



# Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #5

January 9, 2018

## HVS School Council News

The HVS School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are welcome.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year, 2018! Thank you to Tracy and all of the staff for your amazing work on the Christmas concert. It was a pleasure to be part of the long-standing tradition of concerts at Hidden Valley School. The students did an outstanding job hosting the evening as well as performing the variety of skits and songs throughout the night. It was a delightful way for me to conclude my first year at Hidden Valley School.

I would also like to thank the volunteers and School Council for kicking off a wonderful Christmas dance this year. I am hoping to be able to attend next year because I heard that it was a fantastic evening. I would also like to thank our students, staff and volunteers for running the silent auction. The School Council and volunteers also organized and supported the student Secret Santa in December. The students really enjoyed participating in this tradition again.

As we head into 2018 you will be able to see the continuation of the new reporting and assessments. You will have a chance to log onto the student's digital portfolios, participate in goal setting and share your child's learning during student led conferencing. I would like to thank all of the parents who have responded to our surveys on the new reporting tools.

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**.



## Christmas Silent Auction 2017

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 \$832.00, which will go towards school resources.

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

ATCO Electric

Bean North

Canada Flooring

Canada Games Centre

Coast Mountain Sports

Coles Book Store

Icicle Sports

Inspired Interiors

Krista Klassen

Lanique Portrait Boutique

Mac's Fireweed Bookstore

Northern Cultural Expressions

Northern Lights Optometry

Sunnyside Farm

Sportees

Superstore

Takhini Hot Springs

The Feed Store

Triple J's Music-Tattoos & Piercings

Whitehorse Motors

Yukon Wildlife Preserve

Yukon Women in Mining

## **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, 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!

## **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 starting on January 15th and practices every Thursday, starting January 11th 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 team will attend the Early Bird Basketball Tournament on Wednesday, January 10th.

The basketball tournament is all day; from Friday, February 15th to the 17th.

### **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. 16th.

### **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 1st and Friday, February 2nd, 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:

**#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 (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. We look forward to seeing him again next year!



## Christmas Concert and Holiday Raffle

This years' Christmas concert, "A Canadian Christmas Homecoming" 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 December**  
Ella S. and Jaqueline D.



**\*\*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.

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 0-2 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.



Kai G-T.—Gr. 1	Declan H.—Gr. 2
Kaelan H.—Gr. 2	Nick R.—Gr. 6
Solomon M.—K	Jeremy M.—Gr. 5
Ms. Byblow- Reading Recovery	

## 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

Rec Skate—K—Gr. 3 (1:00—1:45 pm)	Jan. 9
Earlybird Basketball Tournament Gr. 6/7	Jan. 10
Basketball Game #1	Jan. 15
Wrestling Starts	Jan. 16
Curriculum Redesign Day—No School	Jan. 19
Basketball Game #2	Jan. 22
Basketball Game #3	Jan. 29
Polar Games (Gr. 6 students)	Feb. 1&2
Basketball Game #4	Feb. 5
School Council Mtg in the Library @ 6pm	Feb. 7
Student Led Conference (5:30—7:00 pm)	Feb. 8
Gr. 2/3 Ski S'Cool (10:45 am—12:00 pm)	Feb. 9
Basketball Game #5	Feb. 12
Gr. 2/3 Ski S'Cool (10:45 am—12:00 pm)	Feb. 13
Basketball Championships Gr. 6/7	Feb. 15-17
Learn to Swim Gr. 2/3 (9:45—10:30 am)	Feb. 20-22
French Carnival PM	Feb. 21
Heritage Day (No School)	Feb. 23
Curriculum Redesign Day—No School	Feb. 26
Learn to Swim Gr. 2/3 (9:45—10:30 am)	Feb. 27-Mar. 2