



Monday, March 04, 2019



## Book Fair Success!

Our Scholastic Book Fair finished last week. With your help, we just inched past our goal of \$2100 in sales...\$2136 to be exact...Yay! Later this week, on Thursday, we will celebrate achieving our goal with a "PJ & Movie Day".



Hillview would like to thank the parent volunteers who gave their time to run the Book Fair; teachers K. West and G. Power for organizing this year's fair; and to all of the students and parents who purchased items. Proceeds of the fair will help place literacy resources in students' classrooms and library.

## Education Week – Go the Extra Mile

March 03-08<sup>th</sup> is Education Week across our province. Education Week is a time to focus on the importance of education in the growth of our children; there will be some activities throughout the week to celebrate education, recognize success, and build school spirit. See below for a brief description of events:



Tuesday	"Show Your Team Pride Day"	Come to school dressed in your favourite sports team jerseys, hats, socks, etc... There will be a prize for the "Most Fanatic Fan".
Wednesday	"Dart Outdoors Day"	We will be spending some time in the great outdoors. Come dressed for some outdoor activity.
Thursday	"PJ & Movie Day"	To hold up our end of the deal for surpassing our Book Fair goal, students can wear PJ's today. Also, we will have a movie presentation in the afternoon.
Friday	"Visiting Artist Day"	We are pleased to welcome Candi King to Hillview for the day. Ms. King will be providing art classes to all of our students throughout the day.

## KinderStart

Our next KinderStart session will take place on **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30-11:30am. Kindergarten and grade 1 students will not attend school on this day.

## School Closed

School will be closed on **March 18<sup>th</sup>** for St. Patrick's Day and on **March 29<sup>th</sup>** for a teacher professional learning day.

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## Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Conferences



Term 2 reports will be sent home on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please take some time to review the report with your child. Of course, the report card can only give an overview of your child's progress. We encourage you to meet with your child's teachers to discuss his/her progress in more detail.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:30 and from 5:30-7:00.

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## Cell Phones and Other Portable Technology

In our rapidly changing technological world, we are periodically faced with issues surrounding the appropriate use of technology inside our schools. At Hillview, we have embraced new technologies and incorporated them into the learning experiences of our students. Even though today's "Super" or "Smart" phones can be used for amazing things, they can become a distraction for learning and a tool for mischief if their use is not controlled. Here are some of the issues that we grapple with:

- Phone use creates a divided attention between the teacher and the learner (i.e. earbuds/music, incoming texts, etc.).
- Phones have been used to inappropriately record and post "personal and/or private" information (i.e. social media posting, pictures/video).
- Phones have been used to text/call students and/or parents at inappropriate times during the school day.
- Phones have been used to "cyber-bully" students.

We are open to using technologies in the classroom to enhance the learning experiences of our students, but we need to do this with some caution and control. Please be mindful of the following policy and help to ensure that your child is in compliance:

Unless a teacher *specifically* allows a cell phone (or other portable device) to be used for *educational purposes*, students are expected to:

- Turn OFF (power down) cell phones and store them inside their book bag or locker.
- Not use cell phones during the school day, unless specific permission has been given by a teacher.

If a student refuses to comply, the teacher will either give a warning, or take the phone and pass it in at the main office. The student will be able to pick up their phone at the end of the school day; in the case of repeated cell phone issues, the parent will be required to visit the school to retrieve the phone.

You can help us educate our students on the appropriate use of cell phones by following these steps:

- **Periodically monitor your child's cell phone activity and access to various sites**. No, this is not an intrusion of privacy...it is good parenting. "Spot checking" your child's cell phone use will help to keep them safe from Cyber-Bullies, "sexting", phone "spam", and inappropriate content.
- **Don't call/text your child during school hours**. Our school phone system is ready and able to handle your messaging needs. If there is an emergency issue, please make us aware so that we can make accommodations.
- **Discuss the school's cell phone policy with your child** and teach your child about the appropriate use of cell phones.





- **Access on-line help-sites to guide you through common questions and problems regarding child cell-phone use.** One such site is [www.CommonSenseMedia.org](http://www.CommonSenseMedia.org) and a good article, *A Parent's Guide to Kids and Cell Phones*, can be found at <http://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-guide-to-kids-and-cell-phones>

***Missed a Memo? Check out the Web-Site!*** Check in at the school web-site [www.hillviewacademy.com](http://www.hillviewacademy.com) for the latest school updates.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 (3)	5 (4) Show your Team Pride Day!	6 (5) Dart Outdoors Day	7 (6) PJ Day	8 (7) Visiting Artist Day	9
<b>Education Week – Go The Extra Mile!</b>						
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 (8)	12 (1)	13 (2)	14 (3)	15 (4) KinderStart Session – no school for K-1 Wear Green Day	16
				Marble Mountain Trip 7-9		
17 <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b>	18 School Closed St. Patrick's Day	19 (5)	20 (6) 	21 (7)	22 (8) Term 2 Reports come home today.	23
24	25 (1)	26 (2)	27 (3)	28 (4) Parent/Teacher Conferences begin @ 1:00	29 School Closed Teacher PD Day	30
31						 Follow us on Twitter! <b>@hillviewacademy</b>

**Spring ahead**  
 Set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed tonight. Daylight-saving time starts tomorrow.



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