



Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #5

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HVS School Council News

The HVS School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome Back and Happy 2015! 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 2015.

We would like to invite you to attend an **Open House** on **Thursday, January 29** between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. The students will have the opportunity to share all their good work with you. It will not be a time for individual conferences, but you are welcome to make an appointment, if you would like to meet with your child's teacher. Your child should therefore attend the Open House with you.

Sincerely,
Riana Robinson
Principal

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 Peanut Free.



Santa Wayne Visits Hidden Valley School

All the students were excited to see Santa and his decorated garbage truck during the last week of school before Christmas Holidays. It was a wonderful surprise and we were happy to have him visit our school.



Christmas Silent Auction 2014

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 \$2600.00, which will go towards school resources.

ACS Oil Burner Services

Air North, Yukon's Airline

Bean North Coffee

Boston Pizza

Canada Flooring

Canada Games Centre

Canadian Tire

C & D Feeds

Coast Mountain Sports

Coffee Tea & Spice

Dawn Bennett

Earls Restaurant

Eclectic Video Productions

Freedom Trails

Hurlburt Enterprises

Hy's North

Inspired Interiors

Klondike Travel

Krista Klassen

Stacey McDiarmid

Melinda Ovens

Murdoch's Gem Shop

Office Supply Centre Ltd.

Paradise Alley Gifts

The Sod Farm

Quiet Water Pet Crematorium

Starbucks

Superstore

Titan Gaming & Collections

Unity Accessories

Vanessa Falle Photography

Whitehorse Ski Club

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 and let us know if your child is away for the day. Most families do remember to let the teacher know of planned absences. Please let the office know as well.

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 Friday, January 23rd.

The basketball tournament is Thursday, February 13th after school, all day Friday, February 12th and Saturday, February 13th at the Canada Games Centre.

Wrestling

The wrestling team practices for students from Grade 2—7 are every Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The wrestling tournament will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at the Canada Games Centre.

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 5th and Friday, February 6th, 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.



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.



Photo by Vince Fedoroff

THE DRY RUN – Hidden Valley Elementary School staff and students are seen Thursday at the dress rehearsal of their Christmas production. A Yukon-style nativity scene was part of the show.

Students' Christmas play took on global complexion

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By **Whitehorse Star** on **December 12, 2014, page 9**

It was a display of a multiculturalism, to say the least. The annual Christmas play put on by students at Hidden Valley Elementary School started in Australia, whipped through Hawaii, Aruba, the Netherlands, and touched down in Ottawa before arriving in Whitehorse on Christmas Eve – all aboard Air North. Carols were sung in Hawaiian, Dutch and French, ending with a performance of Silent Night sung by the entire school to last night's packed audience, including Air North representatives Joe Sparling and Deb Ryan.

The set included an impressive Boeing 737 cut from paper stretched across the wall and coloured with the Air North orange, complete with its own call sign – HVS-78. The stage served as the passenger cabin, with the captain up front sitting next to the flight attendants, all in uniform. As is normal, refreshments were served, and airline pillows were distributed to those who requested them.

The script was written by staff and students of Hidden Valley. While throwing out ideas for the annual concert, there was discussion about building something around a worldwide tour, just like Santa's tour on the night before Christmas. "We thought we would be completely different and we would promote the Yukon," Kindergarten teacher and co-producer Tracy Klein said in an interview following Thursday morning's dress rehearsal. "So we thought, 'Well, Air North, why not have them fly us around the world?'" And so it was, beginning with a family running to catch their flight in Melbourne, Australia, on their way home to Whitehorse Christmas Eve. "Hurry up, kids, it's the last flight to the Yukon," their Dad is heard to say. As they lifted off, the Grade 6-7 class sang the Australian Christmas song Six White Boomers about kangaroos pulling Santa's sleigh. As they passed through Hawaii, the Kindergarten class performed Mele Kali Kee Maca, using kazoos to assist while adorned in leis. Then it was off to Mexico with the Grade 4-5 class singing Feliz Navidad, and onward through Aruba with a rendition of Hark the Herald Angels Sing by the Grade 2-3s. The pre-schoolers and their parents performed the Dutch Sinter Claus song as they touched down in Amsterdam. And The Twelve Days of Christmas was sung – and acted out – by the Grades 1-2 class while in Ottawa. When the crew reached Whitehorse, they were met by their grandpa, who told them the Christmas story – northern style. It was based on a poem written by Hidden Valley teacher Peter Harms, whose baby Jesus wasn't born in a manger, but in a trapper's cabin. And it wasn't the three wise men who followed the shining star, but three RCMP officers drawn by a glowing beam.

"... We were up river ... but we saw the sign
We've been heading this way since just after nine
We all were amazed by heaven's bright beam
It showed us the way to your cabin it'd seem

Now I'm not religious but something's is clear
Something special and wonderful is goin' on here
They stomped off the snow and came through the door
Walked to the baby and knelt on the floor

The first man offered his warm beaver cap
"We can pull out the stitches and make it lie flat
He needs to be warm ... He's such a small thing
A beaver skin blanket is fit for a king ..."

The performance ended with the entire school singing Silent Night.

And in true Air North fashion, chocolate cookies were served in the lobby following last night's performance



Husky Helper Winner for the Month of December



****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.

The program is offered Monday—Friday.

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.

January's winner will be drawn at our next parade on Feb. 3rd.



January

Seth W.—Gr. 2	Emerson W-V.— Gr. 5
Mr. Harms—Gr. 6/7	Jeremy M.—Gr. 3
Ms. Byblow- Reading Recovery	Miss Workman— FN Language



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

Basketball Games Begin for Grade 6/7	Jan. 12
School Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Jan. 20
Earlybird Basketball Tournament	Jan. 23
Open evening for Parents (5:30—7:00 pm)	Jan. 29
Parade at 1:00 pm	Feb. 3
Polar Games—Grade 6	Feb. 5 & 6
School Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Feb. 17
Whole School Swim (1:00—1:45 pm)	Feb. 19
Bison Hunt Parent Mtg @ 5:30 p.m.	Feb. 19
Heritage Day—No School	Feb. 20
Report Cards go Home	Feb. 27
Parade @ 1:00 p.m.	Mar. 3
Bison Hunt Begins	Mar. 7
School Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Mar. 10
Bison Hunt Return	Mar. 12
Spring Break	Mar. 16-27