100th Day of School February 12

Hillside Highlights

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Valentine’s Day, everyone! We are thrilled that the spirit of caring and kindness continues to resonate here at Hillside. Thank you for helping your child with their class valentines. As a school, we will continue with our bucket filling initiative and after March Break with our Husky Paws as well, in order to honour and recognize all our fine students.

Our first set of report cards will be sent home on February 15th. The progress reports were sent in November, and our second reports will conclude the year. As in all our reporting, the important piece is in the Learning Skills section on the first page. Areas including critical thinking, conflict resolution, problem solving are key factors to student success. The report emphasizes the six essential learning categories such as responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation. These categories are critical in establishing the success of all our students. The positive results in these areas closely aligns with improved achievement, work habits and success in life.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us.

Wishing everyone a happy Family Day.

Looking for Silent Auction Donations...
School Council is planning a second Silent Auction for the spring. At this time we are asking for donations of gift certificates and/or new items. Our fall Silent Auction was very successful thanks to the donations we received. Call Shona Schors for pick up 705-835-0862 or send to the school.

February Character Trait
Caring

Milk Co-ordinator Needed for Next School Year
Parents/Guardians, Sandra Tolles who has been co-coordinating the milk program at Hillside for the last few years has decided to resign effective September 2013. Thank you Sandra for all your help with this program and in the classrooms as well, you have given generously of your time and expertise and we appreciate you.

The milk program is managed by a parent volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering to run the milk program please contact the school. Thanks for helping!

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE
9:03 Prepare to Enter Bell
9:05 Entry Bell First Block
10:45 First Nutrition Break
11:05 Outdoor Break
11:25 Entry Bell Second Block
1:05 Second Nutrition Break
1:25 Outdoor Break
1:45 Entry Bell Third Block
3:20 Bus Students Dismissed
3:25 Walkers Dismissed

Contact Us:
705-835-2108

Mrs. Wassmer 23901
Mrs. Andrews 58538
Mrs. Belcourt 58539
Mme. Chamney 58541
Mrs. Drury 58542
Mr. Gardiner 58543
Mr. Hache 58544
Ms. Henriksson 58546
Ms. Hermiston 55442
Ms. Jones 58547
Ms. King 56422
Mrs. Legare 58549
Mrs. Macmillan 58550
Ms. McLachlan 58557
Mr. Nelson 58552
Mr. Ogerman 58553
Mrs. Patterson 58554
Mr. Spears 58555
Mrs. Stiles 59430
Mrs. Tinney 58554
Mrs. Tofts 59012

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SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Safe Arrival
Press “1” for Safe Arrival and leave a message. Parents are expected to call the school when their child(ren) will be absent or late. Ultimately it is the parent’s responsibility to ensure that their child(ren) arrive at school.

Bowls for Beds—Shelter Now
Grade 3, 4, and 5 students will be engaged on Thursday, February 21, painting bowls and learning about homelessness in our country. As part of the school curriculum, these students will be painting a bowl that will be sold as a fundraiser for “Shelter Now”. The “Bowls for Beds” fundraiser is helping to transform lives through housing and support services. The bowls will be sold for $25.00 at the “Bowls for Beds” event on Sunday, April 28th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre. For $25.00 you will receive two admission tickets and will be able to purchase a bowl, sample fresh soups and breads from local gourmet chefs, participate in a silent auction, and enjoy some children’s activities. If you would like to participate in the first annual “Bowls for Beds” event tickets may be purchased on 21st, forms will be available in the office.

Valentine’s Day Letter Writing
We all love to receive letters in the mail. Mrs. Styles and Mrs. Hermiston have begun a letter writing project that encompasses the whole school. Students are busy writing letters to their teachers, classmates and friends to make them feel special. Students will be writing letters until February 15th.

Oral Speaking Competition
Grades 4 to 8 students presented their speeches in the gym on Monday, February 11th. Congratulations to Abby R. who placed 1st in the Junior Division with her speech on “Candy”. Cameron K. spoke about the “Brain” and Raymond H. talked about the “Guinness Book of World Records”. Cameron placed second and Raymond’s speech earned him third place. The Intermediate students waxed eloquent on such topics as grandfathers, germs, and speeches. “Ogo Pogo” by Allison H., first place; “Germs” by Megan K., second place; and “Speeches” by Camryn H., third place. Thank you to everyone who wrote and spoke but did not move forward. Awesome, everyone!

EcoTeam Tidbits
The use of fragrances, scents, and perfumes can trigger respiratory distress in our asthmatic students and staff. The air pollution from these products may cause wheezing, coughing, difficulty breathing, and headaches. Visitors, volunteers, students, parents please do not pollute our air, leave the scents at home. Thank you!

Parents/Guardians, please wait outside for your children as the hallways and classroom areas need to be kept clear for our students. SCDSB policy states that all visitors to the school (this includes parents picking up children) MUST check in at the front office upon arrival at the school. The number of adults waiting inside the school is becoming a safety concern for our staff.

Morning Supervision
For the safety of all of our students, please do not drop your child(ren) off before 8:50 a.m. as there is no supervision (outdoor or indoor) until that time.

Fragrance Awareness
Parents and staff are asked to consider their responsibilities to protect the health of all students. Fragrances, scents, and perfumes can trigger respiratory distress in our asthmatic students and staff. The air pollution from these products may cause wheezing, coughing, difficulty breathing, and headaches. Visitors, volunteers, students, parents please do not pollute our air, leave the scents at home. Thank you!

Character Award Winners
January—Optimism
Mrs. Jones / Mrs. Tofts
Ryder T.
Rachel K.
Mrs. MacInnis
Aislynn M.
Mrs. McLachlan
Chyanne F.
Mrs. Tinney
Lexie B.
Ms. Henriksen
Katherine M.
Mr. Hache
Jared W.
Mr. Oberman
Natalee S.
Mrs. MacKay-Patterson
Makenna G.
Mr. Spears
Jordan Mc.

Health Matters...Mental Health Matters
It is estimated that nearly 1 in 5 Ontario children under the age of 19 experiences a mental, emotional or behavioural disorder that is severe enough to seriously affect their daily functioning at home, school or within the community. The good news is that early diagnosis and treatment can lead to better outcomes for children later in life.

Identifying the Signs...
Many children and youth will exhibit some of the following characteristics and behaviours at various times during normal childhood development.

- getting significantly lower marks in school
- avoiding friends and family
- having frequent outbursts of anger and rage
- losing his or her appetite
- having difficulty sleeping
- rebellious against authority
- not doing the things he or she used to enjoy
- damaging other people’s property
- worrying constantly
- experiencing frequent mood swings
- not concerned with his or her appearance
- obsessed with his or her weight
- lacking energy or motivation
- hitting or bullying other children
- attempting to injure him or her self

But these characteristics and behaviours may be signs of an underlying mental health disorder if they are:
- intense; persist over long periods of time; inappropriate for the child’s age; and interfere with the child’s life.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
We value the input of our parents and welcome your advice. Please consider becoming a member of our School Council Executive. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all parents to attend the council meetings as this is an excellent way to have input on some school decisions and to become aware of what’s happening in our school and in education. The next council meeting is Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

OSP Magazine Fundraiser
The OSP Fundraiser started on Friday, February 8th. Purchase and / or renew your magazine subscriptions online using account code #9008.