

Newsletter #2

October 2, 2017

HVS School Council News

The HVS School Council AGM will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

Huskies Fun Club

The Huskies Fun Club started on September 1st. Parents can register at the school.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been an extremely busy month for both students and teachers at Hidden Valley School. The students have shown a lot of growth with the curriculum redesign and have been focusing on the Core Competencies.

We would like 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. We hope you found it informative. If you would like more information on the curriculum redesign we encourage you to see our website. We now have classroom instructional videos on our website that show our children engaged in their classes last year.

As it gets colder and wetter, please ensure that your children are appropriately dressed for the weather. Conditions change quickly and we all know how hard it is to dress children in the cooler autumn but not quite winter season.

This year we will be having a Kwata Kets'adan Ku (House of Learning in the Forest) Night on November 8th between 5:30 and 7:00. On this night your son or daughter will lead you through the learning that they are doing and you will be able to participate in a learning activity with them.

We welcome your presence in the school and encourage you to become active partners in the education process. **Together we make a difference in the lives of our children.**

Sincerely,
John Duclos
Principal

2017 – 2018 Goals: Mathematics

Rationale for goal:

We would like to continue with our Math goal - to complement the BC performance standards; we would like to focus on Numeracy Nets as our evaluative tool.

A Numeracy Net is an assessment and planning tool designed to help teachers uncover students' misconceptions, enhance instructional response, and thus improve student learning. Numeracy Nets are linked to grade levels.

A Numeracy Net:

Helps teachers identify and understand the critical concepts that underpin the mathematics curriculum and ensure both short-and long-term student success

Comprises a series of diagnostic tasks that give instant feedback on what students understand about these critical concepts.

Helps teachers to develop clear and measurable individual education plans and track student responses over time to measure progress

Each Numeracy Net:

Points teachers to professional resources for information on the mathematical concepts, instructional strategies, or student learning

Highlights activities from professional resources that represent the types of tasks that can address misconceptions and advance learning

Identifies where students will encounter these ideas through references to commonly used classroom resources

Goal 1: By the end of the 2017-2018 school year 80% of all primary students will achieve the following Numeracy Net Performance Indicator (develop number sense).

K, Gr 1, Gr 2: **Develop Number sense** Indicator #6

The students solve a variety of addition and subtraction problems, using personal strategies.

Gr 3: **Develop Number sense** Indicator #6

The students write number sentences for addition and subtraction problems.

By the end of the 2015-2016 school year 90% of all intermediate students will achieve the following Numeracy Net Performance Indicator (develop number sense).

Gr 4: **Develop Number sense** Indicator #5

The students use multiplication to represent the repeated addition of equal sized groups.

Gr 5: **Develop Number sense** Indicator #6

The students represent multiplication using equal groupings and arrays.

Gr 6: **Develop Number sense** Indicator #6

The students use multiplication and division to represent situations involving equal groupings and arrays.

Gr 7: **Develop Number sense** Indicator #7

The students represent a variety of multiplication and division situations using number sentences.

Maintenance Goal: Social Responsibility

We would also like to maintain our focus on strengthening social responsibility in order that at least 72% of students in K – 3 and 88 % of students in Gr 4 - 7 fully meet or exceed expectations in social responsibility as measured by the BC Performance Standards. We are part of the second wave of schools in the Yukon Self-regulation initiative focusing on “personal and social competency”. This is the set of abilities that relate to students’ identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world. Personal and social competency is a responsibility the school system shares with families and communities.

2017 – 2018 Reporting Schedule

Due to implementation of the curriculum redesign Yukon Schools are undergoing a change in student reporting. The traditional three report cards a year model is being modified to incorporate more frequent updates on student learning and growth. Students will still have ongoing assessment in all areas of the curriculum and teachers will be writing report cards. However, the format in which we share learning has changed. Students will be participating in their assessment and reporting. This will include students monitoring and sharing their own growth in relation to the Core Competencies; Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social. Students will be doing this, with the support of their teachers. Students will do this by collecting and showing evidence of their learning.

