who took part.



## Great Things Happened in November!



## Subscribe to our Calendar

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

## Important Upcoming Dates

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
December 21	Last Day for Students Before Break
January 7	School Re-Opens





## Hillside P.A.C. Information

Questions, comments, and ideas to post?

✉ hillsidepac@gmail.com

☎ 778-808-5864  
PAC Chair (Melissa B.)



### Monday, December 10th

Each student will be given the chance to make a special gift for each of their parents/guardians & have it gift wrapped over the two weeks before winter break. Volunteers will be assisting them in their classes at various times that work with the class & recital rehearsal timelines. Each student is asked to **bring in a bag and \$2 PER PARENT** that they wish to make a gift for on **Monday, December 10th**. We will not be posting this on the hot-lunch program as we find the students enjoy “paying” for the gifts. All gifts will go home with students by the last day of classes before the break.

#### Volunteers Needed!

A volunteer sign-up is available on both the PAC bulletin board and Facebook page. ***It's going to be a lot of fun!***

## Hillside PAC Calendar

Details for the events and fundraisers we'll be holding the rest of the year will be posted on [hillside.parentcouncil.net](http://hillside.parentcouncil.net) as we near them and are always discussed at PAC meetings. **All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend PAC meetings and submit content for the agenda.**

### December

**Book Fair** - Tues 4<sup>th</sup> - 2-6:30 PM  
**Christmas Craft Shoppe** - 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
**Hot Lunch** - Fri 14<sup>th</sup>  
**PAC Meeting** - Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM

### January

**Zumba!** - Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM  
**PAC Meeting** - Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - 8:45 AM  
**Hot Lunch** - Fri 25<sup>th</sup>

### February

**PAC Meeting** - Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:45 AM  
**Family Dinner** - Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 PM  
**Hot Lunch** - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>

# BAKE SALE



**December 4<sup>th</sup> 2-6:30PM**

We will be holding a bake sale and concession in the foyer during the **parent-teacher conferences Tuesday, December 4th 2-6:30pm**. Anyone wanting to contribute is welcome to do so. Items don't have to be individually wrapped. If you're sending something on a platter please label the bottom so it can be returned to you. Due to allergies, we ask that no items contain nuts.

**Volunteers are needed to attend to the tables - email [hillsidepac@gmail.com](mailto:hillsidepac@gmail.com) to sign up.**

**Thanks in advance to everyone for your contributions!**

# BOOK FAIR



## Scholastic Book Fair

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:30 PM**

We're holding a book fair during the parent-teacher conferences in the library 2:00-6:30 PM. Proceeds from the fair will provide books for classrooms and the library. Classes will be touring the book fair and coming home with flyers the days before the fair - be sure to bring the draw ballot on the back with you when you stop in. There will also be other draws as well - looking forward to seeing you there!