

Hidden Valley Elementary School
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Principal's Message

Hello Hidden Valley Families!

It looks like winter has arrived! We experienced a beautiful fall, and I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you to all of our families for your participation in Kwata Kets'adan Ku (Learning House in the Woods). It was so nice to see so many families participating in all of the activities during this special event. There was even a hole in one at our disc golf station!

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the permanent principal. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with all of the wonderful students, families, staff, and parent council at Hidden Valley. Jon Allen and I look forward to a positive and happy 2022-2023 school year with everyone!

Hidden Valley would like to welcome Aviam Soudack as our new learning assistance teacher and Iz Ramos as an educational assistant. Aviam will be replacing Marie Belanger as she waits for the arrival of her baby. We wish Marie all the best on her time off with her growing family. Welcome to the Hidden Valley family Aviam and Iz!

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.

Hidden Valley Parent Parking

We are grateful for the hard work that was put into improving our parking lot while also recognizing that there may be some confusion at times. We are working to improve signage, function and flow and would ask those that drop off/pick up students to please:

- Drive very slowly through the roundabout
- Encourage your child(ren) to cross at the crosswalk (we're working on signage for this)
- For drop-off/pick-up, please pull as far forward along the curb as possible, where space is available
- Have students exit your vehicle on the curb side



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- Angle park in the parent parking section
- Be mindful of ice as the ditches are very close to the pavement
- Be kind and courteous to other drivers

Thank you for your conscientious use of this new to us space.

Husky Swag!

Mr. Hill, our PE teacher, has been working hard to increase school spirit and community by redesigning the Hidden Valley Huskies Logo and creating an online clothing store. The store is designed for students and families to purchase Hidden Valley logoed gear. The online store will be open today, **Friday, October 28th** and will remain open until **Friday, November 11th**.

Once the store closes it will take up to 4 weeks to have all the orders made and shipped to our school. This way the clothing will be ready in time for Christmas!!!

A big bonus for this program is that it is a fundraiser for the school. A percentage of each item purchased will be given back to the school. In addition, if you would like to order an extra item (t-shirt) as a donation, please email jon.allen@yesnet.yk.ca, indicating what you have ordered and the size. Please see the link below and thank you all for your support!

Go check out the online store website to place your order!

<https://hvhuskiesapparel.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Sporting Events

Volleyball Championships

The boys and girls will be participating in volleyball tournaments next week. The girls will be competing on **Thursday, November 3rd** and the boys on **Friday November 4th** at the CGC. We wish the best of luck to both of our teams! Go Huskies!

Arctic Sports

We are looking forward to having the Yukon Aboriginal Sports Circle at Hidden Valley to teach students some of the Arctic sports. This will help students who 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). There will be lunchtime practices as well for students wanting to participate.

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Halloween

Everyone is excited about Halloween on Monday! Students are invited to wear their costumes all day on Monday. We do ask that weapons and replicas are left at home. Thank you!

During the afternoon, we will be hosting two sessions in the gym with board games and a craft station. As well, there will be a haunted house and a movie playing in Dacho's Den. We will be splitting our students into two groups.

From 1:00pm-1:50pm – Madame Shari's K/1, Mrs. Klein's 2/3K, and Ms. Jang's 4's.

From 2:00pm-2:50pm – Ms. Mel's K's, Mr. M's 2/3 and Mrs. Birkeland's 4/5's.

Parent volunteers are welcome to help run some of the board game stations.

Remembrance Day Assembly

There will be a Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 10th at 10:30am-11:00am. If you have any family members who have been in the military service, we are looking for photographs to post for this event. Your photographs can be sent to deanna.paquin@yesnet.yk.ca. All are welcome, and we would like to remind our students and families that this is a solemn event. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

School Council News

Fundraisers

Halloween Cookie Fundraiser: this a reminder for those who ordered Halloween cookies from Frozen Dreams. You will be able to pick up your orders after school today (Friday, October 28th). You will be able to find your box on the table in the foyer.

Acorn Art Fundraiser: The Acorn art fundraiser will be closing on **November 5th**. What a lovely way to share your student's artwork!

If you are ready to order, you can download the easy to use Acorn

App. <https://acornschoolfundraising.com/order>.

Thank you for your support!

School Dance

School Council will be hosting a family school dance on Friday, November 25th from 6pm-8pm. Stay tuned for more information!

School Council AGM

School Council's annual general meeting will be held **Wednesday, November 2nd at 5:30pm** at the school.

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Art Club Fun!



Spooky Art! – Gr.'s K, 2/3K & 5/6C



4/5B's Spooky Classroom Entrance!



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

- **Wednesday, November 2, 2022** – School Council AGM at 5:30pm at the school
- **Thursday, November 3, 2022** – Girls Volleyball Championships - Grades 6/7's
- **Friday, November 4, 2022** – Boys Volleyball Championships - Grades 6/7's
- **Saturday, November 5, 2022** – Volleyball Championship Finals for Boys and Girls - Grades 6/7's
- **Thursday, November 10, 2022** – Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:30am
- **Friday, November 11, 2022** – Remembrance Day - **No School**
- **Friday, November 25, 2022** – Informal Reports to go home
- **Wednesday, December 7, 2022** – Basketball Early Bird Tournament – Grades 6/7
- **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**
- **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