Newsletter #10

# Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

June 1, 2016

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# Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to thank all the staff at Hidden Valley for an amazing year! Thank you for all your hard work, your dedication, and for making Hidden Valley the best school in Whitehorse! Thanks to all our students for your excellent manners and your smiles! Thank you Parents/Guardians for your trust and willingness to work with our staff to support your children. A HUGE thank you to our School Council for all your support and interest in our school.

The last day of school for students is June 17th at 3:07. All report cards will be issued on this day. For those leaving early, report cards will be mailed out on June 20th to the student's home address. Please join us for our final assembly at 10:30 am on June 17th. We will be handing out awards for students in Gr. 4-7 and we will also say farewell to the Gr. 7's and the teachers leaving our school at the end of the year.

Classes are busy participating in experiential activities, cleaning up their classrooms and enjoying year end celebrations with their classmates.

Thank you to all the parents for their support this year. We have had so many helpful volunteers throughout the year and it's very appreciated!

The School Growth Plan Committee members have been developing our School Growth Plan for the 2015-16 school year. The team recommended continuing our Math goal. Social Responsibility will be our maintenance goal.

We would like to thank and say goodbye to some of the staff leaving our school this year.

Mrs. MacLeod: Mrs. MacLeod is retiring at the end of the school year. She was a teacher at Hidden Valley for 25 years! Mrs. MacLeod, we would like to thank you sincerely for everything you did for the students and the school. We would like to wish you a happy retirement.

**Mr. P. Harms**: Mr. Harms is retiring after 16 years of teaching at Hidden Valley. Mr. Harms we would like to thank you for being an amazing teacher! We would like to wish you a happy retirement.

The class breakdown for next year has not been finalized. A final decision will be made at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing and rejuvenating summer. The first day back to school in the fall is Tuesday, August 30, 2016.

Riana Robinson Principal Page 2 Hidden Valley Elementary

## **HVS School Council News**

The HVS School Council meeting will be on June 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.



# 2016 Yukon Northwestel Directory Recycling Program

## Great News!

We reached the Emerald Level!

A cash award of \$750 will be given to Hidden Valley School for collecting the target of three directories per student

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this program!

#### LIBRARY REMINDER:

If you still have a library book, it is now overdue. Please return ASAP.

Do you know that a <u>listing of overdue books is</u> <u>always posted on the library window</u> - please check it out!

Please contact me at the school if you have questions or comments about the Library.

Mme Lynn Teacher-Librarian



# Kindergarten in Whitehorse

In Whitehorse, children can start Kindergarten when they have reached 4 years + 8 months of age by September 1st of the school year. That is, they must be 5 years old on or before December 31.

Kindergarten in Whitehorse is a full-day program.

In addition to the regular English-language Kindergarten program, Whitehorse parents can choose French Immersion and Catholic education. Admission into a Catholic school is not guaranteed.

Online Kindergarten pre-enrolment for the 2016/17 school year is on the Department of Education website.

www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten.html

## **School Attendance Areas**

You will need to be familiar with school attendance areas when filling out the online pre-enrolment form. Information about school attendance areas is available at <a href="https://www.education.gov.yk.ca/psb/attendance areas.html">www.education.gov.yk.ca/psb/attendance areas.html</a>, or by calling the Dept. of Education. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to enroll children in their appropriate attendance areas. Registering a child outside of their designated attendance area requires superintendent approval.

If you would like more information, please feel free to call your local elementary school, or the Department of Education at: [1-800-661-0408, local 5141].

Thank you for keeping Hidden Valley School NUT Free.



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# Hidden Valley School: creating new learning partnerships

(Lynn Poile and Denise McDiarmid - May 10, 2016)

Using the 'spiral of inquiry' model (Kaser and Halbert, 2013), Denise McDiarmid and Lynn Poile at Hidden Valley Elementary, as participants in the Learning Network focusing on 'Indigenous worldviews and literacy across the curriculum,' identified some 'specific areas needing attention' and formulated their inquiry:

Will taking small steps (making small changes) lead to transformation –

to an authentic and embedded, culturally-inclusive school environment?

Communicating and consulting regularly with other teachers and staff is central to this ongoing inquiry process. Moving toward greater cultural inclusion involves implementing changes to the physical school environment and school routines, utilizing traditional language and ways of knowing, acquiring resources, and modifying instructional practices. And none of this would be possible without the support of School Principal, Riana Robinson.

In collaboration with local First Nations and the First Nations Programs and Partnerships Unit, one of our intentions is to develop a "Hidden Valley Experiential" model, based on similar work done in Old Crow, linked to curriculum and grounded in the language, traditions, stories and perspectives of local First Nations.

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# To All Our Volunteers



We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all our parents that have volunteered their time in the classrooms, on fieldtrips, sporting events and other activities in the school throughout the year. We know how busy all of your schedules are and really appreciate the time and effort it takes for you to be here for our students.

