



# HILLTOP M. S. MARCH NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message



### Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you to all parents that came out for Parent-Teacher Interviews in February. The teachers appreciated meeting with you to discuss your child's success.



### Highlighting - Science Is Happening Here!

Check out what is happening in Science for the Month of March!

On March 6th, a few of our grade 7 and 8 students will be taking part in the SCIHIGH science fair, at Mount Sinai Hospital, in downtown Toronto.

Jessica (8CFI) and Margaret (8CFI); Noor (7CFI) and Isabel (7AFI); Rhythm (7CFI) and Syed (7BFI); and Aislynn (7AFI) submitted a biomedical/health related science fair proposal, and out of thousands of applications, they were selected! Only 30 projects were selected to take part in this grade 7/8 Science Fair Competition, in all of Ontario!!

For the month of February, Ms. Albo ran a science fair club in her lab for the SCIHIGH participants. These students had an opportunity to work independently, and/or with their respective partners in the research, set-up and overall preparation of their projects--to be presented on March 6th. Congratulations girls, for being selected and best of luck in the preparation and delivery of your science fair project.

On the afternoon of March 22, 30 grade 7 students, will be participating in a GUSH, First Nations Workshop. Students will focus on the second strand of the grade 7 curriculum--Solutions and Mixtures. Representatives from GUSH, will show students how hard it might be for Grassy Narrows First Nations to clean up the mercury-poisoned Wabigoon River. The workshop will incorporate a STEM-based (Science Technology Engineering and Math) approach, and provide a real-world context, allowing our students to learn, while having fun.

On March 29, a representative from Scientists in the School will be coming to Hilltop to inservice 30 pre-selected grade 8 students (approximately 2-3 per homeroom). The morning program will focus on the second strand of the grade 8 science program, Fluids. Students will explore the concept and the application of fluids in mechanical systems. They will be given the opportunity to use hydrometres to determine relative density, race liquids to investigate viscosity and make a boat while exploring buoyancy, to name a few. This workshop will be informative--reviewing the facts on Fluids and full of hands-on activities. Have fun!!