



Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #4

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HVS School Council News

The HVS School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Now that we are seriously into winter, it is **very important** that children be dressed appropriately for the conditions. All students are expected to go outside for recess and lunch breaks. Please ensure that your child has snow pants, proper boots, warm coats, hats and mittens. ***Please label all clothing.*** Minus 25 degrees Celsius is our cut off temperature for students to go out for outdoor recesses. If your child is not coming to school during an extensive cold spell, please advise the school for safety reasons.

We will appreciate it if you can donate any used mitts or snow pants that you are not using at home. The teachers would like to keep these items in their classrooms to use in emergency situations.

Thank You!

- * to all the teachers who prepared report cards and carried out parent/student conferences.
- * to all the parents and students who attended these conferences.
- * to Ms. Morrissey, Ms. Boardman and Mr. Colin Teramura for coaching our volleyball teams.
- * to Ms. D., Ms. Klein and Ms. Dawn for coordinating the book fair.
- * to Ms. Morrissey, Ms. Mary, Mr. Martin and the Gr 6/7 students for coordinating the Halloween Carnival.

Sincerely,
Riana Robinson
Principal

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our school participated in a wonderful Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10th. Thank you to Ms. Byblow and Mr. Wiliam for coordinating this special service as well as all the classes who participated in the ceremony. We were also very fortunate to have our special guests, Barb Evans from the Royal Canadian Legion, Mr. Andy McLeod our Piper and family members join us for this special occasion.



Christmas Concert/Silent Auction

Our Christmas concert is on Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m.

The silent auction items will be on display in the library for the week, starting on Monday, December 7th when the bidding will begin.

The auction will close at 7:30 pm on December 10th at which time the winners will be announced. All winners of auction items still at school after the auction closes will be able to take their items home with them. All others will be notified on Friday, December 11th.

Guidelines for photos & videos of students at school and public events

For parents and school councils – We ask that parents please check with school staff and other parents before they take, share or post photos or information about other peoples' children during programs at school (example: posting a photo of your child with classmates to facebook or identifying who the other children are online). Please check with the teacher before you take photos in a classroom.

Food Bank:

Please support our annual school-wide Holiday Food Bank. Donations of canned and non-perishable food items will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the front foyer from now until December 18th. Please add your donations to the food bank box during our Christmas Concert festivities. Thanks for caring about our community.

Happy Holidays!



Whole School Skate:

On Friday, December 18th, the whole school will be skating at the Canada Games Centre from 1:00 - 1:45 pm.

(Buses for students will be leaving the school at 12:35 p.m.)

Please join in on the fun afternoon with us! (We can always use extra hands to help tie up skates.)

Helmets are required for all students. Bicycle helmets are just fine.

Volleyball Championships

The girls' team brought home the bronze medal at this years Volleyball Tournament!

Both boys' and girls' teams did very well. Congratulations to everyone who participated!



Hidden Valley School Staff and Students were a Sea of Pink on Friday, November 20th to recognize Bullying Awareness Week

Bullying Awareness Week : How It All Began

The idea for a Bullying Awareness Week began with Canadian father and educator Bill Belsey. Not long after he launched the educational Web site www.bullying.org on February 16, 2000, he was often asked to make presentations about bullying to media and in schools and communities across Canada and around the world. Through the Web site and his travels, he quickly realized that bullying was an issue that touches all people, directly or indirectly, regardless of their age, gender, culture, religion or nationality. He also dreamed of a world where bullying was no longer seen as a "Normal part of growing up", and that prevention through education and awareness was the key. He realized most people do want to "**See something done**" about bullying. Bullying Awareness Week is now spreading to other countries around the world.

www.bullyingawarenessweek.org is the "mother ship" for this movement and will endeavor to share these international initiatives as they develop with resources in other languages as they are produced. Check www.bullyingawarenessweek.org for updates.

Bullying Awareness Week is an opportunity for people at the **grassroots level in communities** around the world to get involved in this issue, not by waiting for "**Someone else**" to do something, but rather for **us to work together** on preventing bullying in our communities through education and awareness.

Take the theme and make it your own in your community.

Some people think that we shouldn't use the words "bully" or "bullying" out of fear that it will encourage some to engage in this behaviour. Clearly, discussions about bullying need to be put in the broader context of looking at what can be done to promote, develop and support healthy relationships, but you can't have a "Fire Prevention Week" (A very important initiative too) without talking about fire.

Research has shown us that approximately 15% of a given population in a school or workplace are directly involved with bullying, that leaves 85% as potential bystanders or silent majority. This group is the primary focus and target audience for Bullying Awareness Week. The week also has youth as a primary focus, as they are the ones who can "**Be the change**", and grow up thinking differently about bullying unlike many in previous generations who have attitudes about bullying as a "Rite of passage" or even that "Being bullied is good for you, it toughens you up."



Dept. of Education Cold Weather Policy

With the cold weather settling in, a reminder to parents about cold weather safety and that parents' should listen to radio stations in the morning for updates on bus delays.

Here's a link to the website:

<http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/safety.html#Coldweather>



December

Library Notice

The Hidden Valley School Library is not just for the students! Parents/guardians too are welcome to borrow from our amazing library collection! Please stop in and take a look.....and contact Mme Lynn, Teacher-Librarian, for assistance.



Denise G.—Gr. 6	Brenden G.—Gr. 7
Hope K-N.—Kindergarten	Phaedra K.—Gr. 5
Jordan-Lee L.—Gr. 6	Gabe S.—Gr. 4
Elizabeth C-G.—Gr. 6	Donald H.—Gr. 6
Dominic S.—Gr. 4	Brox R.—Gr. 7
Ms. McColeman—Music Teacher	

Thank you for keeping Hidden Valley School Nut Free.



Husky Helper Winner for the Month of October

Larissa S.



Learning Together is a drop in program that runs Tuesday-Friday. Tuesday is from 9:00–11:30 am and 12:35 pm–3:00 pm. Wednesday—Friday is from 9:00 am–11:30 am. every morning.

Learning Together is a positive, play based learning environment for parents/ caregivers and their children that provides learning opportunities to enhance children's skills in all areas of development. It is a program that targets 3-5 year old children although ages 0-5 are welcome.

The program is drop-in and free! Snack served as part of the program.

Play centers, gym time, storytelling, games, crafts and so much more!

Park at the front of the school in the parent parking lot and enter the school from the primary wing door.

For more information contact the school at 667-8164.

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Upcoming Events

Parade @ 1:00 pm	Dec. 1
Ski S'Cool Gr. 1-2 (12:30—3 pm)	Dec. 1
Air North trip to Vancouver (Selected Gr. 4-7 Students)	Dec. 2
Wildlife Preserve Gr. 6/7 (9:00 am– 3:00 pm)	Dec. 3
Ski S'Cool Gr. 1-2 (12:30—3 pm)	Dec. 4
MAD Program's Winter Show – K—Gr. 3 (10:00—12:00 pm)	Dec. 7
Ski S'Cool Gr. 1-2 (12:30—3 pm)	Dec. 8
Christmas Concert & Silent Auction (6:00—8:30 pm)	Dec. 10
Carolling Week (8:45 am)	Dec. 14-18
Whole School Skate (1:00—1:45 pm)	Dec. 18
Christmas Holidays	Dec. 21— Jan. 3

