



Hillside Traditional Academy

NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is hard to believe that November is here and Term 1 is coming to a close. October was a very busy month for students and staff. We had a wonderful Halloween Costume Day on Friday, October 30th. The artwork created by our students was top notch. Please review the Power Point posted on our website to see each division's costumes and artwork. The Fruit and Veggie Program has returned to HTA. Students enjoyed baby carrots and a healthy milk drink on October 29th.

Looking forward this week, photo retakes will be taking place on Friday, November 6th. This is a formal uniform day for students having their photos taken.

The week of November 9th has some special events taking place. We will be having a "Virtual" Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30. This will be a formal uniform day for all students. Photos of the wreath laying and student artwork will be posted on our website. November 13 is World Kindness Day. This will be recognized by HTA staff and students.



The purpose of
WORLD KINDNESS DAY
is to highlight good deeds in the community
because **KINDNESS** is the common thread
that unites us all. **NOVEMBER 13**
<http://theworldkindnessmovement.org/>

Report Card Information:

- ⇒ Term 1 Report Cards will be distributed on Monday, November 30.
- ⇒ Parent/Teacher Conferences will be **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** on Thursday, December 3 from 2:30—7:30.
- ⇒ Teachers will be arranging appointments with parents.
- ⇒ Conferences can be via a phone call, Zoom or in the classroom.
- ⇒ All entry will be through the outside classroom doors.
- ⇒ Parents must sign in, sanitize hands and wear a mask.

SECOND REMINDER

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
- Rain hat
- An umbrella
- An extra set of clothes including socks

SECOND REMINDER

Traffic Flow

At this time, the traffic loop at the front of the school continues to be closed 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.



Dogs on School Property



Please be aware that only Guide Dogs, Service Dogs and Medical Therapy Dogs are allowed on MPSD property.

Belief Statement

The Board believes guide dogs and service dogs (assistance dogs) that are specially trained to assist students who have a physical or development disabilities will be allowed in classrooms, in schools, on school property and on school district buses when the terms and conditions contained in the supporting Board's Administrative Procedure are met. It is further understood and agreed the use of these specifically trained dogs will be allowed when they afford students an equal opportunity to access services, programs and/or activities. The Board also recognizes the use of guide dogs and service dogs is an approved aid, support, and intervention for students with special needs.

Belief Statement

Medical therapy dogs are specifically trained dogs that will be allowed in the school, on school district property and on school district buses when it has been determined that the medical therapy dogs helps the student to have equal access to the services, programs and/or activities offered by the district, and when the school district's requirements have been met to the satisfaction of the Board of Education. Medical therapy dogs are trained to provide a service to others working for a handler and who may not have a disability at all. Medical therapy dogs do not share the same public access rights as guide and service dogs and therefore may be denied admittance to public places which deems the importance of school district policy. Medical therapy dogs are not guide dogs or service dogs.

Therefore, we request that all pet dogs (no matter the size or age) are NOT on the property of Hillside Traditional Academy.

Thank you for your co-operation



Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 “Virtual” Remembrance Day Assembly—Formal Uniform Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Stat Holiday Remembrance Day

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

Tuesday, November 24th PAC Meeting 7pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 615 8929 4553

Passcode: HTA@Nov24

Monday, November 30, 2020—Report Cards Distributed

December 3, 2020—Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:30—7:30 **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

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

