



# HILLTOP M. S. DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Once again, the annual Holiday Season is upon us and as usual, Hilltop is a busy place! The school is buzzing with the sound of students tuning their instruments for the concert. Students have been practising basketball drills in preparation for their tournaments. Our intermediates have been attending afterschool classes, applying their mathematical skills. Various clubs have been meeting with the staff advisors, creating art, planning fundraisers and photographing events as they happen. Read below for further information.

## Winter Concert



All parents are invited to come listen to our itinerant music students as they perform for you on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Our band and strings students will be performing next door, at Scarlett Heights EA. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Concert will start promptly at 7:00 pm.

## Flashing Red Noses Support Students in Need

The days are getting colder and many of our students need winter coats, warm boots, hats and gloves that their parents simply can't afford. As well, other students go without adequate food and other necessities that most children take for granted. The **ME to We Club** will be supporting the annual **Red Nose Campaign** and help the charity, the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS) to help our students in need.

Bright red flashing noses will be available during the month of December for \$3.00 each. They will be sold over the lunch hours and the evening of the Winter Concert.

Join in and have fun while supporting our students.



All proceeds will go to the programs supported by TFSS that provide TDSB students with food, warm clothes and other necessities. The need is great, and your support will be truly appreciated.



## School Council Fundraiser

This is a reminder that your Hilltop School Council is selling poinsettias. Each poinsettia will be available at the cost of \$10, taxes included. The school will receive \$2 for each plant sold. Payment can be made with cash or cheques payable to Hilltop MS School Council. The deadline to submit your order will be Tuesday, December 6. Parents will be asked to pick up their poinsettia order at the school, on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Candy Grams

As the holidays are approaching, The Me to We club will be organizing and participating in a candy gram drive. We will be selling the candy canes during the last week of school in December, and all the money raised will go to **Free the Children** charity to support the **We Create Change Campaign**.

Candy Grams will be sold for \$0.25 each. Students can buy them for themselves or send them to a friend.

Hilltop, your small change could help families in developing communities make big change for the next generation.

We can make amazing impacts when we take action together.

Start saving your change.

## Hilltop Art Club

Hilltop Art Club has gotten off to a great start this fall! Our members include grade 6, 7, and 8 students who meet twice a week during lunch at Hilltop. In honour of Remembrance Day, the Grade 6 members created close-up poppy designs in pastel and watercolour. We looked at the technique and style of Georgia O'Keefe for inspiration. This work is on display across from the main office. The grade 7 members are currently working on beadwork necklaces using leather and glass beads. Please look for our final pieces in the front hall display case in the coming month.

**Upcoming Event:** We are looking forward to our first field trip on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to the Art Gallery of Ontario where we will be viewing a special exhibit and participating in a printmaking activity.



## Eco Team Keeps it Green

This fall, Hilltop's Gardening Club planted 50 tulip bulbs commemorating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Highway of Heroes Tribute Campaign. Watch for the beautiful tulips at the front of our school in the spring!



## **Eco-Team News**

Hilltop's Eco-Schools Committee would like to thank all parents, guardians and family members that purchased samosas during the interview evening. We raised \$135 that will be donated to the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute Organization. This will help support the planting of trees along the Highway of Heroes as a living, breathing memorial to honour Canada's fallen soldiers. We'd also like to extend a thank you to Hilltop's Eco-Team members that assisted in making this a success!

## **Student of the Month:**

Congratulations to the following students. They were the recipients of the October and November Character Trait awards.

### **Responsibility**

**Grade 6:** Dukajin S., Jenna A., Abdullah T., Erica-Ann N., Nicole S., Alexander L., Jennah H., and Caitlin G.

**Grade 7:** Julia D., Aaliyah O., Narula H., Olivia S., Lazar M., Leshelle T., Marrec B., Julia S., and Daniel D.

**Grade 8:** Delfin G., Ashnaa N., Lorena R., Samiya A., Ella O., Clare M., Jared U., and Jaden D.

### **Empathy**

**Grade 6:** Eva Y., Abeeni P., Tenzin S., Julia C., Sukena A., Kendra M., and Natalie T.

**Grade 7:** Ryan D., Richard D., Adam H., Isabel V., Anna M., Yasmine M., Chantal R., Angela D., and Josiah C.

**Grade 8:** Christopher M., Emma M., Aliyah Z., Ahmed J., Milena S., Samantha F., Isabella D., and Nicholas T.



## **New Phone Number?**

Parents are reminded that the school needs to be kept current with any changes in contact information. If you have changed your phone number, please contact the school and inform us of your new number.



## **Cancellation of Busses During Severe Weather**

Severe weather conditions may require the TDSB to cancel transportation or, in extreme conditions, close schools. The decision to close schools is made by the director of education. In the event transportation is cancelled or schools are closed, the local media will be informed before the beginning of the school day. Tune in to your radio and television news stations for the latest information or visit [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca).