



## NEWSLETTER #2 OCTOBER 12, 2016

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

(Monthly Character Attribute)

#### OCTOBER (Responsibility)

- 12 - Yom Kippur (Judaism)
- 19 Grade 8 Junior Achievement
- 21 – **PICTURE DAY**
- 30 Deepavali (Hinduism)
- 31 All Hallow's Eve (Halloween)

#### NOVEMBER (Empathy)

- 4 Canadian Armed Forces visitor
- 9 Lester B. Pearson C.I. Grade 8 visit (day) and Parent Information Night (evening)
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 14 Birthday of Guru Nanak (Sikhism)
- 18 PA Day (no classes for students)
- 23 Immunization Day

#### DECEMBER (Kindness and Caring)

- 2 PA Day (no classes for students)
- 24 Beginning of Christmas Break (return to school January 9, 2017)
- 25 Christmas Day (Christian) – school resumes January 9, 2017

#### Message from the Principal, J. Singh

It has been a busy September. We had our very successful **Curriculum Night** where you were able to meet your child's teachers and hear about the exciting things coming up at Hilliard. In addition, you were able to learn about the many services and programs available in the Malvern area.

We plan to have a number of opportunities for parents and caregivers. These will be planned based on the surveys you filled out that evening. More information will follow.

We are very happy to announce that we were given an allocation for an additional half time teacher for morning English as a Second Language (ESL). This will help us to support these students as they transition to our country and system. We have Ms. Kitsos working with us until this position is filled for the year.

Additionally, Ms. Petersen has been recalled to her morning school so we are advertising for a new SERT and preparation teacher. Ms. Kitsos is also supporting this role until we can post and hire.

We will always keep you in the loop as wonderful things happen at Hilliard. For example, this last week, over 30 of our Grade 8 girls went to a special seminar at IBM around Science/Math and Girls. What an amazing group of students and a fantastic opportunity for our girls. Thank you again to IBM for their continued support and donation to our Nutrition program at Hilliard. Thank you Mr. Steeves and Ms. Gray for supporting this event!

**MUSIC program** Instruments need to be retuned daily so that everyone can participate. Personal reeds are required for sanitary reasons. Please send in **\$2/each** for reeds.

# HILLIARD PROUD!

**Bordenball** our Grade 8 Girls (with Coach Kirsh) took our area first and will be moving on to the TDSB tournament. Fantastic team work girls!



**Terry Fox** fund-raising has been a success with donations, bake sales, henna painting, jar guessing, and civvies day. We have raised over \$500 for this worthy cause that touches all of our lives. There is still time to donate by contacting the school this week.

**Brock Gordon Track Meet** – super running from all of our participants. They went out on a Saturday to compete and represent Hilliard.



## Character Attributes and Monthly Assemblies

Each month Hilliard students and staff celebrate an attribute that they highlight throughout the month. This is an opportunity to share the great things that our school community members are doing.

## Uniform Policy

**As of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, uniform compliance became MANDATORY.** A note was sent home in September to remind parents and caregivers of this date. A reminder that teachers will be contacting parents for a first violation, and then afterwards, students will be sent home to change. We have a few families still waiting for their uniforms to arrive, they have already spoken to us and accommodations have been made.

**VENDOR 647-273-3914**



**Immunization Forms** are past due to the office. Our Immunization Day is coming up in November. All forms need to be returned so they can be forwarded to Public Health.

## Lunch and Malvern Mall

A large number of our students are leaving school property at lunch to go to the mall for food. We would like to remind students and parents/caregivers that when at the Mall they are expected to behave in an appropriate manner. Mall Security will act according to their rules and protocol.

A reminder that if your child is a “stay at school for lunch” student (forms from last month), they need to have a dated, signed note, with their name and homeroom indicating they have permission to leave the premises at lunch, or stay if they normally leave.

This must be provided each time they are allowed to stay or leave the building at lunch...



## Safe Arrivals Program

Please use our **24 hour Safe Arrivals phone line** if your child will be absent (or late). It is available 7 days a week. **Otherwise you will receive an automated call.**

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## STUDENT SAFETY - PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

Please remind your children of the following:

- Move safely at all times – do not fool around near the road, it is dangerous
- Use the crosswalks when walking to and from school

Parents, please remember:

- Do NOT drop off or pick up your children on the south side of Washburn. Stay on the north side (school side).
- Do NOT drop off or pick-up your children in the school parking lot for vehicle safety purposes.