



Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #4

January 6, 2017

HVS School Council News

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome Back and Happy 2017! Thank you to the students, staff, and volunteers for helping us with the Holiday raffle 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 2017.

I would like to introduce myself, Mr. Duclos, as the new principal of Hidden Valley School. I was the principal of Eliza Van Bibber School in Pelly Crossing for the past three and a half years. My move to Hidden Valley School has been very welcoming by all of the students, parents, and staff. I am very honoured to be able to come to your school and work with all of you.

Please come see the wonderful work that the students and staff are doing in the school.

Sincerely,
John R. Duclos
Principal

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



Santa Wayne Visits Hidden Valley School

All the students were excited to see Santa and his decorated garbage truck before the Christmas Holidays.

It was a wonderful surprise and we were happy to have him visit our school. We look forward to seeing him again next year!



Christmas Silent Auction 2016

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations to our Holiday raffle. In addition, we would like to thank all the people that bought tickets for supporting our efforts by purchasing items. In total, we raised \$680.25, which will go towards school resources.

We apologize if any businesses or individuals are missing from this list.

Angellina's Toy Boutique

ATCO Electric

Bean North Coffee

Heather Boardman

Boston Pizza

Canada Flooring

Canada Games Centre

Canadian Tire

Coast Mountain Sports

The Deli

Eclectic Video

Dianne Homan

Inspired Interiors

Max Fireweed Bookstore

Midnight Sun Emporium

Northern Lights Optometry

Lina Radziunas

Superstore

Takhini Hot Springs

The Feed Store

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, cell phones, tablets, etc.

As recess is a time to interact with friends and get some physical activity, we are asking students to keep i-pods, cell phones, tablets or other electronic devices in their back packs during school hours.

Thank you and stay active!

Can We Reach You?

Please make sure to call 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 office to let us know if your child is away for the day at 667-8164.

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 Wednesday, January 11th.

The basketball tournament is all day; from Friday, February 9th to the 11th.

Wrestling

The wrestling team practices for students from Grade 2—7 are every **Tuesday** from 3:10 – 5:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, Jan. 17th.

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 2nd and Friday, February 3rd, 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.

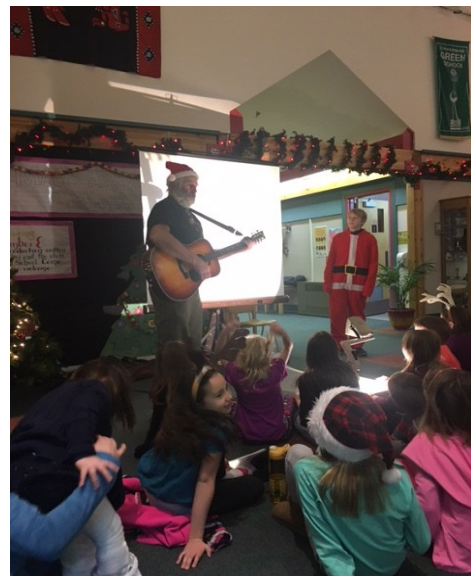
DO NOT immediately drive to the school following an earthquake or other city-wide emergency; streets and access to our school may be cluttered with debris; the school access routes and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles.

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.

Christmas Caroling Week

December 12-16th

From 8:45—9:30 am, the whole school met in the front foyer to sing Christmas carols. It was wonderful to see all the parents join us and sing a long. Thank you very much to Mr. Harms for coming in every morning to lead the carols and play his guitar!



Christmas Concert and Holiday Raffle

This years' Christmas concert, "MAC's Fireweed Storybook Christmas" was a wonderful play.

The students did a great job of acting, singing and playing instruments!

Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to made this such an enjoyable evening.

Thank you to all the parents who brought goodies for the social after the play.





Husky Helper Winner
for the Month of October/November
 Rylan C., Juniper B., Gabe S., Cameron
 M., Porter T., Max W.



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

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.

December's winner will be drawn at our next parade on January 6th.

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.



January

Kai G-T.—Kindergarten	Emerson W-V.— Gr. 6
Ms. Byblow- Reading Recovery	Jeremy M.—Gr. 4

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.

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Upcoming Events

Earlybird Basketball Tournament Gr. 6/7	Jan. 11
Rec Skate K—Gr. 3 (1:00-1:45 pm)	Jan. 11
School Council Mtg @ 6pm in the Library	Jan. 11
Rec Skate—Gr. 4-7 (1:00—1:45 pm)	Jan. 18
Bison Hunt Parent Mtg Gr. 6/7 (5:30-6:30 pm)	Jan 19
School Council Mtg in the Library @ 6pm	Feb. 1
Polar Games Gr. 6	Feb. 2 & 3
Learn to Swim Gr. 2/3 (9:45—10:30 am)	Feb. 7-10
Ski S’Cool Gr. 2/3	Feb. 9
Ski S’Cool Gr. 2/3	Feb. 10
Basketball Championships Gr. 6/7	Feb. 9-11
Learn to Swim Gr. 4/5 (9:45—10:30 am)	Feb. 21-23
Assembly @ 11:30 am	Feb. 21
Heritage Day (No School)	Feb. 24
Learn to Swim Gr. 4/5 (9:45—10:30 am)	Feb. 28 - Mar.3

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