

**Hidden Valley Elementary School**  
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**August 31, 2022**

## **Principal's Message**

What a great start to a new school year! It has been so nice to see so many smiling faces from students and families during our first week and a half of school. I am sure your students have been bringing home many positive stories of their first days of school. Forest School is in full swing, and teachers and students have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather. Ms. Webber's grade sevens have been on their first Friday hike, there will be berry picking this week, and Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Klein's classes will be starting their Wednesday walks to explore the beautiful and interesting areas around the school. Our primary wing is getting out every day as well to explore during their place based learning opportunities.

We are excited to announce that there will be a welcome barbecue and open house on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Please see below for more details.

Thank you to all of our staff, parent council, families and students for an excellent beginning for the 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely,

**Trine Dennis – Principal, Hidden Valley Elementary School**

**Jon Allen – Vice Principal, Hidden Valley Elementary School**

*With respect, we are grateful for the opportunity to learn and work on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.*

## **Welcome Barbecue and Open House!**

The staff and school council are excited to announce that there will be a welcome barbecue and open house on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Classroom teachers will have their classrooms open for families from 5:00pm-6:00pm, and there will be a barbecue outside from 5:00pm-7:00pm. We are asking for volunteers for food, set-up, cooking, and clean-up. The Yukon First Nation Education Directorate will be generously providing smokies and buns. We are so excited to have the Hidden Valley community come together for this special event, and if we all pitch in, it should be a wonderful experience for everyone. We will be sending home a note this coming Friday asking for volunteers. Thank you to everyone in advance for your help!

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## School Supplies and Form Packages

Thank you to everyone who has paid their school supply fees. For grades four to seven, the cost is \$55 and grades kindergarten to three is \$50. You can pay by cash, cheque or e-transfer. The email to submit an e-transfer is [shelley.mcinnis@yukon.ca](mailto:shelley.mcinnis@yukon.ca). We are asking that all fees are paid by September 15<sup>th</sup>. As well, form packages will be going home this week, and we would be grateful if families could return them as soon as possible. Thanks everyone!

## Hidden Valley's Parking Lot - Great News!

Our parking lot will be paved over the long weekend, and the fence will be completed during the week after school hours.

We would like to remind families that student pick-up/drop-off is at the second entrance, and if you need to park to drop off your child, please park in the spaces provided. Overflow parking is on MacPherson Road. The sidewalk area is for a quick drop-off/pick-up only. The first entrance to Hidden Valley is for buses only. Thanks so much for your help everyone!

## Sporting Events

The grade six students will be heading to Golden Horn to play in the YSAA disc golf tournament on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in the morning. Good luck to all of the students participating!

Grade four and five students will be participating in Soccer Fest on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. It should be a fun filled day!

Volleyball will be starting in September for Grade 7 boys and girls. The Early Bird Volleyball tournament will be held on Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> at the CGC with league games starting on the following Mondays.

Our Terry Fox run will be held on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Families are welcome to join their students for the run!

## Covid-19 Recommendations

Please see the link below for new information about Covid-19 recommendations this year. Our Chief Medical Officer is encouraging personal responsibility as we begin the school year. We are confident our Hidden Valley community will be kind and supportive of each other. Please see the link below for the traffic light poster you can follow if your child is sick. Thank you to everyone for your kind and caring ways!

[Can your child go to school, daycare or return to regular activities? | Government of Yukon](#)

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## Visual Learning



**Grade 5/6 – Haskap Berry Picking!**



**Structure Building with Mr. Penny!**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES: 2022-2023: Dates may be added monthly ☺**

- **Monday, September 5, 2022** – Labor Day Holiday – **No School for Students**
- **Friday, September 9, 2022** – Soccer Fest – Grades 4 & 5 students
- **Wednesday, September 14, 2022** – Early Bird Volleyball Tournament at the CGC – Grade 7 boys and girls
- **Friday, September 16, 2022** – Terry Fox Run 2:00pm
- **Tuesday, September 27, 2022** – Orange Shirt Day
- **Wednesday, Thursday, September 28, 29, 2022** – PD Days – **No School for Students**
- **Friday, September 30, 2022** – Truth and Reconciliation Day – **No School for Students**
- **Monday, October 10, 2022** – Thanksgiving Holiday – **No School for Students**
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, October 11, 12, 2022** – Picture Days
- **Wednesday, October 19, 2022** – Kwata Kets'adan Ku (Learning House in the Woods) - 5:15pm-7:30pm
- **Thursday, November 10, 2022** – Remembrance Day Assembly
- **Friday, November 11, 2022** – Remembrance Day – **No School for Students**
- **Friday, November 25, 2022** – Informal Reports to go home
- **Friday, December 16, 2022** – Last day of school before Christmas Break
- **Tuesday, January 3, 2023** – Students return to school after Christmas Break
- **Monday, January 16, 2023** – PD Day - **No School for Students**
- **Friday, February 17, 2023** – Progress Report to go home
- **Friday, February 24, 2023** – Heritage Day Holiday – **No School for Students**
- **Thursday, Friday, March 9-10, 2023** – Student Led Conferences – Times to be announced – **No School for students on the 10th**
- **Friday, March 10, 2023** – Last day of school before spring break - **No School for students**
- **Monday, March 27, 2023** - Students return to school after Spring Break
- **Friday, April 7, 2023** – Good Friday Holiday – **No School for Students**
- **Monday, April 10, 2023** – Easter Monday Holiday – **No School for Students**
- **Monday, May 1, 2023** – Staff PD - **No School for students**
- **Monday, May 22, 2023** – Victoria Day Holiday – **No School for Students**
- **Thursday, June 15, 2023** – Last day of school – Summative Reports to go home