



Hillview News

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Welcome Back!

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It is with pleasure that we welcome everyone to a new school year at Hillview School in beautiful East Prairie, Alberta! We hope that you all had a safe and wonderful summer.

We have both new and returning staff this year. Returning to us this year are Lois Johnston as Cook, Elvin Clouston as Caretaker, Madeline Andrews and Randall Sawan as Bus Drivers, Dallas L'Hirondelle as Reception/Special Assistant and Karen Lemay as Acting Principal. It is also with great pleasure that we welcome Rachel Starr back to our school as the grade 4-5-6 homeroom/Cree Teacher. Last, but not least, we offer a very warm welcome to our new ECS/Grade 1-2-3 Teacher, Mrs. Erica Odiobala.

We would also like to thank Lisa Jones for all her help getting started this year!

We all look forward to working together with you to make this a successful year of learning and fun for your children!



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Special points of interest:

- ✓ Meet the Staff - Tuesday, September 16, 5:30-7pm
- ✓ National School Terry Fox Run Day - Wednesday, September 24, 1:00pm
- ✓ Early Dismissal for Staff meeting/PLC - Friday, September 26, 12:30pm
- ✓ Regional PD Day - No school for students - Monday, September 29

Come On In!

At Hillview school, we acknowledge that parents and family are the first teachers of their children. With that in mind, we respect that each of you have diverse skills

and interests that we may benefit from at the school. If you or someone you know has a special skill or interest that you would like to share, please call us to make arrange-

ments and to get more information.

Some ideas are:

- Reading Jigging
- Cooking story telling
- Moose calling trapping
- Gardening any sports
- Knitting/crocheting
- Carving beading

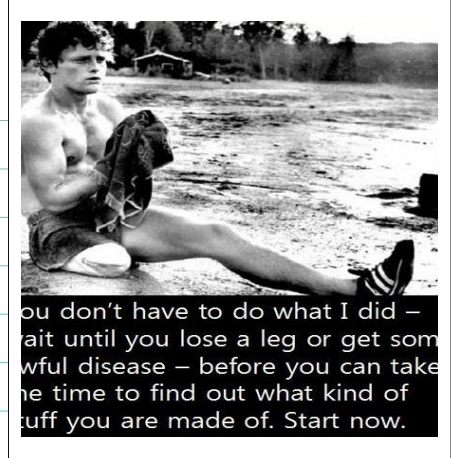
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National Terry Fox School Run Day

Once again, Hillview School will be participating in the National School Run Day on Wednesday, September 24, at 1:00pm. Pledge sheets will be coming home soon. Last year we raised almost \$80.00. The challenge is to beat that amount this year!!

Everyone is welcome to join us as we do our part to help support the fight against cancer!



Be Excited About Reading!

One of our goals at Hillview School is for every student to increase his or her reading level by one grade level. We use a variety of frameworks and methods to help achieve this including, but not limited to, the Daily 5 and

Café, Animated Literacy, and Words Their Way.

A very important part of improving reading is reading for pleasure. To help encourage this, we will be continuing the **B.E.A.R Program**. Students and

parents are encouraged to read at home and record how long your child has read or has been read to. Prizes will be awarded monthly to students who return their signed B.E.A.R. sheets.

Library user agreements will be sent home to be signed so your child can borrow books from the school library.

There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.
- Frank Serafini

How to Get the Scoop

As a parent, I know that we are often bombarded with notes and newsletters from school, that is, if we even get them at all! We are going to be trying a few other options this year to ensure that you get school news in a timely manner. Since most of us have access to at least one method of online communication we are going to offer a few ways to get information to you.

1. **Facebook**—like us on Facebook to see updates about what is going on at the school. Look for **Hillview School**

2. **Remind** - a way to receive text messages from the school. Enter (587)-409-0871 with the message @aaf65

3. **Class Dojo** - when you sign up for Class Dojo, not only can you monitor your child's behavior at school, but you can also message the teacher. Codes will be sent home soon.

4. **Email** - share your email with the school so that we can share information with you.

5. **Paper** - for those who

would still prefer the paper notice, it will be available as well as the student agendas

A form will be coming home so that you can share your contact information. We will also be sending a bit more info about some of these options. Hopefully, we will improve communication between school and home and save a few trees in the process!



Mathletics

One of the programs we have used to help spark our students' interest in math and improve their skills in the process is Mathletics.

Another fun component to Mathletics is that students get to test their basic facts knowledge against students all over the world in timed races.

Returning students who remember their username and password can get started right away!

Check it out at www.mathletics.ca

Students are placed at appropriate levels and have various activities to complete which go with the topics that they are working on in class or skills that require more practice.

Once your child receives his/her username Mathletics can be accessed anywhere you have access to the internet.

Benefits of Mathletics:

- * **Students love it, becoming highly motivated to learn**
- * **Phenomenal improvement rates**

TRIBES Learning Community

TRIBES is a process that is designed to “develop a positive environment that promotes human growth and learning.”

and continuity for working groups whether in the classroom, the staffroom or parent community.

The Four Agreements:

- Attentive Listening
- Appreciation/No Putdowns
- The right to pass—the right to participate
- Mutual Respect

We have been learning to build community in our school by using the four agreements. These have been encouraged in order to establish a caring environment for cooperative learning and provide structure for positive interactions

If you would like more information please contact the school.



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Odds and Ends

Most of you have been part of our school community for awhile, others are new. Here are a few of our school practices that you should be familiar with:

- if your child is going to be absent, please call to let us know
- If your child is going to be late, please call the office before 10 am so s/he can be counted for lunch
- If your child is too sick to play outside, please keep him/her home until s/he is well.
- Students are to turn all electronics, cell phones, iPods, etc. in to the office upon arriving at school. Permission to use may be

Our Vision
Educating today's children for tomorrow's future

- Our Mission**
1. Embrace diversity in a safe and caring environment
 2. Strive to meet the educational needs of each individual child
 3. Promote the Metis culture

- Our Goals**
1. Implement and promote a safe and caring environment conducive to learning.
 2. Determine the instructional level of all students in Language Arts and Math.
 3. Implement strategies to support and improve literacy.
 4. Create a strong, vibrant working relationship between the school, parents and community so they have an opportunity to be actively involved in the education of their children.

- given by the teacher.
 - Morning snack and a hot lunch are provided by the school. You may send a **healthy** snack for your child to enjoy in the afternoon.
 - A pair of non-marking, comfortable inside shoes, suitable for gym, is required
 - If your child is to go somewhere other than home after school, please make sure to call the school before 3pm or write a note in your child's agenda. If we don't hear from you, your child will be sent home on the bus.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.**

