



# Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #5

January 15, 2019

## HVS School Council News

The HVS School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 6th at 5:30 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year, 2019! Thank you to all the students, staff, and parents for making my first few days at Hidden Valley so pleasant. Everyone has been so welcoming and helpful. I appreciate the kindness you have shown to me. I am here until March 1. Please feel free to stop in any time to chat. I would love to meet more members of this wonderful school community.

Everyone is busy settling back into their routines now that we are back at school. We are pleased to welcome a new staff member, Steve Hossack, to our school. Mr. Steve will be working in the grade 2 classroom with Mr. Mitchell. Steve comes to us with great energy and a lot of outdoor learning experience.

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

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



## 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.

## **I-Pods, cell phones, tablets, etc.**

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

Thank you and stay active!

## **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, January 31st and Friday, February 1st, 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.

## *Christmas Caroling Week*

Mr. Harms (our retired Gr. 6/7 teacher) spent the week before Christmas holidays with us in the morning, playing guitar and singing Christmas carols in the front foyer. We had a great time and were happy to have him here!



## 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.



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### 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:

**#8 Marion Crescent ( K, Gr. 1 (Ms. Mel) )**

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

**#20 Marion Crescent (Grades 4-7)**

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.

## Media Release Forms

Any students that did not return their Media Release form will be getting another one to take home. Please complete and sign the form as soon as possible, so we can update our school website.

## 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!



## Christmas Celebration

Thank you to all the families that came to our Christmas concert, Craft evening and Silent auction on Tuesday, December 18th.

The students did a great job singing and had a lot of fun making crafts with their parents.

The silent auction that School Council organized was also very successful. Thank you to everyone that bid on the auction items!







### **Kindergarten pre-registration for the 2019-20 school year**

In Whitehorse, parents must pre-register their child for Kindergarten using an online form. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2019 to register for Kindergarten for 2019-20. Parents in rural communities can register their child for Kindergarten directly with the school.

#### **When does Kindergarten pre-registration open?**

Kindergarten pre-registration opens at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019.

#### **How do I pre-register my child for Kindergarten?**

To pre-register your child for Kindergarten, visit the Government of Yukon's website on Monday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. and fill out the Kindergarten pre-registration form.

The Kindergarten pre-registration form will be available ahead of the pre-registration date so parents can view it. However, the form cannot be submitted until the pre-registration date. The form is available at <https://yukon.ca/en/education-and-schools/kindergarten-grade-12/register-your-child-kindergarten>.

#### **When is the parent information night?**

There will be a Kindergarten and Early French Immersion pre-registration information night for parents on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Selkirk Elementary School in the library.

#### **What is pre-registration? Will I still have to register my child with the school?**

After students are pre-registered with the online form, they will be assigned to a school. Once parents receive a notice of which school their child has been assigned to, they complete the registration process with the school. This includes additional paperwork and showing proof of the child's age, such as a birth certificate.

#### **What school do I pre-register for?**

Children are expected to attend their attendance areas schools. Children attending Catholic schools will attend the school closest to their home. The pre-registration form has the attendance areas for each school. Parents pre-registering for French Immersion can choose between two schools when pre-registering.

#### **What if my child doesn't get into the school I have chosen?**

If your child is not assigned to the school you have selected, we will contact you directly to discuss options.

#### **When / how do I find out what school my child has been assigned to?**

Once we have processed all of the pre-registration forms, we will contact parents in early March with the school their child has been assigned to.



## Upcoming Events

Kai G-T.—Gr. 2	Declan H.—Gr. 3
Kaelan H.—Gr. 3	Nick R.—Gr. 6
Sol M.—Gr. 1	Jeremy M.—Gr. 6
Nick R—Gr. 7	Caydan S.—K
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Basketball Game #1	Jan. 14
School Council Meeting @ 5:30 in the Library	Jan. 16
Gr. 4/5 Arts Centre (12:30-2:45 pm)	Jan. 17
Gr. 1 Mme Shari—Ski S'Cool	Jan. 18, 21, 22
Basketball Game #2	Jan. 21
Basketball Game #3	Jan. 28
Polar Games (Gr. 6 students)	Jan. 31 & Feb 1
Basketball Game #4	Feb. 4
School Council Mtg in the Library @ 6pm	Feb. 6
PD Day—No School	Feb. 8
Basketball Game #5	Feb. 11
Gr. 3 Swim Lessons (9:45-10:30 am)	Feb. 12-15
Basketball Championships Gr. 5-7	Feb. 15 & 16
Gr. 3 Swim Lessons (9:45—10:30 am)	Feb. 19-21
K– Gr. 1 Rec Skate (9:45-10:30 am)	Feb. 21
French Heritage Day	Feb. 21
Heritage Day (No School)	Feb. 22
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 28