



Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #5

January 5, 2016

HVS School Council News

The HVS School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome Back and Happy 2016! Thank you to the students, staff, and volunteers for helping us with the Silent Auction and the Christmas Concert. Both of these events showcased the amazing talent and generosity at Hidden Valley School. Also, thank you to those families who donated to the food drive. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The staff at Hidden Valley School wishes you and your family all the best for 2016.

I would like to welcome our new FN Language teacher, Ms. Lindsay Chambers. Ms. Chambers, we are very excited to have you on our staff and hope you are going to be very happy at Hidden Valley.

Sincerely,
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Principal

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Report To The Office

We would like to remind parents to use the main entrance only, and to report to the office.

Thank you for keeping Hidden Valley School Nut Free.



Santa Wayne Visits Hidden Valley School

All the students were excited to see Santa and his decorated garbage truck before the Christmas Holidays.

It was a wonderful surprise and we were happy to have him visit our school. We look forward to seeing him again next year!



Christmas Silent Auction 2015

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations to our Silent Auction. In addition, we would like to thank all the bidders for supporting our efforts by purchasing items. In total, we raised \$915.00, which will go towards school resources.

Angellina's Toy Boutique

Baked

Bean North Coffee

Boston Pizza

Canada Flooring

Canada Games Centre

Coast Mountain Sports

Creative Hair Design

Duncan's Ltd.

Dawn Bennett

Earls Restaurant

Halliday Family

Inspired Interiors

Midnight Sun Emporium

Melinda Ovens

Murdoch's Gem Shop

Northern Expressions Cultural Society

Northern Lights Optometry

Quiet Water Pet Crematorium

Sagebrush Shoes

Tails and Trails Dog Hotel

Toyota

Tammy Ward

Yukon Wildlife Preserve

Student Drop Off

To ensure the safety of our students - please drop your child/children off from the upper parent parking lot. During the dark cold days, if children are dropped off early, before school starts, they could be playing in the school yard making it very difficult for a driver to see them. Thank you for your co-operation in this important safety matter.

I-Pods, phones, MP3, etc.

As recess is a time to interact with friends and get some physical activity, we are asking students to keep i-pods, phones, mp3 players or other electronic devices in their back packs during school hours.

Thank you and stay active!

Can We Reach You?

Please make sure you call in to the office with any changes to your contact information. It is important that we have the most up to date information.

Absences

Please phone the school office to let us know if your child is away for the day at 667-8164.

After School Activities

Basketball

The boys' and girls' basketball teams will have games every Monday and practices every Thursday from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. A scrimmage game will be held between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. while players are being picked up. The squad will attend the Early Bird Basketball Tournament on Thursday, January 21st.

The basketball tournament is all day Friday, February 12th.

Wrestling

The wrestling team practices for students from Grade 2—7 are every **Tuesday** from 3:10 – 5:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, Jan. 12th.

Polar Games

Polar Games is a “fun” participation games opportunity for Grade 6 students from around the territory. The Games use several of the downtown schools and the Canada Games Centre for the various activities. These include: Basketball, Soccer, Handball, Curling and Bowling.

On Thursday, February 4th and Friday, February 5th, the grade six students will be attending the annual Polar Games with students from other Yukon Schools. Polar Games Schedules, permission forms, rules and expectations will be sent home as we receive them.

Emergency Information

In September, there was a letter sent home with the newsletter for emergency contingencies. Here is an abridged version as a New Year reminder. If you have any questions about Emergency School Plans please call the school.

Fire Drills: We do run drills several times during the year. It is important that children have **inside shoes** and have them on their feet. During any kind of drill or evacuation, students leave the school from the current location of the class.

Christmas Caroling Week

December 14-18th

From 8:45—9:30 am, the whole school met in the front foyer to sing Christmas carols. It was wonderful to see all the parents join us and sing a long. Thank you very much to Mr. Harms for coming in every morning to lead the carols and play his guitar!



Please clip and save

Notice of Evacuation Sites if School Evacuation is Required for Hidden Valley School

Jack Hulland School in Porter Creek is the primary location for HVS students in case of evacuation.

In the event we are unable to access Jack Hulland School, our alternate gathering places will be:

#18 MacPherson Rd. (Grades K, 1, 2/3)

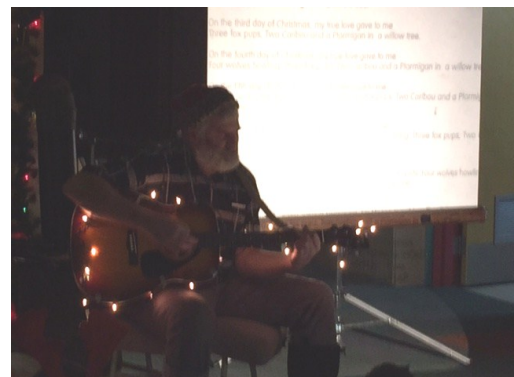
#20 Marion Crescent (Grades 4/5, 6/7)

Turn on your radio to CBC (104.5 FM) or CKRW (96.1 FM), or CHON (98.1 FM); information and directions will be given over the radio.

