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**November 25, 2022**

## **Principal's Message**

Hello Hidden Valley Families!

I hope everyone has had a nice November, and what a great way to finish off the month this evening with School Council hosting the Rudolph Ball! Tickets are still available at the office for \$10 per person or \$35 per family. It should be a wonderful evening with music, dancing, a concession, and a silent auction!

I am grateful to all of our families for keeping your students home when they are not feeling well. It really helps prevent sickness from spreading in the school, and our teachers and community members are able to remain healthy to be at school. Thank you everyone!

We would like to congratulate Marie Belanger on the birth of her daughter. The holidays for Ms. Belanger's family will be extra special this year.

As the holidays approach, this can be a challenging time for some. Our wish for everyone as we move closer to the holiday season is health and happiness. We invite all of our families and staff to pursue random acts of kindness and gratitude during the month of December. Random acts of kindness and gratitude not only benefit others, it also helps us with our own emotional well being. Starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a gratitude wall set up in the foyer. There will be paper for anyone to leave a note of gratitude. Let's see how many notes of gratitude we can put up on the wall before the holidays!

As a staff, we have many fun activities planned for December. Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter for our special activities! The Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December, 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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.*

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## **Informal Reports**

Students will be receiving their informal reports from their classroom teachers today. The informal report is a way for teachers to check in with parents about student progress. Parent can expect a more formal report in February. We are pleased with the progress our Hidden Valley students are making!

## **Planning Ahead**

We would like to remind parents and guardians to please try and have messages to the office by noon, so Ms. Shelley can ensure your student is receiving information in a timely manner. Thank you so much for your understanding.

## **Sporting Events**

### **Volleyball Championships**

Volleyball teams participated in the volleyball championships on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to both teams for their efforts and participation! Thank you to Ms. D, Ms. Feht, and Mr. Hill for volunteering their time as coaches.

### **Arctic Sports**

Some of our students will be participating at the Inter-school Arctic sports competition held on Wednesday Nov 30 (grades 2-4) and Thursday Dec 1st (grades 5-7). Good luck to both groups of athletes!

## **Connected North**

We are pleased to have Connected North as an available resource for our classroom teachers. Connected North has interactive, virtual learning experiences where students are able to connect with experts from outside our community. Many of our students have enjoyed more than one lesson so far this year. For more information, you can check out the following link.

<https://www.connectednorth.org/en>

## **Yukon First Nation Directorate**

We as a society are experiencing some unusual economic stresses, and some families may be feeling this more than others. We would like to acknowledge one resource that is available specifically to First Nation Families. Below is a link to the YFNED website, and funding is available for bi-weekly hampers, firewood and other resources. Please reach out to YFNED or the school, if this is a support your family could benefit from. Please reach out to Ms. Dennis or Mr. Allen, and we are able to support with navigating this resource with confidentiality in mind.

<https://www.yfned.ca/>

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## School Council News

### School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting is going to be held on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** at the school.

### Volleyball Championships!



### Third Place for our Special Olympics Team!





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**Grade 5/6 at Yukonstruct!**



