



Newsletter #2

October 24, 2018

HVS School Council News

The next HVS School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Over the past couple of months we have been working on connecting outdoor and team building skills to the new curriculum. We have been working on connecting the curricular and core competencies to the students' learning in a variety of ways.

We want to thank the School Council and all the individuals that contributed their time and energy during our School Council Barbeque.

Thanks to all our parents who attended the classroom Parents' Meeting Night in September. We hope you found it informative. If you would like more information on the curriculum redesign, we encourage you to see our website.

As it gets colder and wetter, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Conditions change quickly, and it is essential that the children dress in layers, so they are warm in the morning but not too hot in the afternoon.

We held a Kwata Kets'adan Ku (House of Learning in the Forest) Night on October 17th between 5:30 and 7:00. On this night your son or daughter lead you through the learning that they are doing and you participated in a learning activity with them. We welcome your presence in the school and encourage you to become active partners in the education process. I want to thank our new volunteer group who have been coming in on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sincerely,
John Duclos
Principal

2018 – 2019 Reporting Schedule

We would like to thank everyone who gave us feedback on the reporting schedule last year. We have not only updated the dates this year, but we have updated some of our practices to suit our students' educational and family needs better.

Hidden Valley School Reporting Dates and Types of Reporting	
Ongoing (2018-2019) (Online for Digital or by Appointment for Non-Digital)	Portfolio Updates Completed Every Month: The first due date that teachers will have uploaded visual learning in the students' portfolios on literacy and numeracy.
October 17, 2018 (5:30pm—7:00pm)	Kwata Kets'adan Ku (Learning House in the Woods): Parents will participate in a student-led tour that promotes shared interactive learning.
November 9, 2018 (No Classes this day but students are required to attend the conferences)	Student Led Conferences: The first Student Led Conference where the students will be sharing their learning through a prepared and organized conference model. Students will not be attending regularly scheduled classes but will attend the conference with their parents/guardians. Appointments will be available during the day and limited
December 7, 2018 (Sent home with students)	Written Report: The Written Report will update parents and students on all curriculum areas with the use of rubrics based on the new Educational Assessment Alignment Table.
April 11-12, 2018 (Afternoons and Evening Event)	Student Led Conferences: The second Student Led Conference where the students will be sharing their learning through a prepared and organized conference model. The Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes will do their interviews on the 11th during the afternoon, and the Grade 3-7 classes will have their interviews the afternoon of the 12th. Class classes will be open on the evening of the 11th. Stu-
June 14th, 2019 (Sent home with students or mailed home)	Final Reports: Parents will receive a final report card for the year. The report cards will include all curriculum areas as well as new students reporting attachments.

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 21st,
Hidden Valley School held our
annual Terry Fox Run.

It was a beautiful September day! We exceeded our
goal of \$400.00 and raised \$432.00.

Good job everyone!

Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents
who ran or walked
the MacPherson loop.

All of the proceeds went to the
Terry Fox Foundation.



Photo credit: Gail Harvey & The Terry Fox Foundation

Toys/Stuffies

Please help us to keep these items at
home. Teachers cannot be held respon-
sible for these items, and they often
cause a lot of unhappiness in class-
rooms.



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 Hul-
land School, our alternate gathering places will
be:

8 Marion Cres. (K & Gr. 1 (Ms. Mel)

#26 MacPherson Rd. (Gr. 1(Mme. Shari)—Gr. 3)

#20 Marion Crescent (Gr. 4-7)

Turn on your radio to CBC (94.5) or CKRW (96.1)
, or CHON (98.1) all on the FM dial; infor-
mation 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 follow-
ing an earthquake or other city-wide emer-
gency; 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 at least annu-
ally. The School Council has been provided with
a copy of the plan as part of the Annual School
Plan.

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Cannabis legalization information for parents

As of October 17, 2018, cannabis will be legal in Canada. Yukon schools will ensure students have the information they need to make healthy choices and stay safe. Drug and alcohol education, including cannabis, continues to be part of Yukon's school curriculum.

The legal age to use, possess, cultivate or purchase cannabis is 19 years of age. Adults must ensure that children under 19 do not have access to their cannabis or cannabis plants.

