

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 your child in the habit of checking his/her 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!

On a personal note, many of you have heard the news that I am retiring at the end of this school year. During my years at Hillside, every day has been filled with positive, rewarding and heartfelt experiences that will remain with me long into my golden years. It has been my absolute pleasure and honour to have been Principal at Hillside Traditional Academy. This is a very unique and special school, which is due in large part to the staff and the parent community, that work together to ensure that all children are given opportunities to maximize their potential in a very caring and nurturing environment. To have been part of this school community has been the one of the top highlights of my 32 year educational career. Thank you!

Currently the school district is conducting a province wide search for my successor and whether that individual is chosen from another District or is found from within Mission, know that the best person to continue the Traditional model will be found. We likely won't know who the new Principal will be until near the end of June as the search doesn't conclude until June 22nd. As soon as I have any information as to who the successful candidate is, I'll be sure to let you know.

Mr. Brian Barber
Principal

Oustanding Achievement Awards Assembly

Our awards assembly this year will include academic recognition certificates for several students at each grade level. The assembly will take place at 8:45 am on Friday, June 15th. 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 30th. The evening was a great success, with many of our district's aboriginal students and their families participating in this wonderful event.

Farewell

In addition to bidding our Grade 6's farewell as they continue their educational journey to middle school, at the end of this school year we will also say goodbye to Mrs. Armitstead as she is retiring after a very rewarding career as a learning support teacher in a number of schools in Mission. Learning Support Teachers work with those students who require an extra boost in the area of academics. The support work that Mrs. Armitstead does is critical, for it is this work that will give these students the opportunities that they need in order to maximize their potential. We also, say farewell and welcome back in the same breath to Ms. Rossel and Mrs. McAuley. Ms. Rossel has been doing terrific work in the library since Mrs. Brooks took a medical leave. Beginning in September, Ms. Rossel will be returning as for a day and a half per week working with Mrs. Alderson when Mrs. Alderson works on her administrative duties. Mrs. McAuley has been teaching grade 3 while Mr. Mariner has been on a leave this past year. This upcoming September, Mrs. McAuley was the successful candidate for a continuing grade 4/5 position. We look forward to both of these exceptional teachers joining us this upcoming school year.



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 11 - 15**.

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.

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 21st. 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 25th and will take place rain or shine. We hope for sunshine, but if there is torrential rain, we will hold the events indoors. 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, with the all of the students receiving a free hotdog. While the hotdog is complimentary, parents are asked to go online to preorder to ensure that the PAC doesn't purchase more hotdogs and buns than are required
- After lunch teachers will have activities planned in their classroom

Last Day of School, Thursday, June 28th

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 28th. Dismissal will be at 2:23 pm. and report cards will be issued at that time. If students are absent on June 28th, report cards can be picked up at the school office on Friday, June 29th or the following week up to and including July 5th. The office will be closed, on Tuesday, July 2nd in lieu of 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.



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.



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 parents comply with our school's dress code. 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.

Dates to Remember

June 8	Mission Public Library visit
June 15	Outstanding Achievement Awards PAC Meeting in the library at 10 am
June 19	Divisions 16, 17, 18, & 19 to the Zoo
June 20	Div. 11 & 12 to Burnaby Village
June 21	Farewell Assembly Div. 5 & 6 to Zoo
June 25	Fun Day
June 28	Last Day for students Div. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Swimming





PAC NEWS

Please return any outstanding Lifetouch orders/pictures if you haven't done so already. We also have over \$250 in overdue balances from hot lunch. Please pay ASAP – thank you.

Staples School tools orders are due on Friday, June 15th. There are three ways to pay: Online at <https://staplesschooltools.ca>, in store at our local Staples, or return the paper form to the school, with a cheque made out to Hillside PAC.

We will be having a Hot Dog day on Fun Day, June 25th. Each student will get one FREE hot dog! Additional hot dogs, chips, cookies, and milk are also available to purchase online. Go to www.hillside.parentcouncil.net to order and to choose between a regular or veggie dog for your free hot dog choice. Ordering is available now with the cut off on June 15th.

The PAC will also be supplying granola bars, gummy snacks, and juice boxes as a recess snack on Fun Day. Our last PAC meeting of the year is on June 15th at 10am in the library. This will be our budget close out. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Lastly, THANK YOU so much to all of the parents and grandparents who have come out to volunteer their time this year and to those who have supported our fundraisers! Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

The 2018- 2019 PAC executive will so far is:

- Chair - Melissa Blumenfeld
- Vice Chair - Dena Witmer
- Secretary - Shannon Reynolds
- Member at Large: Zoe Lowes

The following positions are still open and will be up for nominations again in September:

- Treasurer
- District PAC Representatives (2)
- Members at Large (2)

A full description of the roles is located on the Hillside P.A.C Facebook page, as well as on the PAC bulletin board beside the office window.

All parents of Hillside students in the fall who are not employed by the school district are eligible for positions - if you're interested please inquire!

Mission Library News

LEGO Club

Tuesday, June 5 - August 29, 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Come play, create, and experiment. LEGO Club is a fun after school program for kids.

National Indigenous Peoples Storytime

Tuesday, June 20, 10:30-11:00 am

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

Summer Reading Club Kick Off

Saturday, June 23, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Get in motion and make a commotion about reading 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.

We also have a whole host of featured summer library programs for July and August:

Pajama Storytime, Mondays, July 9, August 13, 6:45-7:15 pm

Norden the Magician, Wednesday, July 11, 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Storyteller Shayna Jones, Tuesday, July 17, 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Greater Vancouver Zoo, Tuesday, July 31, 11:00 am - 11:45 am

It's a Motion Commotion! Puppet Show Saturday, August 11, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Ginalina, Tuesday, August 14, 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Summer Reading Club Medal Ceremony, Thursday, August 30, 6:30 pm

