

# Hillside Traditional Academy Newsletter



March 1, 2018

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Dear Parents:

A sure sign that the school year is moving right along is the celebration of 100 days of school which many of our primary classes celebrated within the last week. There were 100 Day crafts and activities of all kinds that culminated with all of the kindergarten classes getting together in the gym on Monday to celebrate 100 days of school. Today is the first day of March and teachers will begin preparing your child's report card tomorrow afternoon, Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tomorrow is a half day Assessment & Evaluation Day, with student dismissal at 11:00 am. On Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> report cards will be distributed with Parent-Teacher Interviews being held the next day. The children of Hillside Traditional Academy have worked hard this past term as I'm sure will be evidenced by the report card your child brings home. Lastly, although spring break doesn't officially begin until Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> is a Non-Instructional Day and school is not in session. We return from spring break on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.



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Principal

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

First term report cards will be coming home on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be holding conferences on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.



### **Parking (Student Drop Off and Pick Up)**

As always, parking is at a premium at Hillside and with parent/teacher conferences and book fair next week, please ensure you follow traffic rules regarding speed in a school zone and parking. Parents are not permitted to leave their vehicle in front of any yellow curb or in any area painted with yellow hash marks. These areas must be kept clear for emergency access.



Furthermore, the school was recently visited by a District of Mission Bylaw Enforcement Officer as the Bylaw Office has received a number of complaints from our neighbours over the past couple of months. Beginning this Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer will be ticketing those vehicles that are parked in front of driveways. So, please be mindful of where you park.

### **Pink Shirt Day**

Yesterday, Hillside Traditional participated in Pink Shirt Day, holding a special assembly in the morning that featured musical performances from a variety of classes as well as the Hillside Traditional Choir. The theme of friendship resonated with each selection and was well received by the students, staff and parents in the audience. A special thank you to Irmgard Thiessen, a retired teacher from Hillside, who returned to accompany the choir on the piano.



### **Book Fair**

Give your kids the gift of reading! We are looking forward to the Scholastic Book Fair being held on, March 13<sup>th</sup> (2:25 pm – 3:30 pm) & March 14<sup>th</sup>, (2:25 pm – 6:30 pm).

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**Spring Break  
March 19 – April 3  
Regular classes resume on April 4, 2018**

**Volleyball News**

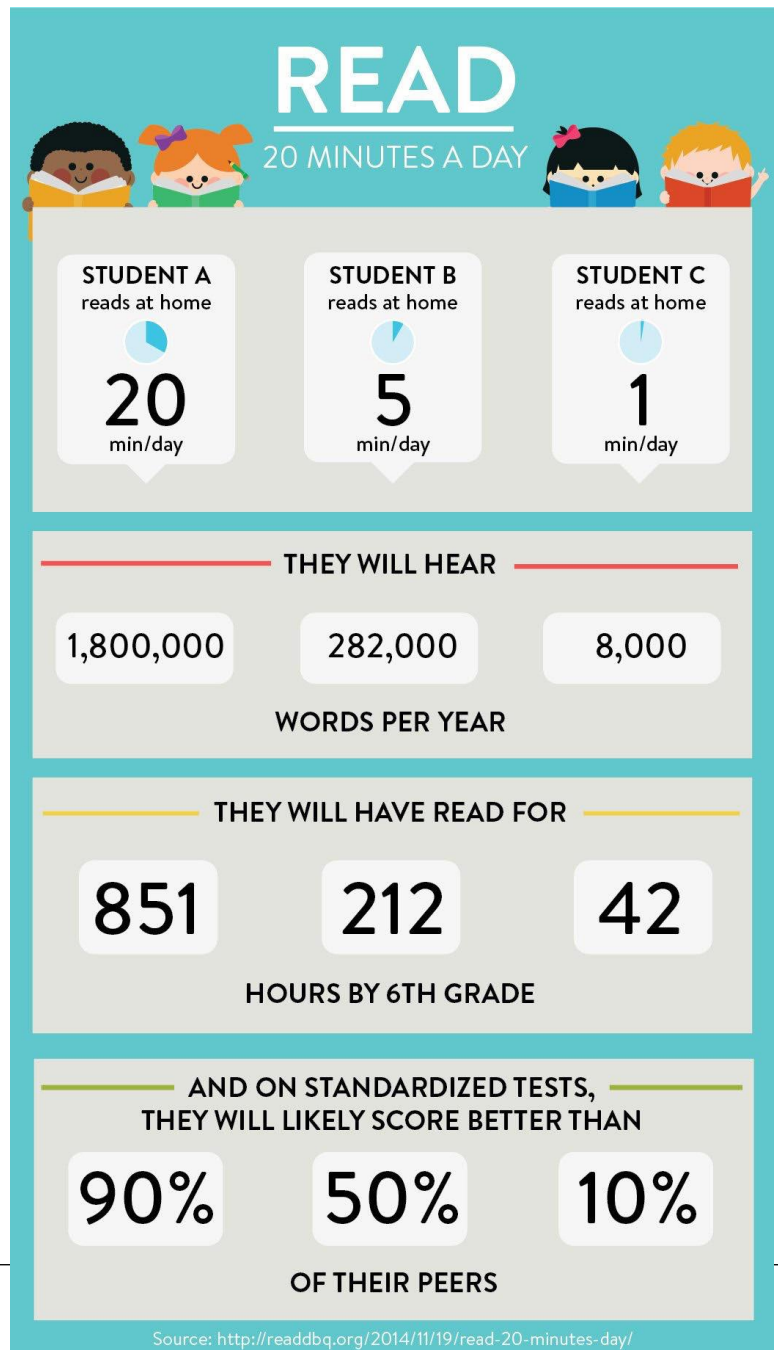
A great season concluded for both of the Hillside Teams last week with playoffs today. Over the course of the season Hillside’s two teams improved tremendously. Our students consistently displayed great effort, a terrific level of competitiveness and wonderful sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr. Boulter and Mr. Phillips for coaching the teams this season.

