



HILLTOP M. S. NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Parent-Teacher Interviews

All parents are invited to meet with their child's teachers during Parent-Teacher Interviews, during the evening of November 17th or the morning of November 18th. Please look for interview times and information coming home with your child.



Report Card Reminders

November 15, 2016	Progress Report to be sent home
November 17, 2016	Interviews (evening)
November 18, 2016	PA Day for Parent/Teacher Interviews

School Fundraisers

Our School Community is raising funds for various causes during Parent/Teacher Interview night:

Eco Club: Samosa Sale. Funds raised will be sent to support the planting of tulips along the 401 Highway of Heroes.

Grade 8 Team: Cookie Sale. Funds raised will be used to support the Grade 8 Montreal/Ottawa trip.

School Council: Poinsetta Sale. Funds raised to support school needs.

School Bus Safety



In Ontario, over 800,000 students use school vehicles every day to get to and from school. Other students regularly use school vehicles for special programs, field trips and special travel needs. Students are reminded by the school and the drivers that they must follow these safety precautions at all times:

- Wait at the designated stop in a safe place, well back from the side of the road.
- Follow the supervisor's directions for boarding the bus.
- Take your seat promptly and sit properly, facing forward at all times.
- Remain seated at all times.
- Hold bags and parcels in your lap. Do not stick your feet into the aisle: someone might trip.
- Talk quietly. No loud noises as the bus driver must concentrate on driving, for everyone's safety.
- Be courteous to the bus driver and fellow riders at all times.

Students that are having difficulty with these rules will be issued warnings by the bus driver. Students may lose transportation privileges if safety or behavior continue to be concerns.



French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, we offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten
- Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy.

The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2017 are:

- Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between November 1, 2016 and December 1, 2016.
- Applications for Junior Extended French must be completed online between January 9, 2017 and February 2, 2017.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

Further information on French as a Second Language programs and the application process is available online at www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Hilltop staff and students will be holding our annual Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday November 11th, starting at 10:00am. Members of our parent community are welcome to attend. This year we welcome Captain Trevor Smith, as he addresses our students.

Student of the Month Assembly

Congratulations to the following students; they were recognized for the Character Trait of Respect:

Grade 6: Hana G., Ebrahim P., Tamia B., Elan M., Tuminnu O., Kamsagy P., James D.

Grade 7: Suren S., Abeer K., Daniela R., Stephan H., Gabriella P., Ellen P., Noor R., Keeley M.

Grade 8: Kimberley J., Williams N., Jaden D., Iqra S., Michelle P., Hannah H., Lauren R., Kalli A., Austin S.

High School Information Nights

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a high school, TDSB schools host information nights for parents and grade 8 students each year between October and January. Learn everything you need to know about our incredible variety of schools, programs and courses. The dates and times for all High School Information Nights are available online at www.tdsb.on.ca/highschool/goingtohighschool.