



Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #8

April 1, 2015

HVS School Council News

The HVS School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome Back. I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break!

The Bison Hunt was a great success. The Grade 5's and 6/7 class got their Bison on the first day of their winter camp. The participants in the winter camp and bison hunt enjoyed being out in the beautiful outdoor wilderness. The Bison Hunt is a school program and initiative that provides opportunities for students to socialize and interact with others while cooking meals and completing daily tasks, opportunities for team building and other outdoor learning opportunities, such as: wildlife identification, GPS training, quinzee building, outdoor games, etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and volunteers who helped out with this exciting learning opportunity. Your time, energy, and commitment to this great educational opportunity are appreciated by all of us, and make Hidden Valley School a wonderful place to be. Both School Council and the School Administration support this amazing program.

The annual Bison Feast is scheduled for April 30th at 5:30 pm. Please mark this date on your calendar. More information will be sent out at a later date.

Sincerely,
Riana Robinson
Principal

Whitehorse Health Centre invites all children turning 5 in 2015 to attend the:



**Five Year Old Health Fair
At Whitehorse Health Centre
9010 Quartz
Road
(Between Earl's and The Feed Store)**

**Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8
9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

The Health fair offers health checks for:

Hearing Vision Dental Growth/Development Immunization

Important information will also be available to help you and your child prepare for your next great adventure -- school

- Getting Ready for School - Development
 - Avoiding unwanted critters – Head Lice
 - Avoiding colds and flus - Hand washing
 - Packing Healthy Lunches - Nutrition
 - Getting them to school safely – Car Seat Safety/Road & Bike Safety
 - Fishing pond for a take home prize at the end
 - And more...
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2015-16 Kindergarten Registration for Whitehorse-area children

Attention: Parents/guardians of Whitehorse-area children born in 2010.

It is time to sign up your child for Kindergarten! Registering early helps Yukon Education accommodate all our new students. Spots are assigned based on attendance area, other siblings at the school, and the order in which applications are received.

To register in French first language Kindergarten at École Émilie-Tremblay, visit or call the school directly at 867-667-8150. For more information about École Émilie-Tremblay please visit csfy.ca.

For all other Whitehorse-area schools, here's how to start registration:

1. Visit Yukon Education's website at education.gov.yk.ca and choose the "Kindergarten to Grade 12" section. Everything you need will be found here.
2. Find out which schools are in your neighbourhood by checking "Attendance areas".
3. Use the online form under "Kindergarten registration" to enter your child's information, select the school in your attendance area, and provide your contact information. This form can be submitted beginning February 9 at 9:00 a.m.

To register your child in a Catholic school, you must also complete an additional application. Visit the "Catholic Schools" page for information.

Due to the limited number of spots at École Whitehorse Elementary, spots will be assigned first to students with a sibling at the school. A random draw from applications received between February 9-13 will be used to fill the remaining spots and establish a wait list. Applications received after February 13 will be added to the wait list in the order they are received.

4. Within four weeks of completing the form, you will receive information about which school has reserved a spot for your child and what steps to take to complete your child's registration.

If you need help completing the online form, or if you don't have access to a computer, please call or visit any Whitehorse-area school office or the Department of Education (867-667-5141) to have staff complete the form with you.



2015 Yukon Northwestel Directory Recycling Program Guidelines

Schools in the Yukon Region are invited to participate in the 2015 Northwestel Directory Recycling Program, which offers schools the opportunity to earn cash awards and participate in a “green” activity. **The program will begin on Friday, May 1, 2015 and closes Sunday, May 31, 2015.**

Students, teachers and support staff are encouraged to collect outdated Northwestel telephone directories from family, friends, neighbours, and business/government offices and bring the directories to their respective schools.

Northwestel will recognize all schools participating in the program and meeting the target objectives with a cash contribution toward programs or activities of the school's choice.

There are three levels of recognition funding

Green Level:

A cash award of \$300 for each school meeting a target of two directories collected per student. (i.e. student enrolment x 1 = target number of directories to be collected).

Jade Level:

A cash award of \$550 for each school meeting a target of three directories collected per student (i.e. student enrolment x 2 = target number of directories to be collected).

Emerald Level

A cash award of \$750 for each school meeting a target of five directories collected per student (i.e. student enrolment x 3 = target number of directories to be collected).

*****Hidden Valley's goal is to reach the Emerald Level by each student and staff collecting 3 phone books*****

Mathletics

Our Gr. 1 to Gr. 7 students have been doing the exciting Mathletics program this year. On average, our students have improved their results by 41.8%. Across the whole of Canada, students using Mathletics this year, improved on average by 31.3%.

