



Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #5

February 1, 2018

HVS School Council News

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

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Thank you for keeping Hidden
Valley School Nut Free.



Dear Parents/Guardians

From Christmas to March Break is a very valuable time of the year for learning and the classes cover a lot of material. The cold weather often puts a big damper on the outdoor programming at the school as well as at home. Because of the cold, these months are good months to spend 15 minutes or so reading each night with your children, or for older students, having them read silently for 30 minutes.

Hidden Valley School has been focusing on communication, thinking, and personal and social skills (the three Core Competencies) in all of our lessons and activities that we partake in at school. These skills are the building blocks of lifelong learning and of a growth mindset. Growth mindset is rooted in the understanding that anyone can strengthen their brain to learn new knowledge which can be used to solve simple tasks or complex problems.

A child's ability to understand that learning is continual and that their brain is a muscle that can be strengthened and very important. This will allow them to learn new material without frustration. The following two links will bring you to information around growth and fixed mindsets.

A website for parents to assist their children
<https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/default>

An informational video on the Fixed and Growth Mindsets:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUWn_TJTrnU

Sincerely,
John R. Duclos
Principal

Kindergarten in Whitehorse

Pre-registration for the 2018-19 school year will begin on **Monday, February 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

The [online form](#) to pre-register your child for Kindergarten be available on the pre-registration date

- Children must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2018, to be eligible for Kindergarten
- Kindergarten is a full-day program
Kindergarten is not a required program in Yukon, but most families choose to start their children's education there.

To register, please visit: <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten>

On that page, you can learn about

- Kindergarten options in Whitehorse
- [French Immersion](#)
- [Catholic education](#)

[Registration process](#)

[School assignment](#)

[Completing the registration process](#)

[School bus](#)

[French First Language Education](#)

Electronic Device Rules



Hidden Valley School promotes quality academic experiences, as well as, healthy social relationships and personal development.

The use of any electronic devices as well as other electronic games and players are restricted during school hours. Students may only use and have in their possession, electronic devices prior to 8:15 am and after 3:07 pm during the school day. As a condition of this permission, all electronic devices must remain off and put away during the school day and students assume all risk of loss, damage or theft of their electronic device.

Wrestling

Wrestling started for students in grades 1–7 on Wednesday, Feb. 7th.

Practices: Wednesdays after school from 3:15-5:00 pm.

The Tournament is on Wednesday, April 11th: The tournament will be for students in grades 2–7.

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 attended the annual Polar Games with students from other Yukon Schools.

Bake Sale

The Grade 4/5 class will be having a Valentine’s Day bake sale on Wednesday, February 14th from 12:00—12:20 pm in the foyer. The proceeds will go towards their year end off site activities.



On February 8th and 9th we will be conducting the student-led conferences. The conferences will be scheduled by the classroom teachers so there will be only one conference happening at a time. These conferences will be with the student, parent/guardian, and the teacher.

Overview:

The student-led conference is a time for students to share their learning portfolios with their parent(s)/guardian(s) and teacher in a private conference. The student will review their previously set goals and show specific samples of learning (curricular competencies) to demonstrate their skills as a learner (core competencies). The student, parent(s)/guardian(s), and teacher will also have time to discuss how the parent(s)/guardian(s) can assist the student's learning at home.

Format:

Each conference will be scheduled for a 30-minute block of time.

The first 15 minutes will be used to review the child's portfolio in the hallway.

The second 15 minutes will be in the classroom with the teacher and student for the student led conference. During this time, you will be reviewing previously set goals, viewing portfolio samples of learning, and discussing ways to support learning at home.

Please see the school website for more information on the Student-Led conferences including a sample report that you will see during the interview.

Teachers will be contacting parents/guardians to book the appointments. Conferences will be scheduled during the following times:

Miss. Jenn - Kindergarten

February 8th times: 3:15 pm – 7:00 pm

February 9th times: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Mme. Shari - Kindergarten / Grade 1

February 8th times: 3:15 pm – 7:00 pm

February 9th times: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Miss. Klein - Grade 1/2

February 8th times: 3:15 pm – 7:00 pm

February 9th times: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Mr. Allen - Grade 2/3

February 8th times: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 9th times: Not available

Mme. Allen - Grade 4/5

February 8th times: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 9th times: Not available

Mr. Clubbe - Grade 6/7

February 8th times: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 9th times: Not available

Mr. Fergusson - French

February 8th times: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 9th times: Not available

Miss. McColeman - Music

February 8th times: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

February 9th times: Not available

Please note that both days are regular school days for the students. The students will be taking part in group activities unless it is their scheduled conferencing time. If a student's conference is during school hours, once they are finished their conference, they will return to the school activity. Also, Husky Fun Club will run as usual.



Husky Helper Winners for the Month of January



****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 0-5 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.



February

Sophie G.	Damien G.
Josephine D.	Elan J.
Austin W.	Wren R-O
Mr. Duclos	

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

Polar Games Gr. 6	Feb. 1 & 2
Basketball Game #4	Feb. 5
Wrestling Practise (3:15-5:00 pm)	Feb. 7
School Council Mtg in the Library @ 6pm	Feb. 7
Student Led Conferences (1:00-7:00 pm) (see schedule on page 4)	Feb. 8
Student Led Conferences (1:00-7:00 pm) (see schedule on page 4)	Feb. 9
Gr. 2/3 Ski S'Cool (10:45-12:00)	Feb. 9
Basketball Game #5	Feb.12
Early Kindergarten Registration Begins	Feb. 13
Ski S'Cool Gr. 2/3 (10:45—12:00)	Feb. 13
Basketball Championships Gr. 6/7	Feb. 16-17
Learn to Swim Gr. 2/3 (9:45-10:30 am)	Feb. 20-22
French Carnival (1:00—2:30 pm)	Feb. 21
Heritage Day—No School	Feb. 23
PD Day—No School	Feb. 26
Learn to Swim Gr. 2/3 (9:45—10:30 am)	Feb. 27—Mar. 2

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LEARN.....FOR
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