**Students Vs. Teachers - Volleyball Game!**



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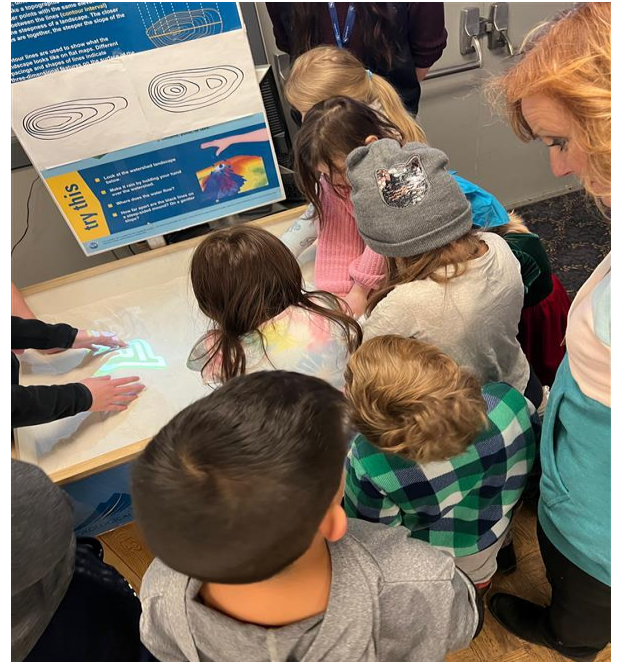
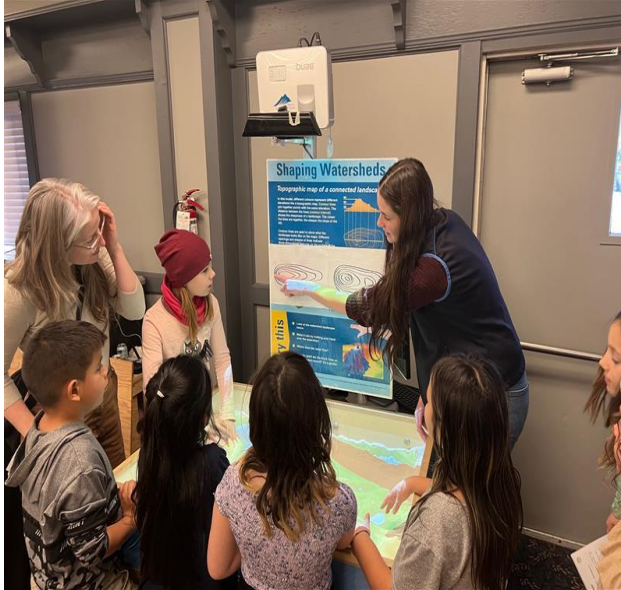
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## Geoscience Forum!



## Ms. Belanger's Daughter!





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

- **Friday, November 25, 2022** – Informal Reports to go home
- **Friday, November 25, 2022** – Rudolph Ball (School Council Event) – 6:00pm-8:00pm in the gym
- **Wednesday, November 30, 2022** - YASC Arctic sports Inter-school Championships – Grades 2-4 - FH Collins
- **Thursday, December 1, 2022** - YASC Arctic sports Inter-school Championships – Grades 5-7 - FH Collins
- **Monday, December 5, 2022** – Jersey Day! Wear your favorite jersey to school!
- **Tuesday, December 6, 2022** – Backwards Day at School!
- **Wednesday, December 7, 2022** – Crazy Hat/Hair Day!
- **Wednesday, December 7, 2022** – Basketball Early Bird Tournament – Grades 6/7
- **Thursday, December 8, 2022** – Ugly Christmas Sweater/Clothing Day!
- **Friday, December 9, 2022** – HVES Family Santa Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser – 1:15pm
- **Friday, December 9, 2022** – Door Decorating Judging Day!
- **Monday-Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** – Carols by the Fire first thing in the morning all week!
- **Tuesday, December 13, 2022** – Christmas Concert! 6pm-8pm
- **Wednesday, December 14, 2022** – Hot Chocolate at Lunch!
- **Thursday, December 14, 2022** – Afternoon Christmas Activities!
- **Friday, December 15, 2022** – PJ's and Pancakes for Students!
- **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**
- **Wednesday & Thursday, February 8 & 9, 2023** – Polar Games
- **Thursday-Saturday, February 16-18, 2023** – Basketball Championships - Grade 6/7's
- **Friday, February 17, 2023** – Progress Reports to go home
- **Friday, February 24, 2023** – Heritage Day Holiday
- **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
- **Wednesday, March 29, 2023** – Grade 4/5 Floor Hockey Day
- **Friday, April 7, 2023** – Good Friday Holiday – **No School for Students**

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- **Monday, April 10, 2023** – Easter Monday Holiday – **No School for Students**
- **Wednesday & Thursday, April 26 & 27, 2023** – Badminton Smash Tournament
- **Monday, May 1, 2023** – Staff PD - **No School for students**
- **Friday, May 5, 2023** – Carmacks Ridge Run
- **Friday, May 19, 2023** – Pine Grove Run
- **Monday, May 22, 2023** – Victoria Day Holiday - **No School for students**
- **Friday, May 26, 2023** – Forestry Run
- **Tuesday, May 30, 2023** – Grade 5/6 Track and Field Meet
- **Friday, June 2, 2023** – Grey Mt. Gallop K-3 – 12:30pm-3:30pm
- **Thursday, June 15, 2023** – Last day of school – Summative Reports to go home