



# Hillmount Public School Newsletter



## January 2022

### Upcoming Events

- January 5: Back to School, Remotely
- January 11: Parent Council Meeting 7 pm
- January 12: Hillmount Heroes assembly 10:30 a.m.
- January 14: PD Day-NO SCHOOL
- January 28: Spirit Day, Inside Out Day  
Hillmount Heroes assembly 10:30
  
- February 2: Winter Walk Day
- February 9: Parent Council Meeting 7 p.m  
Walking Wednesday
- February 11: Optional Attendance Forms Due
- February 15: Report Cards Go Home
- February 16: Walking Wednesday
- February 17: Parent-Teacher interviews-evening
- February 18: PA Day – Parent Teacher interviews a.m. -NO SCHOOL
  
- February 21: Family Day –No School
- February 23: Walking Wednesday
- February 25: Spirit Day -Jersey Day  
Hillmount Heroes Assembly 10:30

### *From the Principal...*



2022...

2021 was another very challenging year. We worked hard to get our students safely back to school. We are sad to, once again, start this new year without being face-to-face with our students, however, we know we must do what we can to stay safe and prevent further spread of Covid-19. At this time, school will remain closed until at least January 17th. In the meantime, we are learning remotely and thank our educators for the fantastic job they are doing to support our students in the remote environment. We wish our families a happy 2022 and hope that this year sees us all back to school together soon!

*E. Mankiewicz*

#### **Hillmount Public School**

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 Fax: 416-395-4483  
 Safe Arrival: 416- 395-2556 (call to report all student absences)

**Principal :** Elizabeth Mankiewicz.  
**School Council Chairs:** Jia Li, Sheliza Khan  
**Superintendent:** Marwa Hamid  
**Trustee:** James Li

Remember at Hillmount...  
 we Think Positive, Talk Positive, and Feel Positive

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## Important Dates

<b>Professional Activity Day:</b>	Friday January 14	<i>No School for Students</i>
	Friday, February 18	<i>No School for Students</i>
<b>Family Day:</b>	Monday, February 21	<i>School Closed for everyone</i>

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### Kindergarten Registration

Let your friends and neighbours know that Kindergarten Registration is coming in February! Children who will be four by December 31, 2022, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2022. For more information, please see the TDSB Kindergarten Registration page:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>

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### NEXT MEETING: *January 11, 7pm on Zoom*

Our next Parent Council meeting is Tuesday, January 11 at 7pm. Come on out and join us as we talk about our school and our projects...be the first to know what is happening!

An agenda and the Zoom link will be sent out by email.

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### Optional Attendance Requests for September 2022:

Optional Attendance is when a parent requests their child be allowed to attend a school other than the home school. If your child is in grade 5 and you are considering optional attendance for Grade 6, the deadline for receipt of the Optional Attendance Forms to the requested school is Friday February 11, 2022. Forms can be found on the TDSB website:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Optional-Attendance>

Please note that Optional Attendance forms must be signed by the Home School Principal.

Optional Attendance requests for any grade have the same deadline: **Friday February 11, 2021.**

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### TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER:

*This year, Hillmount Public School came together to raise an incredible \$2,635.55 for cancer research for our Terry Fox School Run. The Terry Fox Foundation is so grateful for our commitment and dedication. It is wonderful to see that Terry continues to inspire millions of students across the country. If you have not donated and would still like to contribute, our school donation link is still open at <http://www.terryfox.ca/HillmountPSToronto> #TryLikeTerry*

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## *Heritage Month* Tamil Heritage Month

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of January at the Toronto District School Board. This year our theme for Tamil Heritage Month is: ***Our Histories. Our Legacies. Our Homelands.*** (எமது வரலாறுகள். எமது மரபுகள். எமது தாயகங்கள்).

Each one of us carries a unique story and experience that we either bring into this country or is shared to us by our families. As Canadians from many facets of life these identities shape who we are and build the foundation of this great nation. ***Our Histories/எமது வரலாறுகள்*** speaks to the lived or shared history each of us carry. ***Our Legacies/எமது மரபுகள்*** addresses what we either left behind in our native country or have created for ourselves that sets us apart from others. ***Our Homelands/எமது தாயகங்கள்*** recognizes that each one of us can have more than one homeland and each lived experience makes us stronger.

Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members identified as Tamil. The importance of building awareness, creating a strong self and collective identities, and understanding one's own roots and rights are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee.

To mark Tamil Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board in January, various educational opportunities were offered to students to learn about the history, culture, and traditions.

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## Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry)

Applications to the Middle French Immersion program may be submitted, on behalf of students in the English program, the year the child is in Grade 3 for entry in September of Grade 4. It is an entirely online process. **All communication will be sent via the email address you provide. Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders.**

Please visit the application site [www.tdsb.on.ca/pars](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/pars)

- You will need your child's date of birth and OEN. The OEN is a 9-digit number found on any report card from the TDSB.
- For non-TDSB students, please select the "Non-TDSB Student" option and follow the steps to generate an identification number. You must then return to the PARS site and follow the application procedure with this number.
- Please select Middle French Immersion from the drop-down menu and complete the application process.

On-time applicants will be offered a placement via the email address you have provided. You **MUST** take action to reserve a spot by the deadline requested when you are offered a placement.

Offers of placement will be on-going through the weeks and months following the close of the application period. ***Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders, and follow any instructions.***

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Application process opens: January 3, 2022

**Deadline for applications: January 28, 2022**

[Middle French Immersion Information Package](#)

*Please note:*

- *While every effort will be made to place students in the school identified as their area Middle French Immersion school, this is not always possible. In cases where the number of applications in a given area is greater than the number of allotted program spaces in the school, **students may be redirected to schools with available program space.***
  - *Placements are made based on the child's primary home address of record prior to the application deadline. If the address changes between the application deadline and the fall of the Grade 4 year, there is no guarantee of placement in the new area.*
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**Winter Walk Day across Canada February 2**

### **Don't hibernate, participate!**

Every year, Hillmount participates in Winter Walk to School Day. On February 2, we encourage all students and caregivers to walk to school. Share your walk on Twitter and tag Hillmount @TDSB\_Hillmount

Starting February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have Walking Wednesdays. We encourage all students to get active and walk to school every Wednesday during the months of February and March. All walkers will receive a walk-to-school sticker and teachers will track the walkers each Wednesday. At the end of March, the class with the most walkers over the 2 months will win the Golden Shoe award!

