



Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #9

May 1, 2015

HVS School Council News

The HVS School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you all the students and staff who help make Hidden Valley School a great place to be.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Harms, Ms. Boardman, Ms. Allen, Ms. Tiana, Ms. Workman, Ms. Shelley and the Grade 6/7 students for all their hard work and planning that went into the Bison Feast. Also, thank you to all the parents, volunteers and staff members who helped out with the many jobs that needed to be done and for their delicious food contributions. It was a fantastic evening filled with fun and laughter. It was truly a wonderful community celebration.

Congratulations to all the members of the Hidden Valley primary school choir for their fantastic performance at the Rotary Music Festival at the Yukon Arts Centre on April 16th. The group performed two songs; "The Lion Sleeps" and "Each of us is a Flower." It was a proud moment for all of us. Thank you to Mme Lynn, Mme Shari, Mr. William and Andrea McColeman for their assistance in preparing the students for the festival. Great Job, Everyone!

**Whole School
Photo**

**Wednesday, May
20th at 11:00 a.m.**



Transportation to School

http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/employers/school_transportation.html

Students at Whitehorse-area schools have two busing options: school bus and public transit.

To find out about bus routes and schedules outside Whitehorse, please contact your school.

If you live more than 3.2 kilometres from a bus route, see below.

School bus

Parents must fill out a registration form for each Whitehorse-area student to ride a school bus. The information helps us plan and provide the most efficient service possible.

The form ensures we have up-to-date contact information and are aware of medical conditions or allergies for your child in case of an emergency. This information will be shared with the school bus company.

Use the [Returning Student School Bus Registration Form](#) for one or more students who currently ride the bus and have no changes to their address or school.

Register using the [New Student/Change of Address or Change of School Registration Form](#) for each student who has not previously been registered or for whom there is a school change or address change affecting pick-up or drop-off.

The online form is designed for Internet Explorer. If you are having trouble downloading the form, you may not have an updated version of Adobe or you are using a web browser other than Internet Explorer.

There are three ways to submit the form:

Scan and email it to student.transportation@gov.yk.ca.

Take it to your school office or the Department of Education at 1000 Lewes Boulevard

Fax it to 867-667-8243

Skip-A-Thon

This years Skip-A-Thon will be held on Friday, May 15th in the afternoon.

We will be skipping outside and in the gym.

Pledge sheets will be going home soon and all proceeds will go to the Salvation Army.



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...

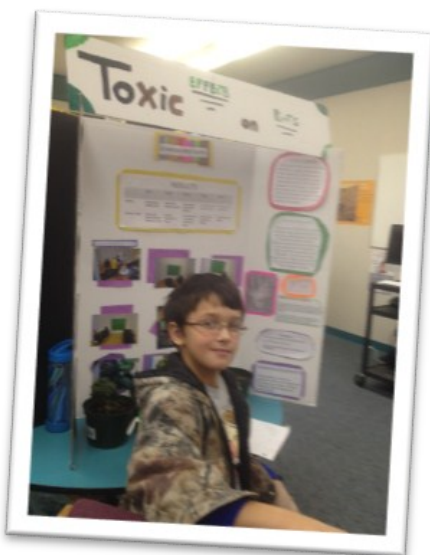
Thank you for keeping Hidden Valley School
Peanut Free.





Yukon Stikine Regional Science Fair- Hidden Valley Participants and Winners in Dec. 2014

The grade 4/5 students from Ms. Allen's class participated in the Hidden Valley Science Fair in December 2014. The finalists were sent off to the Yukon Stikine Regional Science Fair and did well! The students were: Austin (partner Emerson absent)- Toxic Plants, Nathan and Phaedra- Demagnetization (3rd prize), Ada (partner Angel absent):(1st prize)- Melting Ice Caps, Taia and Nia – Biochar (Agricultural Award), and Willow and Phoebe (3rd prize)- Eye Sight In the Dark. Congratulations to all of these hard-working students!



Please help Hidden Valley School reach our goal of collecting 2 phone books per student to earn a cash reward of \$750.00. When you drop off your outdated phone book, please take this years' phone book home with you!

Students, teachers and support staff are encouraged to collect telephone directories from family, friends, neighbours, and business/government offices.

Help us Reward Students for their Recycling Efforts!



Callie & Kade photo

May 1 - 29, 2015 donate your used Northwestel phone directories to a participating school. You can help students earn cash rewards for special school projects, activities or equipment.

The more directories students collect...the more **CASH** schools can earn!



Find Participating Schools at:
<http://nwtel.leafsolutions.ca>
Or call our Program Coordinator:
Leaf Solutions 867-633-5269



Grade 5 Students Attend 'Destination Imagination B.C. Tournament' In Vancouver

One of Hidden Valley School's Destination Imagination Teams, 'The Northern Fiddle Sticks' was one of two schools in Whitehorse to win at the recent Yukon DI Tournament. They won a trip for 4 days to Vancouver to compete at the Destination Imagination B.C. Tournament. This is 21st Century learning that helps students to work as a team, think-outside-the-box, be creative, and problem solve.

The students performed a team challenge about a wolf (loosely based on the fairy tale, Little Red Riding Hood) who has a phobia about eating meat; he is a vegetarian! For this performance, the team had created a lovely back-drop made out of PCV pipes and painted shower curtains, used props, and wore interesting costumes.

