

Hillside News

Hillside Hawks Take Flight

Welcome to Hillside



Welcome back to all our returning Hillside families and staff. We also wish to give a special welcome to our new families and staff that are joining us this year. Hillside continues to grow to be one of the largest elementary schools in Mission and we are pleased that you have chosen to be a part of our community. I look forward to meeting you at the Back to School BBQ. This year our theme is Take flight. All the staff are excited to watch your children soar this year.

Cans for Cancer

This September, each class will again have a Red Can to collect money to support Cancer Research. Hillside will be part of two special initiatives: Cops for Cancer and the Terry Fox Run. If you wish to donate money to this cause, please send your donation to the school with your child. All loose donations made to the Red Cans will be split evenly between these two great causes. If you would like to direct your donation specifically to one of these great causes, please put your donation in an envelope labelled with your child's name and either Terry Fox or Cops for Cancer.

New Annex and Teachers

We have great news that our new Annex will be ready to go on Monday, September 10. The students are excited to be transitioning out of the Library. We want to thank our fantastic Teachers' Teaching on Call this week for providing a fantastic environment for our students. We are anxiously awaiting news of our new staff members in the grade 3, 4/5, library, and learning support department. Thank you so much for your patience during this process.

Parking (Student Drop Off and Pick Up)

As a school of choice, parking is at a premium as a number of families drive their children to school. We also have a number of families who live in the neighbourhood and their children walk to school. Where you park matters to the safety of our students. Please do not park against the painted yellow curbs that are on either side of the crosswalk and park a minimum of

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Back to School BBQ

Tuesday, Sept. 11
from 4-6 pm



NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day

Friday, Sept. 21



Terry Fox Run

Thursday,
September 27

6 metres from the approach side of the crosswalk at the south-east corner of the school. Many of our students are too small to see over the parked cars and if they can't see over the parked cars, drivers transiting the school zone can't see the children that are using the crosswalk.

Staff Parking

Please be mindful that the parking lot at the west end of the school is for staff parking. As well staff have five reserved spots in the east parking lot. With an increased school population, our staff this year requires over twenty five parking spots and that does not include several itinerant staff that are here on different days throughout the week. You may believe that by the time you are dropping off your child, staff should all be at the school, however, some of them do not begin work until 8:30 am or even later. So, please do not park in the staff parking lot. In addition, please ensure that when you are parking on the street that you are not blocking driveways of our surrounding neighbours.



Lunches

Hillside is a Nut-Aware school and we have several students with allergies. We strive to promote healthy eating with our students and we certainly appreciate all of your support in helping make this happen by packing healthy, nut-free snacks and lunches for your child. Sometimes these lunches require heating in the microwave. Unfortunately, we are not able to dedicate the staff or time needed to heat up lunches. So, please continue to send your child with their healthy lunch that doesn't require the use of a microwave.

UNIFORMS

Students are ambassadors for Hillside Traditional Academy in the community; well-groomed students who wear well maintained uniforms create a positive image. We believe that the responsibility for maintaining the dress code rests with the parents and students together. 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. Hair extensions and hair dyes must be of naturally occurring colours.



All **skorts**, **jumpers** and **pants** must be **purchased from Able Cresting**. Some students have been arriving at school wearing skorts and jumpers that have been purchased elsewhere and as such they do not conform to the requirements of the uniform guidelines. We have also seen an increase in faded pants during the past year, which detracts from the overall look of the uniform. Therefore, we are also asking that pants now be purchased from Able Cresting which will ensure a uniformed look to the ensemble. Students not wearing proper dress code will be given a dress code reminder slip. Repeated infractions will involve a phone call. **Please make sure all of your child's clothing is clearly labeled with their name**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MISSION LIBRARY



Between the Pages Book Club (Ages 9-12)

Wed. Sept. 12
3:30-4:30 pm

Lego Club

Tues. Sept. 18
3:00-4:15 pm

Recycling Workshop

Tues. Sept. 19
3:00-4:00pm

Paws 4 Stories

Thurs. Sept. 20
3:30-4:30 pm

Lego Club

Tues. Sept. 25
3:00-4:15 pm

Ultimate Robot Challenge

Sat. Sept. 29
2:30-4:00 pm

Volunteers

Parent volunteers are invaluable and make a significant contribution to student learning. All parent volunteers need to complete an application form and consent to a criminal record check through the Mission RCMP. Because we are not equipped for pre-school children, we must ask that pre-school siblings do not accompany the volunteer parent. All parent volunteers must check in at the office to receive their special name tags that must be worn when volunteering in the school for identification and security reasons.

Attendance

School is a preparation for adult life and job experiences. Regular attendance is as essential for and prompt arrival at school is vital for student success at Hillside Traditional Academy, and as such we encourage families to take vacations only during regularly scheduled school holidays. Also, students who arrive late disrupt the classroom and the student misses important instructional time and information. If circumstances prevent your child from arriving to school on time, please have them report to the office so that we can adjust their attendance record.

Office Telephone

Just a reminder, that our office phone may be used by students for emergency situations only. Arrangements for after-school care or visiting friends needs to be made prior to school. This will help us keep our phone available for real emergency situation or school business. Thanks for your cooperation in this.

Communication

Studies show that people who plan are more likely to reach their goals. To help Hillside Traditional Academy students plan, all students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 are required to purchase a planner for \$8.00. Please purchase your planner through School Cash Online

Planners will be used for daily communication between teachers and families, a place to record homework as well as reminders. Notices about upcoming events from time to time will also be placed in the planners. Please check and sign your child's planner each night.

Thank you again for choosing Hillside!