



HILLTOP M. S. OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2016/2017 school year and to the first newsletter for this school year. Please expect a publication to be sent home or posted on our school website approximately every month.

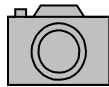
We have had a busy start to our school year. We currently have 545 students attending our school, well over our projected numbers. Due to the extremely large numbers in our Grade 8 English track, we were given one additional teacher allocation to help lower class sizes in the Grade 8 classes. I am pleased to report that re-organization was completed and Ms. Taku is the interim Grade 8 teacher for the new class.

Ms. Cheung and I also met with the students during opening assemblies on September 7th, to review rules and routines. We ask for your support in reminding your child that cell phones and electronic equipment are permitted outdoors; but once indoors, they should be powered off and stored out of sight. Parents are reminded that the school is not responsible for lost electronics.

Curriculum Night

Thank you to all parents that came out to our Curriculum Night on September 15th. We had a fantastic turn out with good representation of parents from all 3 grades. I know that many parents appreciated meeting their child's teachers and learning about expectations and events for the year. Many thanks to our School Council and parent volunteers for supplying Pizza refreshments to all.

Did You Miss Photo Day?



If your child missed our photo day on September 21st, our photographers will be returning on October 24, 2016.

Report Card Reminders



October 27, 2016	Cut-off date for Progress Report Card
November 15, 2016	Progress Report to be sent home
November 18, 2016	PA Day for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Calendar Reminders

Parents are reminded that there is no school on the following days:

Friday October 7, 2016 PA DAY



Monday October 10, 2016 Happy Thanksgiving

School Council Meeting and Elections

The first School Council meeting of the year was held on September 19th. Elections for the Council Executive and Members at Large were chosen. The roster of names will be available on our Hilltop website <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/hilltop/home.aspx>.



Anaphylaxis - Taking the Necessary Precautions

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life threatening. This medical condition can cause a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although foods such as peanuts, milk, eggs, and sesame seeds are the most common cause of anaphylaxis, insect stings, medicine, or latex can also cause a reaction.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to raise awareness about this life-threatening condition. Students who have severe allergies to such food substances are exposed to a severe health risk when such products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts.

If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken and to ensure everyone's co-operation for a safe learning environment.



Questions regarding your child's bus route?

Attridge: 416-255-5199

First Student: 905-629-8200

Stock: 416-244-5341



Safe Arrival Program

One measure of keeping students safe is ensuring students have safely arrived at school. *If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason, it is important that you contact the office immediately at 416-394-7735 and report the reason for the absence.*

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**ETOBICOKE CENTRE
WARD COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, OCTOBER 4, 2016

6:30-8:00 pm

Richview Collegiate Library (1738 Islington Avenue)

Please RSVP by **October 3** to

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