



# Dr Marion Hilliard Senior Public School

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**GRADE RANGE:** 7 to 8

## Interesting Feature

### Our Vision/Mission Statement

Engaging students in innovative and investigative learning in a safe and caring environment, a partnership of parents, students, school-board and community.

Dr. Marion Hilliard Senior Public School was named after the chief of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Women's College Hospital in 1947 until she retired in 1956. In 1947 she along with others developed a simplified procedure for detecting early symptoms of cancer. It is a school with a highly diverse student population, both culturally, economically and linguistically. Our grade 7 students are primarily from four junior elementary schools: Malvern, Grey Owl, Tom Longboat, Burrows Hall, and Berner Trail. The staff is committed to motivating and challenging students to maximize their potentials in all areas of the curriculum so that they can become optimally rounded citizens of Canada and the world.

### Numeracy

At Hilliard, our focus is to continue to investigate differentiated strategies to support and improve student's numeracy skills through the continued implementation of math manipulative's, and the use of the Understanding Math software. Some teaching strategies that are used include 3 part lesson and student math congresses.



### Literacy

Through team planning and ongoing professional development, we are striving to deliver a balanced literacy program to improve our students' abilities and achievement in reading, writing and oral communication. We continue to use descriptive feedback and integrate authentic learning experiences and social responsibility into our programming.



### Hilliard's Morning Meal Program

At Hilliard, healthy morning meals are prepared and available to all students each morning. Having a healthy snack has proven to increase student's energy level and attention in the classroom. There is a minimal costs for this healthy option that is collected three times a year.



### Pathways

Our pathways goal will be to further develop cross-grade professional learning and curriculum planning. We work closely with our feeder schools (Malvern, Grey Owl, Tom Longboat, Burrows Hall, and Berner Trail), as well as with Lester B. Pearson C.I. to ensure that the transition of our students provides students with the tools they need in order to be successful.



### Community, Culture & Caring

We strive to create more team building and leadership opportunities within the school for both staff and students, using character education as a framework.



## Additional Features

## Student Life - Where You Belong

Students at Hilliard are provided with a range of co-curricular activities which can enhance and reinforce the regular program and curriculum. Participating in these types of activities allows students to further develop social skills, learn new skills, discover hidden talents and can enhance their leadership potential. Some of the Co-curricular's that are offered at Dr. Marion Hilliard are:

### Athletics

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

### Clubs

- Chess
- Eco-schools
- Student Council
- Robotics

### The Arts

- Band



## What Sets Us Apart

Hilliard participated in the Model Schools for Inner Cities initiative for three years in the past and continues to offer the Beyond 3:30 Program. Beyond 3:30 provides after-school academic support and recreational programming for our students. In addition, we have the Young Heroes Program from Malvern Family Resource Centre.

Hilliard is a mandatory UNIFORM school.

## Parent and Community Engagement

A healthy partnership between school and home is essential for student success. Information regarding school activities, class excursions and other special learning opportunities will be sent home with your child from time to time throughout the year. Teachers will communicate with parents by phone, agenda, progress reports and report cards, and parent-teacher conferences/interviews. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact the school whenever the need arises and maintain open lines of communication with their child's teachers. Workshops are provided to assist parents as they support their children to build resilience and succeed.



Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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