



# Hillview News

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

I apologize for the late message, but we do have so much to be thankful for this year that I wanted to put it out there anyway!

Once again we have a great staff and a great group of students that are working hard to make this a very productive school year and for that I am thankful. I am also thankful for parents and caregivers who are involved in their children's education and want the best for them. Together we can help the students of Hillview School have a very successful year of learning!

As always, I'd like to remind everyone that we welcome you to our school. If you have any questions or concerns or just want to check things out, please call the school to set up a time for a visit.

We look forward to seeing you!

Yours in education,

*Ms. Karen Lemay*

Acting Principal



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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 20—Picture Day
- October 23—No School –Family Friday
- October 26—No School for students—PD Day for staff
- October 30—Halloween Party and Cake Walk—6:00—8:00 pm
- October 31— Happy Halloween!
- November 2-6—Swimming Lessons
- November 4—Awards Assembly—2:30
- November 10—Remembrance Day Service—10:45
- November 11—Remembrance Day – No School
- November 13—Early Dismissal 12:30

## NATIONAL SCHOOL TERRY FOX RUN



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our Annual Terry Fox Run. This year, the students were challenged to raise the equivalent of \$5 per student. The students out did themselves once again by raising more than their goal of \$135 with \$150! As a reward for raising these dollars, the students had the opportunity to throw a pie

in the face of one of the staff.

We were going to count to see which staff member received the most pies, but after the first few, it was evident that the students were out to get Ms. Lemay this year. All of the teachers were a sticky mess at the end and the students had a blast while working towards a great cause!

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*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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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 October 27. Good luck!

Last month's winner was Krystal Southwick!

Congratulations!

### 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. 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 which is equal to as little as 2 days a month.

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.

Parents of students who achieve 95% or better each month are entered into a draw for a pair of movie passes to the Park Theatre. We appreciate the effort you take every day to make sure your child gets to school.

Winners for September were K-3: the parents of Karma—Justin and Candace

And grade 4-6: the parents of Kahlin—Bev and Derrick **Congratulations!**

## 15 WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD AND YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

1. Encourage your child to develop a positive outlook toward school.
2. Stay in contact with your child's teachers.
3. Attend parent-teacher meetings, school plays and concerts, social events, exhibitions, fairs and sports events.
4. Inform the school in advance (whenever possible) of your child's absence from school.
5. Avoid taking holidays during school time.
6. Avoid making appointments outside school during school hours (unless it is essential).
7. Meet with the school staff (in confidence if necessary) when an incident involving your child arises at school.
8. Cooperate with the school when solving problems related to your child.
9. Inform school staff of issues that might affect your child's progress or behaviour.
10. Watch for changes in your child's mood or behaviour that might suggest problems at school.
11. Review your child's homework and assignments, and sign agendas.
12. Provide access to reading and study materials (library, bookstores, internet).
13. Read all communications (newsletters, reports, report cards) from school.
14. Encourage your child to participate in school activities outside regular school hours (after school club).
15. Spend time with your child at the end of each school day, reviewing lessons, assisting with homework or listening to your child's views and opinions.

## SEPTEMBER AWARDS



### HOMework

Each student is expected to read every day for homework.

K-1 students should read or be read to for at least 10 minutes.

Grade 2-3 students should read for at least 15 minutes daily outside of school.

Grade 4,5 and 6 students should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day.

We continue to have the BEAR Program (Be Excited About Reading). Students and their parents keep track of books and minutes read and receive prizes for participating. Ask your child's teacher if you have not received a form.

At other times, your child may be sent with work that they did not complete in class.

Your child may also be sent with work to practice a skill or concept that has been learned in class.

If you would like more work sent home, please contact your child's teacher.

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

### SWIMMING LESSONS

The students will be participating in swimming lessons from Nov.2-6. Watch for more information and permission forms next week.

## 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.