Educators will continue to have grade-appropriate conversations with students to teach them about the risks of cannabis use, as well as the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. The use of cannabis continues to be prohibited on school grounds.

If you suspect your child is having problems with drugs or alcohol, you can talk with your school about getting help from a guidance counselor or alcohol and drug services counselor or contact Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services at 867-456-3838.

For more information on how we are educating students about the risk of cannabis and other drugs, visit www.education.gov.yk.ca/drug_education.html or speak with your child's teacher. For more information about cannabis legalization in Yukon, visit yukon.ca/cannabis or see the Department of Health and Social Services' video on key things Yukoners need to know about cannabis at youtu.be/N1v2BLibNqc.

Allergy Alert!

We have students in the school who have severe reactions to some food products. The items that we are asking all parents to refrain from sending to school are *any nuts, peanut butter or any items containing nut products*. Contact with these items can result in severe situations for some of our students. We have had excellent support from our community on this and we thank you for your continued cooperation.

PD Days for the 2018-2019 School Year

October 19, 2018
November 5, 2018
January 18, 2019
February 8, 2019

Thank you for keeping Hidden Valley
School **Nut Free**.





Spooktacular Halloween Family Dance

Please join us on Wednesday, October 31st from 1:30-2:30 pm. in the gym for a fun filled hour of dancing!

Students will be participating in a parade to the gym to show their costumes at 1:00 pm. (Please leave any weapons at home)

The grade 6/7 class will be hosting a bake sale during the dance that will raise money for the entire school. Items will cost between \$.50—\$2.00

We are looking for donated Halloween treats to sell at the bake sale.

We look forward to seeing you!

We appreciate any parents willing to help with getting the primary students' into their costumes.



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October 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Because the Yukon is located in an earthquake-prone area, and other natural or physical plan emergencies can occur which require us to evacuate the school, we want to remind you that, in the case of such an event, the following procedures will be followed.

The school will remain responsible for all students for the hours designated in a normal school day, unless directed to dismiss students by an Emergency Measures authority.

If we are directed to dismiss students, no student will be dismissed from school unless a parent or designated guardian comes for him/her; no student will be allowed to walk or bike home alone.

No child will be allowed to leave with another person, even a relative or babysitter, unless we have written or verbal permission to that effect or that particular person is listed as the students' emergency contact. With this in mind, if your child's information is not up-to-date, please call the office as soon as possible.

All parents or designated guardians, who come to pick up students, must sign the student out with the classroom teacher or the designated marshall at the alternate site Student Release station. This is critical so that we can ensure all students are accounted for and remain safe.

In case we need to evacuate Hidden Valley School in an emergency, our primary evacuation site is **Jack Hulland Elementary School** in Porter Creek. In the event we are unable to access Jack Hulland School our alternate gathering places will be:

8 Marion Crescent (K & Gr. 1 (Ms. Mel) Crystal Desharnais 332-7755

#26 MacPherson Rd (Gr. 1 (Mme Shari) - Gr. 3) Stacey McDiarmid 335-6335

#20 Marion Crescent (Gr. 4-7) Lindsay Heynen 393-3939

We are prepared to care for children in the event of a critical situation, or if parents or guardians are not able to reach the school. We have a number of people with first aid certifications, and we will be in communication with local emergency services, as required. We do ask for your help in the following areas:

DO turn on your radio to FM: CBC (94.5) or CKRW (96.1), or CHON (98.1) ; information and directions will be given over the radio.

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WE'RE NIT PICKING AGAIN!

Fall and the return to school bring children back into close contact again and with that come the possibility of the spread of head lice. Head lice are tiny insects that live on warm heads. They do not spread disease, however it can be a nuisance and uncomfortable when they decide to take up residence on *your* head!

Head lice can be spread by close head to head contact and sharing items that have been in contact with a head that has head lice. They do not jump or fly.

Head lice should only be treated if you identify live lice on your head. The goal of the treatment is to kill the live lice. Some treatments also work to prevent the hatching of any eggs the lice have laid, also known as nits. However, the most effective way of preventing the hatching of eggs is to physically remove all of the nits. This is time consuming, yes, but really the only effective way of ending the life cycle of the lice. We need to get nit picking!

