



For Your Information

Friday, February 1, 2019

Grade 7-9 Mid-Year Progress Reports

We will be sending home mid-year progress reports for students in grades 7-9 on **Friday, Feb 8th**. There will be no scheduled parent/teacher interviews at this time, but feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns about the report. It is very important that you take note of any missing and/or incomplete school work that your child may have. Assigned work is necessary for evaluation purposes and may be a required component for the completion of a course.

We also encourage you to read the ***HVA Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting Guidelines*** available on our website. The document outlines expectations, procedures, and protocol regarding student achievement and reporting.

Google Classroom (Grades 7-9)



Google Classroom

Over the past couple of years, our school district has introduced a number of technologies that are being used to improve the student learning experience. One of these technologies has been the introduction of a set of applications, designed by Google, called ***G-Suite***. This set of applications includes tools accessible to students, teachers, and parents, to help improve program delivery and communication.

In particular, ***Google Classroom*** is being used to help students stay on top of their assigned work. Often, we hear parents saying that they do not know if their child has homework, when assignments are due, etc.; this app helps to eliminate those gaps. The tool also helps to improve student ***accountability*** for the completion of required course work. The app has these features:

For Students: Students can view posted assignments and homework from any internet connected computer, or smart device, from any location, by using their student Google Account. Assigned work can be completed and submitted on-line, using the apps. Students get notices of due-dates, class postings, returned grades, and incomplete work. Students can also communicate with their teacher through email, or class postings.

For Teachers: Homework, class notes, assignments can easily be posted in the classroom. Due-date reminders, and other feedback is easily posted to the classroom. Submitted work can be graded and feedback given to the student within the app.

For Parents: The app allows you to access and monitor your child's assigned work. Parents will get e-mail notices when classwork has been assigned. You will also get notices when your child has over-due school work. The app is available on all smart devices, chrome-books, and computers.

Of course, in order for parents to take advantage of these features, **you must have (and USE) an email address**. When you inform us of your email address, we will send you an “invitation” to join your child’s Google Classroom. If you have not already done so, please contact the school and provide us with an active email address.

KinderStart Session

Our next KinderStart session will go on **Friday, Feb. 15th**. There will be no school **ALL DAY** for **Kindergarten and Grade 1 students**. The last session will go ahead on March 15th.



Please note the following:

1. Sessions will run from 9:30-11:30am.
2. At least one parent is expected to be in attendance at each session. Parents must stay at the school for the duration of the session.
3. Children will need to bring a clean pair of sneakers for use inside the school.
4. Children will need to bring a “recess” snack.

Janeway Day in the Schools – Feb 14th

Every year, **Janeway Day in the Schools** provides an opportunity for students and teachers to help other children. Since 1986 students and teachers across our province have donated more than \$ 1,152,440 to the Janeway.



We will be collecting donations on Thursday, Feb. 14th. It is suggested that students contribute the amount of their recess money. Participation is voluntary, but we would appreciate any donation that you can provide. All money will be forwarded to the Janeway to help the children of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Marble Mountain Trip - Update



The annual grade 7-9 ski trip to *Marble Mountain* is on track for Feb. 21-22nd. An information memo was sent home a while ago with details about the trip. Please make sure that you have signed and returned the TWO permission forms required. Also, please make sure that you are on track to submit the funds required for the trip. If you have any questions, give Mr. Wheeler a call at the school.

Skating: Grades K-6

Grade K-6 students will be travelling to GFW to go skating on **Friday, Feb 22nd**. Information sheets will be sent home later with the details of the event. Students will leave the school in the morning, skate for an hour, and will have lunch before returning to school for the afternoon session.

Please note:

- Kindergarten students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian while on the ice.

- Parents of younger children are welcome to attend the skating event to assist your child. Be advised, however, that you must wear skates if you want to go onto the ice with your child (this is a stadium policy). Parents will need to find their own transportation – riding the bus is not permitted.
- Helmets are required for **ALL** students.

Pink Shirt Day – Bullying Awareness

February 27th will be **Pink Shirt Day** at Hillview. This year, we are emphasizing positive behaviours that help to dispel negative bullying behaviours. By choosing **KINDNESS** as the best way to interact with others, we can work together to eliminate bullying.



Pink Shirt Day is a national awareness campaign to highlight issues around bullying. Students are encouraged to show their support by wearing a pink t-shirt.

Scholastic Book Fair



We will be holding a **Book Fair** from Monday to Friday (Feb 25th- Mar. 1st).

The fair will be open to the public Monday -Thursday 9:00 -11:45; Thursday 6-8pm; and on Friday 9:00-11:45am.

Also, there will be no Big Breakfast on Wednesday (Feb. 27th) due to the Book Fair occupying the gym space.

KES Breakfast Blitz

For a number of years now, our school breakfast volunteers have done an amazing job in providing your children with a great start to their day. Our breakfast program operates three days each week. Through the help of volunteers, KES supporting grants, and community/corporate donations, we are able to maintain this very beneficial program.



In order to help maintain school breakfast programs around the province, the Kids Eat Smart Foundation (KES) is holding a **Breakfast Blitz**, to help fill our KES Cupboards, on **Thursday, February 28, 2019**.

We are asking you to please send along a breakfast item or a donation to support our school's Kids Eat Smart Breakfast Club. If you wish, you may make your donation online at www.kidseatssmart.ca and designate our school to receive your gift. Remember \$20 is breakfast for a child for one month! It's important that we fill our KES cupboards to ensure our children start their days well-nourished and ready to learn.

Breakfast Item Suggestions: *Cheerios, Multi-grain Cheerios, Nutri-grain Cereal Bars, Granola bars, Fruit cups (packed in water)*

Education Week – “Go The Extra Mile”



The week of March 4-8th is Education Week in our province. Education Week is observed by the NLTA as a time to celebrate learning in our schools. Throughout the week, we will have some special activities that will help build school spirit and celebrate learning. Some of the events will be school based, others will be smaller class based activities.

School Calendar

February schools events calendar has been posted to our website. Check it out at www.hillviewacademy.com

Hillview Academy



February, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 (7)	2
3	4 (8)	5 (1)	6 (2)	7 (3)	8 (4)	9
10 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week	11 (5)	12 (6)	13 (7)	14 (8) Valentine's Day Janeway Day - Donate your recess money Wear RED day - Come dressed in Valentine red!	15 (1) KinderStart Session - no school for K-1	16
17	18 Mid-Winter Break No School	19 (2)	20 (3)	21 (4) Marble Mountain Trip 7-9	22 (5) Skating K-6	23
24	25 (6)	26 (7)	27 (8) Pink-Shirt Day No Big Breakfast today!	28 (1) Breakfast Blitz! Donate to our school breakfast program	1 (2)	2
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