



August 2018

Dear Hillside Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Hillside. I hope that each of you had a wonderful summer filled with memories and are looking forward to an exciting new school year. I am very excited to be joining the Hillside community and look forward to building strong relationships with all of you in the upcoming year. A strong partnership between the home and school will make a great difference in your child's education.

Over the past 20 years, I have worked as a teacher, principal, and district associate superintendent within the private education system in Ontario and British Columbia. In addition, I have taught all grade levels from kindergarten to high school in both bricks-and-mortar and online schools. As a believer in life-long education, I have pursued graduate work in curriculum and instruction as well as educational leadership. Throughout my career, I have facilitated teacher professional development, published lesson guides and articles, and presented at provincial, Canadian, and international educational conventions.

Since moving to British Columbia four years ago, my husband and two children have called Mission home. My son is a senior in university and will be graduating this year with a psychology degree before pursuing training to become a paramedic. My daughter will be going into grade 11 this fall and recently represented Mission with her cheer team at an invitation only competition at ESPN at Disney World Florida. We have a golden retriever and two cats at home as well. When I am not at the school, I enjoy reading, travelling, and crafting.

It is truly a privilege to be part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I can be reached by calling the school office or by email at lisa.clarke@mpsd.ca.

Our theme this year for the Hillside Hawks will be ***Take Flight***. I look forward to watching your children soar this year.

Sincerely,

Lisa Clarke Ed.D.