



Hillside Traditional Academy

NEWSLETTER

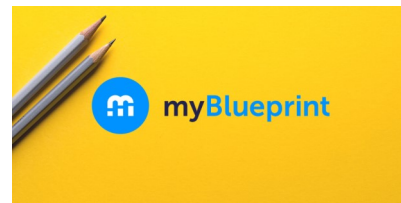
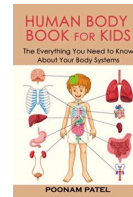
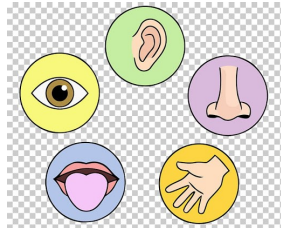
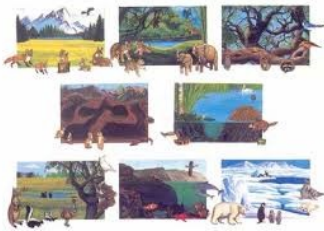


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Term 2 has begun and we look forward to continued enriching learning experiences for our students. Inquiry into body systems, animal habitats and communities, weather and the seasons are just some areas of study. Research on Human Rights, BC communities, Immigration are also underway. Many students are reflecting on their learning through MyBluePrint.



Currently, the students are rehearsing numbers for the “Virtual” Christmas concert. Taped performances will be posted on our school website for families to enjoy and share with extended family over the winter break.



Thank you for HTA Families for your Generosity

Our school community brought in a tremendous amount of donations for the Mission Youth House (MY House) and the Starfish Pack Program. The Mission community will benefit greatly from your kindness.



STARFISH PACK



A Polite Request ~ We have a number of staff members who are immune compromised. Staff would greatly appreciate if parents/guardians could wear a mask if possible while dropping/picking up students from school. As well, please be mindful social distancing.


In this class, please wear a mask



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Masks help keep us all safe. They also show kindness and respect. Some people can't wear masks and that's ok too. Let's look after each other while we learn together.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



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As the school year progresses, students grow physically. Many school supplies begin to dwindle.

Here are some stocking stuffer ideas:

- * HTA colour socks
- * HTA colour masks
- * New black indoor shoes
- * New pencil crayons/crayons/markers



Upcoming Important Dates

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| December 2-17, 2020 | Kindergarten Registration for Siblings |
| December 11, 2020 | Crazy Mask Day |
| December 14 - 18 | PAC Sponsored Hot Chocolate |
| December 18, 2020 | Festive Gear Day, Last Day of Classes |
| January 5, 2021 | Schools Re-Open |
| February 12, 2021 | Professional Development Day (NID) |
| February 15, 2021 | Family Day (NID) |

Upcoming Theme Days

Friday, December 11, 2020

Crazy Mask Day



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Friday, December 18, 2020

Festive Gear Day— Wear your elf ears, Santa Hats, and favourite Christmas Sweater



Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring hot chocolate the week of December 14 –18.



Message From Our PAC

Our winter fundraiser was a huge success, thank you to everyone who ordered and donated! Your support is very much appreciated. Pick up for Purdy's and Meridian Meats gift cards will be on Wednesday, December 9th from 2:23-3:00 from outside the gym doors. Last names from A-M will pick up outside the front doors and last names from N-Z will pick up at the back doors. Please remember to social distance and please wear a mask. Email us at hillsidepac@gmail.com if you need to make alternate arrangements for pick up.

In previous years, PAC has been able to have a Christmas store for students to pick a gift for their families or do a Christmas craft to bring home. Unfortunately this year due to the pandemic, we are unable to do this safely, so in lieu of this PAC will be sponsoring a hot chocolate day! Dates will announced soon.

Please join our Hillside PAC Facebook page to see more PAC information and to find our meeting minutes. Our next meeting will be December 15th at 7:00pm.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



Supervision Assistant Position Available

We have a PAID Supervision Assistant position available at Hillside Traditional Academy.

- ⇒ **5 Hours per Week**
- ⇒ **Monday to Friday 11:30 AM — 12:30 PM**
- ⇒ **\$22.23 per hour**

If interested, please contact:

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READING LINK CHALLENGE



Your child has expressed an interest in joining the Reading Link Challenge at Hillside Traditional.

About RLC

Reading Link Challenge (RLC) is an award-winning public library/school partnership program that promotes the "sport of reading." Librarians from FVRL work with school librarians to recruit teams of six students in grades 4 and 5. The program is run as a series of quiz/trivia challenges with questions based on six preselected books. All teams participate in one or more levels of challenge, with the winning teams advancing to higher levels of competition within the community. At FVRL, the levels of challenge are as follows:

School Challenge - All teams challenge other teams in their school.

Library Challenge - School winning teams challenge each other at an FVRL location.

Community Challenge - FVRL Library Challenge winning teams challenge each other.

Grand Challenge - Winning teams from FVRL, Coquitlam, North Vancouver City, New Westminster and Surrey Library systems challenge each other to determine an overall winning team.

Participants learn about teamwork and how to read for retention. RLC also promotes public library usage and encourages children to develop a lifelong habit of reading for pleasure.

Frequently asked questions:

Do students have to read all the books? No. Some teams divide the books so that each member chooses one to know really well. Most students read three of the books, many read six.

Who selects the books? A team of library staff from participating lower mainland libraries and volunteers from the University of the Fraser Valley library technician program. We look for books that includes wide gender appeal, varied reading level, positive reviews in library journals, multicultural themes, and Canadian/BC authors.

Who creates the questions?: UFV student volunteers write the questions. Library staff members edit questions. The questions include multiple choice, true or false, and short answer.

Student commitment is of utmost importance as this is a Team endeavor. Students will be expected to read at least one book and meet with their team, during school hours at least once a week to discuss progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chantal Dickson, Teacher Librarian Hillside Traditional.

chantaldickson@mpsd.ca

If you allow your child to participate in the RLC please sign the following and return ASAP.

I allow my child _____ to participate in the 2020 Reading Link Challenge at Hillside Traditional.

Signature: _____