

# Hillside Traditional Academy Newsletter



**December 2022**

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Dear Hillside Families:

Well, 2022 is almost at a close and it was definitely a mixed bag of good, exciting and trying times. Through it all we've stuck together and made it. Here's to 2023 and a better, kinder, safer and more prosperous new year!

We hope you have a wonderful Winter Break.

Sincerely,

Kevin Watrin  
Principal



## PAC News

**Purdy's Order Pick-up:** Order pick up will be on Tuesday, December 13th from 2-2:30 from the multipurpose room.

**Hot Chocolate Day:** The PAC elves will be handing out hot chocolate, mini marshmallows and candy canes to all students on Dec 16th! Apple cider will be available to students who cannot have hot chocolate. Students are welcome to wear Christmas PJ's, Festive wear, or an ugly Christmas sweater on this day!

**Next PAC meeting:** There will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on January 17th at 8:45am in the multipurpose room. We welcome all parents and guardians to come and say hi! If you can't make it and have anything you'd like added to the agenda, please email us at [hillsidepac@gmail.com](mailto:hillsidepac@gmail.com)

### **Polar Express Concert:**

Due to fire safety capacity limits only people with tickets will be admitted to the concert. Please remember to bring your tickets.

### **Parking**

We know that parking at Hillside is very limited but please do not pull into staff parking areas while dropping off your children.

### **Safe Driving on school property**

Please ensure you are driving in a safe manner near the school. Unsafe driving will be noted by Mr. Watrin and license plates will be forwarded to the RCMP.

### **Front Loop**

We want to encourage parents/guardians to be caution when driving in the loop. Please only use the loop for **“DROP AND GO”**. Please do not get out of your vehicle in the loop. We need to keep this area moving. Additionally, we would ask parents/guardians to pull as far into the loop as possible before stopping and unload students. We want to ensure the safety of all at school. Please **NO LEFT TURNS** exiting the loop between **8:15-8:40am** and **2:15-2:40pm**. Thank you.

### **Extended Absence – NEW District Policy**

The school district has recently passed a new policy for extended absences. Absences of missing 25 consecutive school days or longer for family trip/vacation may impact your child’s classroom/school placement if another student registers. The full letter from Assistant Superintendent Karen Alvarez is attached to this email. If you have questions, email Mr. Watrin at [kevin.watrin@mpsd.ca](mailto:kevin.watrin@mpsd.ca)

### **Winter Weather**

Thank you, parents, for ensuring your child is prepared for the changing winter weather. Please ensure your children come to school with appropriate clothing for the weather (jackets, gloves and toques). Because we believe strongly in the value of daily physical exercise, we have students go outside at recess and lunch even if it is raining or snowing. During periods of significant rain, we may have inside recess and/or lunch. These days will be limited. Please help your child be prepared.

### **Flu Season**

As we are in flu season, parents and students are reminded that one of the best ways to prevent getting the flu is frequent handwashing with soap. If your child experiences flu-like symptoms, arrangements need to be made for him/her to remain home for the length of the flu symptoms and at least 24 hours after all symptoms have disappeared. Staying home for another day after being symptom free will indeed ensure that your child returns healthy and flu free. Please do **NOT** send a sick child to school with a mask. If they are sick, please keep them home.

### **Uniforms (SHOES)**

As it is the season for new clothes for many and if your children are needing new shoes for school, please purchase **Black** shoes for them. **Black** inside and **Black** outside shoes is what we want. **Black** or white shoelaces please.

## Hillside Basketball News!!

This week our Hillside Hawks (A) won the Mission District Elementary Championship! Both our A and B teams were very competitive and finished with records of 6-0 and 5-1 through the regular play dates. Coaches Pavan Kalair, Hamen Gill, Mr. Boulter and Mr. Sidhu did a great job coaching!

### Athletics

We are expecting to be able to have several athletic opportunities for our students to participate in this year. Here is what information we have thus far:

- **Floor Hockey** - Mr. Boulter

Game dates Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (this is very informal and is just for interested schools with no ribbons or trophies)

- **Volleyball** – Mrs. Pankratz and Mrs. Hooge

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>

\*\*\*No playoffs but there is a final round robin tournament at middle school (date: March 2nd)

- **Track and Field** - Coaches so far will include Mr. Boulter, Mr. Kerschbaum, Mrs. Schroeder

Track dates May 3<sup>rd</sup> (discus only), May 4<sup>th</sup> (Grade 4s) and May 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/6s

- **Touch Football Late May/early June** - Mr. Watrin

(Tentative dates May 18th/25th/ June 1st)

- **Road Bike Club** - Mr. Kerschbaum and Mr. Boulter

Bike Club Race April 20th

**Note:** We are always looking for a few parent volunteers for our athletics programs. See Mr. Watrin if you are interested in helping.

## Dates to Remember

December 1	Kindergarten Sibling Registration
December 9th	Pancake Day (Hot Lunch)
December 15	Christmas Concert (Polar Express)
December 16	Festive Shirt/Sweater Day <b>plus</b> Hot Chocolate (Hot Lunch)
Dec 17 to Jan 2	Winter Vacation
January 3	School Reopens
January 17	PAC Meeting