**Little Readers**

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

**Family Literacy Tips**

- Set aside time each day to read together after school or before bedtime
- Reading as a family just 15 minutes a day goes a long way in developing a child’s learning skills and improving their chances for success
- Make your child’s bedtime a half an hour earlier than normal, and tell him/her that he/she can either read or go to sleep. Most children would rather read than go to bed early.
- Make reading a regular part of your day.



### Updated Contact Information

Please let the office know if you have moved since the start of the school year and have a new home address or have a new home phone number or cell number. The office needs to keep up to date information to be able to contact parents during the day in case their child becomes sick or there is an emergency. Also, if you have any new alternate emergency contact names and information for your child, please inform the office.

### Dates to Remember

<b>March 1</b>	<b>Newsletter Home to families</b>
<b>March 2</b>	Assessment afternoon – students dismissed at 11am
<b>March 9</b>	Assembly
<b>March 13 – 14</b>	Book Fair
<b>March 13</b>	Report Cards home to parents
<b>March 14</b>	Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>March 16</b>	No school for students
<b>March 17 – 31</b>	Spring Break Holiday
<b>April 2</b>	Easter Monday
<b>April 3</b>	No school for students
<b>April 4</b>	Classes resume for all students
<b>April 5</b>	Newsletter home
<b>April 6</b>	Life Touch photos Life Touch family photos - evening
<b>April 13</b>	Interest Fair – Division 1, 2, 3, 4
<b>April 19</b>	Formal Uniform Inspection
<b>April 20</b>	PAC Meeting 8:45 am Assembly



## PAC NEWS

There will be no PAC meeting in March. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am in the school library. Please come and join us! We would love to see some new faces!

Stay tuned for information coming home this month regarding Life Touch photos. Also, our ‘Spring into Summer’ Fundraiser will go out once we are back from spring break.

Don’t forget to get your Hot Lunch orders in before March 4<sup>th</sup>. If you aren’t signed up already, the website to order is [www.hillside.parentcouncil.net](http://www.hillside.parentcouncil.net)

Volunteers are always needed, especially for hot lunches. We literally can’t do it without you and any help at all is always greatly appreciated!



## **Mission Public Library events for March**

### **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!

### **Lego Club**

Tues, Mar 6 - June 26, 3:00 pm - 4:15 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.

### **Pro D Day: 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 and craft. Leave them over for a sleepover. Next day, come and see what they've been up to. Registration required.

### **Spring break performer Team T & J**

Friday March 23, 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Join Team T&J for a high-energy program of music and movement. Explore and express your imagination through the excitement and freedom of live music interaction. For kids of all ages.

### **Circuits and Spheros: Kids' Technology Series**

Thursdays, April, 5 - 26, 3:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Join us at the library as we explore Makey Makey and Sphero technology. Learn how to play the piano using bananas, paint pictures with a tablet and tell stories using a robot. All supplies provided but registration is required.