If you think your child may have head lice, check their head for live lice. Remember they move fast so you'll need to look closely with good lighting. Especially check at the hairline at the neck and behind the ears.



If you identify that your child has head lice, please speak to your pharmacist and check out this website for further advice about how to treat it. http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice%20%20

You can help prevent the spread of head lice by teaching your child to avoid head to head contact with other children and not to share combs, brushes, hair ornaments, and hats.

Whitehorse Health Centre nurses recommend that parents check their children's heads weekly to help you identify head lice as soon as possible. If you do identify head lice, please remember that they are just as happy living on a nice clean warm head as on a dirty one. This is no reflection on your family's hygiene. However, if you let the school know that your child has head lice, they will be able to notify the other parents in your child's class so they can be sure to check their child's head more frequently.

They also do **not** recommend that your child be excluded from school because head lice are common and do not spread disease. It is important for your child to be present at school to maximize their learning - especially at the beginning of the school year.

If you would like more information about head lice or would like help confirming your child has head lice before treating them, please contact your school nurse by calling 667-8865. You may also request a copy of our head lice pamphlet from your school's office or check it out on the web. <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/pdf/headlice.pdf>

Huskies Fun Club

As our program has become very popular and filling up quickly, we are asking parents to give 24 hours notice for drop-in and part-time children that are not on a regular schedule. We do realize plans can change at the last minute as well, so in these cases, please call the school by noon the day of, so if the program is full, you will be able to make other arrangements.

Support:

We are still in need for assistance with running the Husky Fun Club. If you are interested in a part time employment opportunity please contact us at the school.

Potential New Obligations:

If we are unable to fill the positions at the Husky Fun Club we will have to make it mandatory that all families, using the program, will have to work shifts on rotation to keep the program going.



September

Avery—Gr. 3	Kayne—Gr. 3	Harrison & Prestyn —K
Cooper & Kora—Gr. 1	Sebastian—Gr. 2	Waylon—Gr. 3
Hayden & Jaxen —Gr. 2	Jakob, Fletcher and Brooke —K	Miss V. Miss Webber

October

Declan—Gr. 5	Liam—Gr. 2	Jack—Gr. 2
Charlee—Gr. 1	Maya —Gr. 7	Darcy & Nathan —Gr. 7
Autumn—Gr. 3	Kate—Gr. 6	Sabrina—Gr. 4
Edrie—Gr. 2	Miss Paquin	Miss Lynn & Mr. M

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Upcoming Events

Volleyball Game #1	Oct. 1
Gr. 4/5 Swim Lessons (9:45-10:30)	Oct. 2-5
Gr. 6 HPV Immunizations (1-3pm)	Oct. 4
Thanksgiving Day (NO SCHOOL)	Oct. 8
Volleyball Game #2	Oct. 15
Book Fair	Oct. 15-18
Learning House in the Woods (Parent evening)	Oct. 17
PD Day (No School)	Oct. 19
Volleyball game #3	Oct. 22
Gr. 6/7 Swim Lessons (9:45-10:30)	Oct. 23-26
Gr. 4-7 French Performance (1:00-3:00 pm) at Jack Hulland Elem	Oct. 23
Gr. 4-7 Haunted House @ Wood St. School (1:00-3:00)	Oct. 25
Volleyball Game #4	Oct. 29
Halloween Dance(1:00-2:30)	Oct. 31
Hot Lunch Pizza	Nov. 2
PD Day (No School)	Nov. 5
Volleyball Game #5 Girls-ESES	Nov. 7
School Council Mtg @ 6pm (Learning commons)	Nov. 7
Remembrance Day Service @ 11am	Nov. 8
Student Led Conferences—No School for students	Nov. 9
Remembrance Day Holiday (No School)	Nov. 12
Volleyball Championships	Nov. 16-17
Gr. 2 Swim Lessons (9:45-10:30 am)	Nov. 20-23
Gr. 4/5 GeoScience Trade Show	Nov. 20
K-Gr. 2 Rec Skate (1:00-1:45 pm)	Nov. 21
Gr. 2 Swim Lessons (9:45-10:30 am)	Nov. 27-30
Gr. 3-7 Rec Skate (1:00-1:45 pm)	Nov. 27

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