I would like to celebrate some of our top achieving students:

Everett S.

Abbi S.

Alex G.

Since the start of the academic year, students at Hidden Valley have answered 43,349 quick fire questions!

Mathletics is the world's most used Mathematics website.

It is trusted and used by more than 10 000 schools.

It contains more than 100 learning activities.

Students are captivated by Live Mathletics. Students have now correctly answered 12 Billion questions!

Over 3.5 million students have doubled their scores.

How to get the most out of Mathletics

Take an active role in your child's mathematics progress.

Encourage your child to use Mathletics 3 to 5 times a week.

Encourage a balance between the Full Curriculum section and Live Mathletics.

Take time to work together with your child.

Encourage your child to do activities that challenge, rather than those he/she finds easy.

Students using tablets at home—Mathletics has an app for that.

For more information visit: www.3plearning.com/canada/mathleticsapps

Congratulations to all our students!

Destination Imagination News!

Congratulations to a team of grade 5 students (Donald, Phoebe, Taia, Nia, Alex, Max and Willow) with their Destination Imagination Project; Northern Fiddlesticks! These seven students have qualified to attend the Destination Imagination Provincial Tournament in Vancouver on April 11th!

The team went to FH Collins on February 28th to present their project at the Yukon Destination Imagination Tournament. They did an excellent job in presenting their Team Challenge and worked through the Instant Challenge to receive this invitation to the B.C. Provincials!

The team will leave for Vancouver on Friday, April 10th and return on April 13th.



Wrestling Tournament

On Wednesday, April 15th, we are participating in the elementary wrestling tournament at the Canada Games Centre from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This event involves Grade 1 – Grade 7 students. Takhini Bus will be taking our wrestlers to the CGC at 8:30 a.m. and parents will have to pick up their children at the Canada Games Centre at 3:00 pm.

All parents are welcome to watch this event.

Good Luck to all our Wrestlers this year!

Expression of Interest for Keyboard/Piano Lessons

11.03.15

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am an experienced primary school music teacher interested in offering private piano/keyboard lessons at your school, if there are enough students interested. The $\frac{1}{2}$ hour lessons would be scheduled after school hours. The cost will be \$25 for a half hour lesson plus the cost of any books they need.

Learning to read music and play an instrument positively benefits children's learning in numerous ways. Studies show that children who play an instrument score higher on cognitive development tests and have increased coordination, concentration and self-esteem.

If you would be interested in these lessons, please contact Donna Lawther on (867) 633-2103 or by email to bdlawther@yahoo.ca

Donna Lawther

Looking for Photos !!!

If anyone has photos of the Bison Hunt for the Bison Feast slideshow and/or photos for the year end slideshow, please e-mail them to Sharon at: Ulrich@northwestel.net

Report To The Office

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

Husky Helper Winner for the Month of February Eddie S.



March's winners will be drawn at our next parade on April 21st.



****PROGRAM AT HIDDEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY ****

Learning Together is for children ages 3-5 years and their caregiver(s)!

Younger siblings are also welcome to attend the program.

Starting Nov. 1st, the program will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
Park at the front of the school in the parent parking lot.

Enter the school from the main entrance

FREE! Drop-in. Snack served as part of the program!

Play centers, gym time, storytelling, games, crafts and so much more!

For more information contact the school at 667-8164.



April

Harmony B.	Naden Q.
Olivia H.	Abbi S.
Fynn N.	Seth F.
Wylloh D.	Larissa S.

Thank you for keeping Hidden Valley School Peanut Free.





Upcoming Events

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 at school.

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**LEARNING TO
LEARN.....FOR
LIFE**



Good Friday (No School)	Apr. 3
Easter Monday (No School)	Apr. 6
Destination Imagination Provincials	Apr. 10-13
Bridge Building Contest at PCSS	Apr. 11
Wrestling Tournament	Apr. 15
Rotary Music Festival	Apr. 16
Parade @ 11:00 am	Apr. 21
School Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Apr. 21
Gr. 6 Immunizations at 10:00 am	Apr. 22
Bison Feast @ 5:30 p.m.	Apr. 30
Carmacks Ridge Run	May 1
Parade @ 1:00 p.m.	May 5
Pine Grove Run (Golden Horn)	May 8
Whole School Photo (11:30 a.m.)	May 13
Ditches "N Donuts @ 3:15 p.m.	May 14
French Celebration	May 14
Victoria Day (No School)	May 18
School Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	May 19
Talent Show in the afternoon	May 20
Elijah Smith Elementary Relay Run Gr. 4-7	May 20
Skip-A-Thon in the afternoon	May 22