



Hillside Traditional Academy NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have had a very busy yet smooth start to the 2020-21 school year. Staff is enjoying getting to know their new students. Students are settling into their new classes, learning groups and cohorts. We are very pleased with the behavior displayed by our students thus far. They have learned the new "Covid" routines. Students have also been observed working diligently on their assignments.

Please note the following expectations for all students attending Hillside Traditional Academy. Your support re-enforcing these expectations with your children is much appreciated.

- **Attendance, Class Assignments and Homework**

Attending regularly and putting effort into learning are the prime responsibilities for students. This includes being in class on time with the required materials, participating in class activities and completing assignments, including homework.

- **Hillside Traditional Academy Uniform 2020- 2021 Dress Code**

All students who attend Hillside Traditional Academy are required to wear the prescribed uniform. The uniform committee, consisting of parents and staff, created a school uniform which is mandatory for all students. It is our belief that uniform dress codes foster the following:

- A sense of belonging and pride
- A safer and more respectful learning and teaching environment
- A confident and positive sense of self and respect for the dignity and welfare of others

Our students are ambassadors for Hillside Traditional Academy in the community; well-groomed students who wear well maintained uniforms create a positive image. It is the expectation that students look presentable at all times. When making decisions about appropriateness of uniform items and personal accessories, parents are asked to ensure that no items, hairstyles or accessories detract from the general appearance of the uniform. Students not wearing proper dress code will be given a dress code reminder slip. Repeated infractions will involve a phone call

The official Hillside Traditional Academy uniform is as follows:

White Top
Navy Bottoms
Royal Blue Crested Overlay
Black Shoes

- **Reporting Absences**

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school at 604-826-4187 to speak directly with clerical staff or to leave a recorded message.

Not sure if your child should stay home?

Please refer to the CDC: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms>



A note from Hillside Traditional Academy Library

Students have begun to sign out books from the library.

Because the Library will have all students visit each week, there are different rules and procedures in place to help protect everyone.

A large variety of books will be laid out on tables for the students to choose from. The students will be asked to not touch any books other than the book they are choosing. They will be asked to browse with their eyes only. When books are returned they will be quarantined for 72 hours before they are returned to tables

Due to the unprecedented circumstances at the end of last school year, many library books are still in students' homes. I am sending out overdue notices and ask you to please remind and help your child return these books.

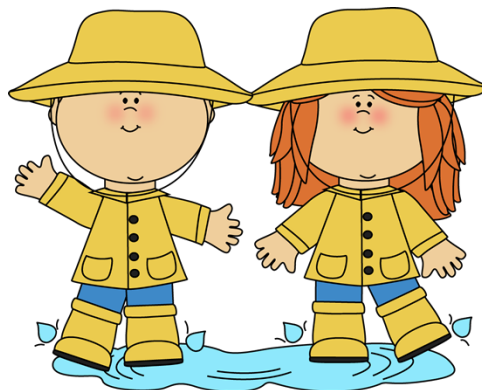
If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to email me at chantal.dickson@mpsd.ca

West Coast Recess & Lunch

Please Dress for the Weather!

This is just to remind everyone that we very rarely keep students inside due to the weather conditions. During the current Covid time, the opportunity to be outside is very much needed. Recess is the best time in the school day when students can connect with peers and engage in meaningful, self-directed, recreational play. Please ensure that your child is well prepared for rain on any given day. The biggest complaint our students have on rainy days is that they are cold so we encourage them to bring an extra sweater and bundle up. Interestingly they rarely complain of cold on snow days so they clearly know what to wear on our coldest days. 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



Terry Fox Run

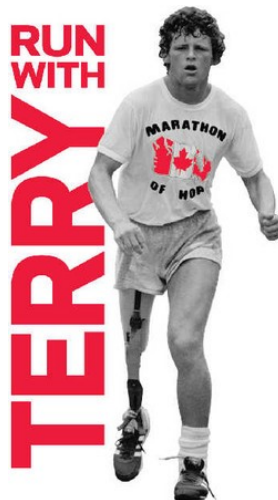
We will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of this event. Classes will be participating in this event within their classes and learning groups the week of September 28th.

Our HTA families can support this event online:

School Fundraising Link: <http://www.terryfox.ca/HillsideTraditionalAcademy>

Username: 2020BC1729

Password: CUREBC3560



Important Upcoming Dates

October Monday, October 12, 2020 Thanksgiving

Friday, October 23, 2020 Non-Instructional Day - Students not in session (Provincial Professional Development Day)

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Stat Holiday Remembrance Day

Friday, November 20, 2020 Non-Instructional ½ Day – Students attend AM only (Elementary) (Assessment/ Evaluation)

December Friday, December 4, 2020 Non-Instructional Day – Students not in session (All Schools) (P/T Conferences)

Dec. 21, 2020 – Jan. 4, 2021 Winter Break January

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Schools reopen after Winter Break

Welcome



Welcome to New Staff at HTA

Mr. Noel Agarpao—Educational Assistant

Mrs. Chantal Dickson—Library

Mrs. Kerrie Ritchie—Clerical

Mrs. Sherry Wright—Supervision Assistant

Traffic Flow

At this time, the traffic loop at the front of the school will be closed to vehicles. Parents will need to park in the parent parking lot or in the surrounding neighbourhood for student drop off. Please do not block the driveways of the neighbourhood homes.



Please do not park in the designated staff parking lots on the west and east side of the building.

Please do not park in front of the sidewalk areas marked with yellow as this will block the view of people using the sidewalk.

Formal Uniform Day

Thank you parents for ensuring your child was prepared for the first formal uniform day. Everyone looked great! Some students are still missing a few items, please clearly label all items of your child's uniform (as well as relabeling the clothing if it has become faded or washed-out over time). Also, thank you for ensuring that shoe laces are black and that hair accessories are black, blue or white as per our uniform code. Our next formal uniform day will be Friday, October 2. This is also Individual Photo Day.