# **Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten orientation took place on May 19th. If you know of any parents that have not registered their child yet, please let them know we are still taking registrations for the 2016-2017 school year.

# Skip-A-Thon

THANK YOU to all the jump rope participants. It was a beautiful sunny day outside for skipping.

Thank you for all the donations that made our fundraiser so successful!

HVS was able to raise just over \$1500.00 for the Food Bank!

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## SUMMER READING RESOURCES FROM YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

Access an ever-expanding online collection of amazing reading and learning resources - for the whole family! See the attached guides to Digital Resources provided through Yukon Education. Happy summer reading, from Mme Lynn, Teacher-Librarian.



# **Student Online Digital Resources**

(Students can access the following resources from home using the login information and web URL provided below.)

Username: YukonEd Password: resources

## Worldbook Encyclopedia

http://worldbookonline.com/













#### Ebsco Databases

http://search.ebscohost.com/

























#### **Gale Databases**

http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/yukonsha







#### **Video Streaming Resources**









www.accesslearning.com

www.jobspeopledo.com

www.learn360.ca

www.nfb.ca

#### ebooks

www.tumblebooks.com

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# School Library eBook Guide

## 1. Accessing Library eBooks

tab. Choose the From School: Enter your school's library page and select the button on the left hand menu to connect directly to your school's FollettShelf.

From Home: go to <a href="http://educationlibraries.gov.yk.ca/">http://educationlibraries.gov.yk.ca/</a> and follow the same steps as above.

## 2.Logging in

Log in as a guest to read books online and browse the collection

UN: Yukon, PW: books

\*\*Having your own account will allow you to download books to your device and highlight/add notes while reading for future reference. Ask your librarian for more info.\*\*

## 3. Browsing and Locating eBooks

Use the search box at the top of the screen.

Narrow your search using filter options.

Narrow by: Aveilability

Browse through the titles on the screen.



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Follett Shelf



🔍 Search

Select a book you would like to read.



Select "Info" or "Open Book". If the book is available, it will open. If it is not, you will need to wait until it is back on the shelf.

## 5. Feature Menus



Don't forget to logout when you are done.

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# The Huskies Fun Club After School Program

After a successful year with the Husky Fun Club, Hidden Valley will offer an after school program again from 3:07—5:30 pm, Monday through Friday next year. Please contact the school to register your child. The fee is \$8.00 per day for drop-in and \$7.00 for full time registration.

# **Ditches 'N Donuts**

Thank you to all the students and parents that helped with the Highway Litter Campaign. The money will go towards sports equipment & activities etc.

# **Summer Camps**

Camp Yukon – <u>www.camp-yukon.com</u>

YC Kids Camps – <a href="https://www.yukon.college.yk.ca/ce">www.yukon.college.yk.ca/ce</a> and follow the YC Kids Camp Link

 ${\color{red} Summer \ Camp - \underline{www.marshlakebiblecamp.com}}$ 

Summer Camp - www.braeburncamp.ca

# <u>Hidden Valley School Calendar</u> <u>2016-2017</u>

PD Day August 29, 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School August 30, 2016 PD Day September 19, 2016

YTA Conference September 29 & 30, 2016

Christmas Break Dec. 19, 2016 – Dec. 30,

2016

Spring Break Mar. 20-31, 2017 Last Day of School June 20, 2017



June

| Jacqueline D. | Justus B.     |
|---------------|---------------|
| Caleb M.      | Phoebe P.     |
| Austin K.     | Max. W.       |
| Ms. Shelley   | Mr. Fergusson |

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# **Upcoming Events**

| Book Exchange   | June 1 - 3 |
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| Movie Fundraiser for Primary Classes (1:00-2:30 pm) in the Gym—Whole School               | June 3     |
| Kindergarten @ Wildllife Preserve   | June 6     |
| Gr. 7 Luncheon  | June 7     |
| K– Gr. 3 @ Alpaca Farm (11am-2pm)   | June 8     |
| Primary Classes @ Kookatsoon Lake   | June 9     |
| School Council Mtg @ 6:00 pm in the Library   | June 9     |
| Whole School Swim (12:15-1:45 pm)   | June 10    |
| Gr. 4/5 @ Equinox   | June 13    |
| Y2C2 with Primarys PM   | June 13    |
| Kindergarten Graduation PM  | June 14    |
| Gr. 4/5 @ Rotary Park   | June 15    |
| Primary's @ Rotary Park/Robert Service<br>Campground                                      | June 15    |
| Primary's @ Little Fox Farm (10 am-2pm)   | June16     |
| Gr. 4/5 Fun Day @ HVS   | June 16    |
| Last Day of School<br>Awards Assembly & Farewell @ 10:30 am<br>Final Report Cards go Home | June 17    |
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