



Hillview News

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A Wonderful Beginning

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I can't believe we have completed a month of school already! The time is passing so quickly! We have been so busy getting back into the routine of classes and activities. The students have been practicing the 4 Tribes Agreements. They have also been building stamina during their Daily 5 rounds in the Literacy Block. We had our Meet the Teacher night. It was so nice to share a delicious spaghetti dinner with those of you who attended. Our first fire drill of the school year was quite successful and everyone exited the school quickly and quietly. Great work! We have also had a lot of visitors in the school: the ladies from Alberta Health Services, Northern Lakes Collaborative Services, members of the NSD/KTC partnership, and Traffic Safety. The staff have all been involved in various PD opportunities such as Daily 5, ECS, PM Benchmarking and Writing. Most of these occurred after school in the form of webinars. I think the highlight of the month had to be the Terry Fox Run where our students really stepped up and showed their spirit of volunteerism. We are all so proud of our Hillview Eagles! They really do embody the words of our school song - "Hillview Eagles, soaring way up high". I look forward to continued successes as our students find their way this school year.



Family Night

Dates to Remember

- ✓ KnitWits Fundraiser - October 6th -30th
- ✓ October 6-10 is Fire Prevention Week
- ✓ October 6 - Bush Walk with Jason BigCharles
- ✓ October 13— Thanksgiving Day—No School
- ✓ October 20-24 is School Bus Safety Week
- ✓ October 21 is Picture Day
- ✓ October 30 - Early dismissal at 12:30
- ✓ October 30 - Halloween Family Night and Cake Walk 5-7pm
- ✓ October 31 - No school - Metis Proclamation Day and Halloween

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Ms. Karen Lemay

Acting Principal

National Terry Fox School Run Day

On September 24, Hillview students ran in memory of Terry Fox and to support the campaign to find a cure for cancer. Each class was challenged to raise the equivalent of \$5 per student in order to get free time in PE the next day. To sweeten the pot,

the students were told that if BOTH classes met their goals the teachers would get pies thrown in their faces. The day before the event the teachers thought they were off the hook as the K-3 class was nowhere close to their goal. On the day of the event,

however, the students pulled through and together surpassed their goal of \$165 and raised over \$400! Way to go Eagles!!



On their way!



The students enjoyed throwing pies at the staff. The staff had fun too!



Alyssa was our top fundraiser, bringing in over \$120.

KnitWits School Fundraiser

We have chosen KnitWits as our fall fundraiser to help support some of the activities we would like to have at the school. Each family will receive a package to assist with their fundraising efforts. The items for sale are hats, mittens, ear muffs and head bands. The sale will last for the month of October. We do have some samples at the school if you'd like to check them out. If you have any questions give Dallas a call.

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How to Get the Scoop

This is just a reminder that we have a variety of ways to get the news out to you. If you have not yet signed up for one of these ways, please contact the school for more information!

1. **Facebook**—like us on Facebook to see updates about what is going on at the school. Look for **Hillview School**
2. **Remind** - a way to receive text messages from the school. Enter (587)-409-0871 with the message @aaf65
3. **Class Dojo** - when you sign up for Class Dojo, not only can you monitor your child's behavior

at school, but you can also message the teacher. Codes will be sent home soon.

4. **Email** - share your email with the school so that we can share information with you.
5. **Paper** - for those who would still prefer the paper notice, it will be available as well as the student agendas



Attendance

One of Northland School Division's goals is to improve attendance. At Hillview, we strive for perfect attendance. We should be attaining 90% or better every month. In the past, we held a special afternoon activity at the end of each month that the children reached over 90% attendance. We will continue this incentive this year. We also award students with 100% attendance at our monthly award celebrations.

We are also looking for parents and community members to be part of an Attendance Committee. Please call Ms. Lemay for more information.

Here are some notes regarding the importance of school attendance.

- Families can make a difference. From a child's first day of formal schooling, the family can set the expectation that school attendance matters and absences won't be allowed unless someone is truly sick.
- Some absences are unavoidable. We understand that children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. The important thing is to get your children to school as often as possible.
- It is important to establish a habit of good attendance in the early grades. That will help the children do well in high school, college and work.
- People tend to grow concerned about students who miss consecutive days of school, but occasional absences can be just as disruptive as they can add up before you know it—just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10% of the school year.
- Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10% or about 18 days of the year.
- It doesn't matter if the absences are excused or not. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.
- Too many absent students can affect the whole classroom and slow down instruction as teachers must re-teach lessons.
- Families should avoid extended vacations that require children to miss school. Try to line up vacations with the school's schedule. Same goes for doctor's appointments.

Remember, you can turn to the school for help. Please call, if you have any questions or concerns.



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Odds and Ends

Just a reminder of a few of our school practices that you should be familiar with:

- if your child is going to be absent, please call to let us know
- If your child is going to be late, please call the office before 10 am so s/he can be counted for lunch
- If your child is too sick to play outside, please keep him/her home until s/he is well.
- Students are to turn all electronics, cell phones, iPods, etc. in to the office upon arriving at school. Permission to use may be given by the teacher.

Our Vision
Educating today's children for tomorrow's future

- Our Mission**
1. Embrace diversity in a safe and caring environment
 2. Strive to meet the educational needs of each individual child
 3. Promote the Metis culture

- Our Goals**
1. Implement and promote a safe and caring environment conducive to learning.
 2. Determine the instructional level of all students in Language Arts and Math.
 3. Implement strategies to support and improve literacy.
 4. Create a strong, vibrant working relationship between the school, parents and community so they have an opportunity to be actively involved in the education of their children.

- Morning snack and a hot lunch are provided by the school. You may send a **healthy** snack for your child to enjoy in the afternoon.
 - A pair of non-marking, comfortable inside shoes, suitable for gym, is required
 - If your child is to go somewhere other than home after school, please make sure to call the school before 3pm or write a note in your child's agenda. If we don't hear from you, your child will be sent home on the bus.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.**