Our students' evidence of learning will be shared with you throughout the year in a variety of forms including the Kwata Kets'adan Ku night, student led conferences, their learning portfolio, and as part the final report card.

Please see the Hidden Valley School website for more information.

Here is the Hidden Valley School's reporting dates as well as the type of reporting that will be used throughout the 2017-2018 school year:

Hidden Valley School Reporting Dates and Types of Reporting	
November 8th, 2017 (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 leaning.
December 8th, 2017 (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
By December 15th, 2017 (Online for Digital or by Appointment for Non-Digital)	Portfolio Updates Completed: The first due date that teachers will have uploaded visual learning in the students' portfolios on literacy and numeracy.
February 8th. 2018 (Evening Event)	Student Led Conferences: The first Student Led Conferences Night where the students will be sharing their learning through a prepared and organized conference model.
March 15th, 2018 (Online for Digital or by Appointment for Non-Digital)	Portfolio Updates Completed: The second due date that teachers will have uploaded visual learning in the students' portfolios on literacy and numeracy.
May 8th, 2018 (Evening Event)	Student Led Conferences: The second Student Led Conferences Night where the students will be sharing their learning through a prepared and organized conference model.
June 8th, 2018 (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.



Halloween Carnival

On Tuesday, October 31st, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., students will be participating in the HVS Halloween Carnival. The Grade 6/7 students set up booths of games and activities just like at a fair. Students can bring change from home to play many fun games.

Money from the carnival is donated to charity.

Students can also dress up for this afternoon of fun! The gym becomes alive with many wonderful characters and creatures.

****Please note that the office will not be able to change bills, loonies or toonies.****

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 8th – 14th, 2017

The theme for this year is:

“Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!”

Smoke and fire spread fast. There's no time to figure out how to escape AFTER a fire starts. That's why it is so important that everyone has working smoke alarms in their home and that they practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in their household BEFORE there's a fire.



HVS Book Fair

Hidden Valley School will be having a book fair from October 16th-20th in the Library. Books will be available for sale from Tuesday, Oct. 17th to Thursday Oct.20th at lunch time from 12:20 p.m. to 12:50 p.m., as well as after school Thursday, October 19th and Friday, 20th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time for this event, please call Ms. Dawn at the school at 667-8164.



**LEARNING
TOGETHER**

Learning Together is a drop in program that runs Tuesday-Friday. Tuesday is from 9:00–11:30 am and 12:35 pm–3:00 pm. Wednesday–Friday is from 9:00 am–11:30 am. every morning.

Learning Together is a positive, play based learning environment for parents/ caregivers and their children that provides learning opportunities to enhance children's skills in all areas of development. It is a program that targets 3-5 year old children although ages 0-5 are welcome.

The program is drop-in and free! Snack served as part of the program.

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

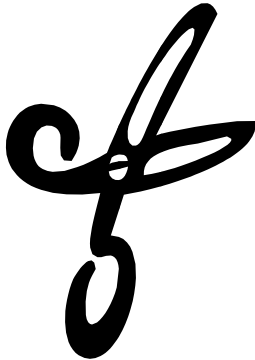
Park at the front of the school in the parent parking lot and enter the school from the primary wing door.

For more information contact the school at 667-8164.

Cold Weather Evacuations

We would like to prepare for cold weather evacuations. We do live in an earthquake zone and real fires can happen anywhere and at any time. Our request is to have the students bring to school an old or spare toque and a spare pair of mitts or gloves. These items would be stored in an equipment bag and will be taken out when a cold weather evacuation is necessary.

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:

#26 MacPherson Rd. (Grades K, K/1, 1/2)

#20 Marion Crescent (Grades 2/3, 4/5, 6/7)

Turn on your radio to CBC (94.5) or CKRW (96.1) , or CHON (98.1) all on the FM dial; 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 at least annually. The School Council has been provided with a copy of the plan as part of the Annual School Plan.

