

## Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter #8

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#### **HVS School Council News**

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

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### Pear Parents/Guardians

I would like to congratulate the Hidden Valley Destination Imagination teams for representing our school so well this year. We had 4 teams compete this year at the Yukon level and received 6 medals: Watermelon Seeds won 1st prize in the team challenge; Dreaming Dragons won 3rd prize in their team challenge; Colour Explosion won 2nd prize in their team challenge and the Renaissance Award; and The Northern Skittlesticks won 2nd in their team challenge and first place in the Instant Challenge. The Northern Skittlesticks also won first overall in their division and represented the Yukon in Vancouver.

I would like to thank our DI coordinator, Brenda Allan, for all her hard work as well as all the parents and staff for supporting the kids. I would also like to thank Kelly Wanner and Mr. Clubbe for leading the trip with the Northern Skittlesticks to Vancouver this year.

### What is Destination Imagination?

Destination Imagination is a program to encourage and foster the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills: problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration.

John Duclos Principal

> Whole School Photo Tuesday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m.





## Transportation to School

http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/employers/school\_transportation.html

Students at Whitehorse-area schools have two busing options: school bus and public transit.

To find out about bus routes and schedules outside Whitehorse, please contact your school.

If you live more than 3.2 kilometres from a bus route, see below.

#### School bus

Parents must fill out a registration form for each Whitehorse-area student to ride a school bus. The information helps us plan and provide the most efficient service possible.

The form ensures we have up-to-date contact information and are aware of medical conditions or allergies for your child in case of an emergency. This information will be shared with the school bus company.

Use the Returning Student School Bus Registration Form for one or more students who currently ride the bus and have no changes to their address or school.

Register using the New Student/Change of Address or Change of School Registration Form for each student who has not previously been registered or for whom there is a school change or address change affecting pick-up or drop-off.

The online form is designed for Internet Explorer. If you are having trouble downloading the form, you may not have an updated version of Adobe or you are using a web browser other than Internet Explorer.

There are three ways to submit the form:

Scan and email it to student.transportation@gov.yk.ca.

Take it to your school office or the Department of Education at 1000 Lewes Boulevard

Fax it to 867-667-8243

### Skip-A-Thon

This years Skip-A-Thon will be held on Friday, May 19th in the afternoon.

We will be skipping outside and in the gym.

Pledge sheets will be going home soon and all proceeds will go to Kaushees Place.



## Is your child starting Kindergarten this fall?

If so, please come and see us at the Pre-Kindergarten Health Fair.

Thursday, May 5 or Friday, May 6 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Whitehorse Health Centre (9010 Quartz Road)

A fun, fair-like atmosphere where nurses will check height, weight, vision, hearing and immunizations in preparation for starting Kindergarten. Other agencies will provide information about dental care, nutrition, safety, growth and development.

If you have questions, please call the Health Centre at 667-8864.

- ✓ No appointment necessary
  ✓ Plan to be there about 1 hour
- ✔ Please bring immunization records if your child has been immunized outside of Yukon.









Since 2002, the Directory Recycling Program has been Northwestel's way of connecting with communities and showcasing corporate social responsibilities by diverting out-dated directories from community landfills as part of our commitment to meet and promote environmentally-friendly standards while investing in northern communities.

During the month of May, we will be collecting old phonebooks at Hidden Valley School. There will be a box in the front foyer for anyone wanting to donate their out-dated phone books.

We are hoping to receive 2 books from each student as well as from staff to be brought in. The more books we collect, the more money we receive.

## PRIMARY CHOIR at the ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Friday April 28th, the Grades 1, 2 and 3 students performed at the Rotary Music Festival. They looked great on the Arts Centre Stage and they sang beautifully. The adjudicator had many good things to say about their performance including "Terrific Actions! Very helpful", "Lovely sense of pulse in many of the singers", "Excellent unison singing! Bravo! and "Great to see the happy faces."

The Hidden Valley 1-2-3 Singers worked really hard to prepare for this performance and should be very proud of themselves.

#### Bison Feast

I would like to thank Heather Boardman and the other staff for organizing the Bison Feast this year. There were also a lot of volunteers from our greater school community that helped work at the feast, as well as supplied the bison meat for the burgers and other dishes. Thank you everyone who made this year a continued success. This was one of the most well attended feasts that we had in years. I would also like to thank Bryan Power for doing the video and slideshow for the evening.

### 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.





LEARNING TOGETHER

## \*\*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.

Thank you for keeping Hidden Valley School NUT Free.



# Husky Helper Winners for the Month of March & April



Harmony B., Max W. Justus B., Domíníc S.



### May

Angel M.	Grace W.
Ben Q.	Travis S.
Oliver M.	Saige G.
Emlyn K.	Ms. Lumbers



## Wall of Fame

We have a Wall of Fame at school. Please send any newspaper articles/clippings of Hidden Valley Students excelling in activities.

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## **Upcoming Events**

School Council Mtg @ 6:00 pm	May 3
Carmacks Ridge Run	May 5
Mining Day @ SS Klondike	May 5
Highway Litter Clean-Up (afternoon)	May 9
Kindergarten Orientation in the Library (1:30-2:30)	May 11
Pine Grove Run (Golden Horn) (PM)	May 12
Whole School Activity	
Whole School Photo (11:00 a.m.)	May 16
Badminton Tournament	May 17
Kindergartens @ Wildlife Preserve	May 18
Skip A Thon in the afternoon	May 19
Victoria Day (No School)	May 22
Talent Show	May 24
Assembly @ 1:00 pm	May 25
Haines Junction Run	May 26
Whole School Swim (1:00-2:30)	May 30
K's in Flexihall	