They did a wonderful job at the B.C. Tournament and won the 'Spirit of DI Medal'. The reason why they won this award is because of their HVS Husky team spirit, that exemplifies the true spirit of Destination Imagination! Some of the things that the appraisers looked were that they originally had a cast of seven students, but one boy was away at the time of the tournament. However, the students were adaptable and one student took two roles. Then, when they were told they could not use their strobe light, at the last minute at the tournament, they modified their performance. Not only that, but, they carried around a photo of the missing cast member, Max, as a "Flat Max" on the trip!

Hidden Valley School is so proud of Max W. (Flat Max), Taia Z., Willow S., Donald H., Alexander G., Phoebe P., and Nia T. for their hard work! Ms. Allen was the team leader, and enjoyed chaperoning the students with the help of Larry Gray!



PRIMARY CHOIR at the
ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On April 16th, the Primary Choir participated in the annual Rotary Music Festival at the Yukon Arts Centre. The choir's enthusiastic and entertaining performance of two songs, *The lion sleeps tonight* and *Each of us is a flower*, earned an 'excellent' rating from the Adjudicator (who also complimented the students on their respectful behaviour both on- and off-stage in the theatre!). After their performance, the students enjoyed a wonderful celebratory lunch at school. Huge thanks go to Ms. Andrea McColeman for being the accompanist and music director *extraordinaire*, and Mme Shari, M Wiliam and Mme Lynn for helping with the Choir practices.



MUSIC MONDAY

May 4, 2015

Music was celebrated in grand style at Hidden Valley School, not once but *twice* on Monday, May 4th!

In the morning, students and staff 'tuned in' to sing "We are One" with thousands of others across Canada (and even finished the song with hardly a skipped beat when the internet connection failed mid-way through the song!).

In the afternoon, under warm and sunny skies, a campfire sing-a-long was enjoyed by students, staff and special guests, including parents, our Superintendent Mrs. Prysuk, and musicians Andrea McColeman, Graeme Poile and Kieran Poile. Our feast of songs included three languages, and different musical genres. Special thanks go to M Wiliam, Ms. Homan, Ms. Workman, and Mme Paulette for their spirited leading of songs, and to Mr. Harms and his students for preparing the outdoor stage!

....Mme Lynn



Ditches & Donuts

Mr. Harms is coordinating the annual Ditches and Donuts day for Thursday May 14th. For this fundraising and environmental activity, students and parents in the grade 6/7 class participate in the YTG Roadside Clean Up and pick up litter from the ditches.

We are asking interested students, parents, and cars to do this event. If you are able to participate, please call the school, so Mr. Harms can find out how many vehicles and people will be involved. We ask that any primary student be accompanied by a parent. The more parents, vehicles, and students, the quicker we are finished. Bring your work gloves and meet in the lobby at 3:15 p.m. The money raised from this event will go towards the grade 6/7 class for sports, outdoor activities and special events.



Wrestling Tournament

April 16, 2015

Canada Games Centre



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.



****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.

Husky Helper Winners for the Month of April

Declan F-R



May's winners will be drawn at our next parade on May 19.



May

Angel M.	Grace W.
Ben Q.	Deliehla W-E.
Oliver M.	Saige G.
Emlyn K.	Ms. Cupido
Ms. Lumbers	



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**



Upcoming Events

Carmacks Ridge Run	May 1
Music Monday Broadcast in the Library @ 9:40 am	May 4
Gr. 7 Tour @ PCSS (am)	May 5
Visiting Author—Primary @ 9am	May 6
All City Band Visit (10:45—11:30 am)	May 6
Kindergarten Orientation in the Library (2-3pm)	May 7
Gr. 4/5 Intensive French Parent Mtg in the Library (5:30 pm)	May 7
Pine Grove Run (Golden Horn)	May 8
Community Garage Sale (School Council)	May 9
French Author Visit @ 1:00 pm	May 12
Badminton Tournament	May 13
Ditches 'N Donuts @ 3:15 p.m.	May 14
Skip-A-Thon (pm)	May 15
Victoria Day (No School)	May 18
Parade @ 1:00 pm	May 19
School Council Mtg @ 6 pm in the Library	May 19
Talent Show—Afternoon	May 20
Whole School Photo @ 11:00 am	May 20
Haines Junction Run	May 22
Gr. 2/3 @ Rivendell Farm (10am—2pm)	May 25
Gr. 4-7 Rocket Day	May 26
Long Ago People's Place (9am—3pm)	May 29
Gr. 6/7 Spring Camp	June 2—6
Kindergarten-Wildlife Preserve (am)	June 3
Primary Year-end Fieldtrip	June 4
Gr. 1/2 Science camp @ HVS	June 5
Kindergarten Graduation (noon—1:00 pm)	June 5
Gr. 1/2 Lendrum Ross Farm Visit (9am-12:30)	June 8
Gr. 4/5 Equinox Adventure	June 8
Gr. 6/7 Softball Day	June 9
School Council Mtg @ 6:00 p.m.	June 9
Gr. 7 Luncheon	June 10
Whole School Swim (1-1:45 pm)	June 11
Awards Assembly & Gr. 7 Graduation @ 10:30 am	June 12
Early Dismissal @ 2:07 pm	June 12