Shin Pad Donations

We are looking for donations of shin pads, for when the students play indoor hockey and soccer. If you have any at home that you are willing to part with, we would greatly appreciate it.

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.

This program runs from 3:10 pm—5:30 pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested in your child joining our after school program, please call Dawn or Shelley at 667-8164.

Toys/Stuffies

Please help us to keep these items at home. Teachers cannot be held responsible for these items, and they often cause a lot of unhappiness in classrooms.



Terry Fox Run

On Wednesday, September 13th, Hidden Valley School held our annual Terry Fox Run.

It was a beautiful September day. We exceeded our goal of \$300.00 and raised \$485.00.

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.





32nd Annual SCHOOLS OF WHITEHORSE FOOD DRIVE Wednesday October 4th

Hidden Valley School will participate in this event by bringing bags home on Monday October 2nd to be filled by their family and by taking extra bags to be given to neighbours in the area.

Bags can be dropped of at Hidden Valley School between October 3rd and October 11th (7:00 am & 5:30 pm)

Or

Bags can be dropped off at the Foodbank Society of Whitehorse at **306 Alexander St.**

The Food Bank Society of Whitehorse established a Food Bank in order to respond to the needs of the community. The donations we collect are distributed to families in need. The objective of the food drive is to assist the Food Bank in responding to the needs of the community and for each of us to experience the joy of working together for a common good.



The school will also take part in this community building event by creating **"Food Towers"**. Students are asked to bring non-perishable food items to school during this period which will be part of the **"Food Towers"** at Hidden Valley School.



Listed below is a list of suggested non-perishable items requested by the Foodbank.

Canned food	Soups (tomato, vegetable)	Vegetables (peas, corn, mixed)	Tomatoes or tomato sauce
	Canned Beans in tomato sauce	Meat/fish (tuna, chicken, ham)	Fruit (peaches, pears)
Beverages	Juice (1 or 2 L)	Coffee (ground), not flavoured	Tea (herbal, regular)
Dry Goods:	Pasta (375, 500, 900 g or large)	Kraft Dinner	Rice
	Jam (300, 500 g)	Dry soup (chicken noodle)	Cereal, hot or cold (large)
	Meal in a can (ravioli, stew)	Oatmeal cookies, granola bars	Soda crackers
	Flour	Peanut Butter (500, 750 g)	Sugar
Other items	Toilet Paper	Diapers (all sizes)	Soap,
	toothpaste,	tooth brushes,	razors,
	shampoo		

Thank you for your support in building a sense of community in our school. If you would like more information about the food bank please visit <http://www.whitehorsefoodbank.ca/>



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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 marshal 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:

#20 Marion Crescent (Grades 2/3, 4/5, 6/7) Lindsay Heynen 393-3939

#26 MacPherson Rd (Grades K, K/1, 1/2, 2/3) Stacey McDiarmid 335-6335

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.

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>

Upcoming Events

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 co-operation.

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



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PD Day (NO SCHOOL)	Oct. 6
Thanksgiving Day (NO SCHOOL)	Oct. 9
School Council AGM	Oct. 11
Earlybird Volleyball Tournament	Oct. 11
Volleyball game #1	Oct. 16
Book Fair	Oct. 16 - 20
Volleyball game #2	Oct. 23
Gr. 6/7 Swim Patrol (9:45 - 10:30 am)	Oct. 24 -27
Volleyball game #3	Oct. 30
Halloween Carnival (1:00 - 2:30 pm)	Oct. 31

PD Days for the 2017-2018 School Year

October 6, 2017
November 10, 2017
January 19, 2018
February 26, 2018
April 27, 2018



September

Avery—Gr. 2	Kayne—Gr. 2	Georgia—Gr. 5
Cooper & Kora—K	Sebastian—Gr. 1	Waylon—Gr. 2
Hayden—Gr. 1	Jaxen—Gr. 1	

October

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