

# Hillview News

## WELCOME BACK!

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year. It is so wonderful to see all the new and returning faces in our school! It is my pleasure to be returning as Principal this year. I would also like to welcome back Ms. Rachel Starr, our 4,5,6 teacher, Miss Dallas L'Hirondelle, our Secretary/Special Assistant, Mr. Elvin Clouston, our custodian and Ms. Lois Johnston, our cook. I would like to welcome to our school family, Ms. Linda Laboucan, who will be teaching our K,1,2,3 class. I would also like to welcome Roderick Sutherland and Darrel Patenaude who are our bus drivers.

We have so many wonderful things planned for this year. Most importantly, we hope to provide the best possible learning environment for your children. This requires teamwork between all those invested in the lives of the students—teachers, staff, students, parents and community. Together, we can work together to overcome any barriers that there may be to ensure that the students of Hillview receive the best possible experiences and opportunities. It is important that by working together we provide a POSITIVE and CARING learning environment in and out of school.

If at any time, you have questions or concerns regarding your child's programming, please contact your child's teacher or myself. We look forward to working with you!

I am so excited about this school year! I know that together, we can accomplish great things!

Yours in education,

*Ms. Karen Lemay*

Acting Principal



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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 11—Early Dismissal/  
Staff meeting—12:30
- Sept 16—Meet the Staff 5-  
7pm
- Sept 17—ECS OT/SLP  
screenings
- Sept 18—Hat Day
- Sept 25—No School/  
Family Day
- Sept 28—PD Day –No  
school for students
- Sept 30—National Terry  
Fox School Run Day



## TRIBES

Once again, we are implementing Tribes at Hillview. Our new teachers are being trained in the process and it will be an integral part of our school culture.

The clear purpose of the Tribes process is to assure the healthy development of every child so that each one has the knowledge, skills and resiliency to be successful in a rapidly changing world.

Students achieve because they feel included and appreciated by peers and teachers, are respected for their different abilities, cultures, gender, interests and dreams, are actively

involved in their own learning, and have positive expectations from others that they will succeed.

You will hear your child talking about the Four Agreements. They are :

1. Attentive Listenening
2. Appreciations—No Put-downs
3. Participation and the Right to Pass
4. Mutual Respect

These are the main ground rules of the process and we will be working to maintain these agreements.

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*"Every school should be a model home, a complete community actively developing future compassionate citizens capable of creating, leading and contributing to the kind of democratic communities - in which we all long to live."*  
- Jeanne Gibbs, creator of Tribes

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## NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

In every issue of Hillview News there will be three spelling errors throughout the newsletter. Look for the errors, circle them and return the newsletter with your child (it will be returned to you). Your child will then be entered into a draw for a small prize each month. The draw this month will be held September 18.

Good luck!

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

Our goal is that every child attends school regularly. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But we also know that when students miss too much school—regardless of the reason—it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year.

Research shows:

Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade

By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school

By 9th grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

*Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just 2 days every month!!*

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school every day and on time. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact the school.



*National School Terry Fox Run Day last year.*

## NATIONAL SCHOOL TERRY FOX RUN— SEPT 30

Can they do it again? Last year the students accepted the challenge to raise the equivalent of \$5 per student which equalled \$165. They surpassed that goal, raising a whopping \$393!! The down side (for the teachers) was that in beating their goal, those who did fund-raise, had the opportunity to throw a pie in the face of one of their teachers! It was so much fun and the students have been asking if we can do it again! So, the challenge has been made:

- Raise the equivalent of \$5 per student, a total of \$135, for cancer research and then the students who participate will be able to throw a pie in the face of one of the staff!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We at Hillview School are dedicated to providing the best possible learning environment for your child. We provide differentiated instruction to your child which means we work with your child at his or her ability level in order to strengthen the skills necessary to be successful. This will look different for every child, so it may look like your child is not working “at his grade” but in fact, he is using strategies and materials to best suit his needs to cover the content of his grade.

Because we have combined grades, we also do something called “cycling”. Due to time restrictions, it is very difficult to cover every subject for every grade. As a result we “cycle” Science and Social Studies. We are now in year one of a three year cycle. For example, last year, your then grade 4 student studied grade 6 Science and Social. This year in grade 5, she will be studying grade 4 Science and Social. Next year, in grade 6, she will cover the grade 5 Science and Social content. In a 3 year cycle, your child will receive all of the material required, just not in the traditional order. The same is so for the grade 1-3 class. We only do this for Science and Social as Math and Language Arts require concepts to be taught in a particular order.

If you would like more information on this please don't hesitate to call.

## HILLVIEW SCHOOL

### NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION #61

#### 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.

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## ODDS AND ENDS

Most of you have been part of our school community for awhile, others are new. Here are 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 he or she can be counted for lunch**
- Please sign and return your child's agenda DAILY
- If your child is too sick to play outside, please keep him/her home until he or she 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. Please leave toys and Pokémon cards and any other similar items at home as they can be extremely distracting to the learning environment.
- 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.