DO NOT call the school please; we must have the lines open for emergency calls.

DO NOT immediately drive to the school following an earthquake or other city-wide emergency; streets and access to our school may be cluttered with debris; the school access routes and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles.

The school has a detailed emergency response plan that has been developed to ensure the safety of students and staff in the event of emergencies. The plan is reviewed and updated in September and January each year.



Christmas Concert and Silent Auction

This years' Christmas concert, "T'was the Night Before Christmas" was a wonderful play.

The students did a great job of acting, singing and playing instruments!

Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to made this such an enjoyable evening.

Thank you to all the parents who brought goodies for the social after the play.





Violin and Fiddle Club

Hidden Valley School will be hosting an after school violin and fiddle club again starting January 21, 2016. The club is open to students from all Yukon elementary schools. Amelia Slobogean, a classically trained violinist and a fiddle player, is our club leader.

Q: What is the difference between a violin and a fiddle?

A: There is no difference! A violin and fiddle are the same thing. The main thing that makes a fiddle a fiddle and a violin a violin is the type of music you play on it.

The cost for students to participate is \$15/week. Students must provide their own violin (rental and purchase options are available).

Please call Clea Roberts at 689-1760 or email clea.roberts@yahoo.ca if you would like more information by Monday, January 18th, 2016.



What is the benefit of a music education? (Adapted from *Parent Magazine*)

There are so many fun extra-curricular activities, sometimes it's hard for students and parents to choose. Here are some things to consider about music education if you are thinking of enrolling your child in the **violin and fiddle club** at Hidden Valley:

Learning how to play music improves academic skills. Music and math are highly intertwined. By understanding beat, rhythm, and scales, children are learning how to divide, create *continued next page...*

fractions, and recognize patterns. Short-term memory and long-term memory are improved through the practice of music.

Learning how to play music develops physical skills. Instruments not only help develop fine motor skills and ambidexterity, they also enhance coordination and timing, which can better prepare children for other activities like dance and sports.

Learning how to play music cultivates social skills. Group classes require peer interaction and communication, which encourage teamwork, as children must collaborate to create music. Music helps a child understand their individual part in a larger group. Students work together toward a common goal.

Learning music refines discipline and patience. Learning an instrument teaches children about delayed gratification. The violin, for example, has a steep learning curve. Before you can make a single sound, you must first learn how to hold the violin, how to hold the bow, and where to place your feet. Playing an instrument teaches kids to persevere before they reach specific goals, such as performing with a band or memorizing a solo piece. And in waiting for their turns and listening to their classmates play, kids learn to show their peers respect, to sit still and be quiet for designated periods of time, and to be attentive.

Learning music boosts self-esteem. Lessons offer a forum where children can learn to accept and give constructive criticism. Group lessons, in particular, may help children understand that nobody, including themselves or their peers, is perfect, and that everyone has room for improvement. Presenting yourself in public is an important skill whether you become a professional musician or not.



Husky Helper Winner for the Month of November

Kassidy P.



**PROGRAM AT HIDDEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY **

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.

December's winner will be drawn at our next parade on January 5th.



January

Kallie C.—Gr. 7	Emerson W-V.— Gr. 6
Ms. Byblow- Reading Recovery	Jeremy M.—Gr. 4



Wall of Fame

We have started a Wall of Fame at school.
Please send all newspaper articles/clippings of
Hidden Valley Students excelling in activities to
school.

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Upcoming Events

Gr. 4/5 Learn to Swim @ CGC (9:45-10:30 am)	Jan. 5-8 Jan. 12-15
School Council Meeting in the Library 6pm	Jan. 12
Accordian & Clarinet performance at school (1:00—2:00 pm)	Jan. 15
Gr. 4-7 Rec Skate @ CGC (1:00—1:45 pm)	Jan. 19
Basketball Earlybird Tournament Gr. 6/7	Jan. 21
Parade	Jan. 26
Read-A-Thon	Jan, 25-29
Read-A-Thon	Feb. 1-5
School Council Meeting in the Library 6pm	Feb. 2
Polar Games Gr. 6	Feb. 4 & 5
Whole School Swim	Feb. 19
Bison Hunt Begins (Sunday)	Feb. 21
Bison Hunters Return	Feb. 25
Heritage Day (No School)	Feb. 26