



Hidden Valley Elementary School Newsletter

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HVS School Council News

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians

This time of year is exciting and also very busy. All of our classes have been working on their place-based learning activities. There have been multiple days that we are left with one class in the school, as the rest are on the land learning. We have, also, officially kicked off our canoeing program at HVES this year, which includes students from grades 2-7 canoeing on our Yukon Lakes.

I want to give a huge thank you to our School Council for their dedication to our students, families and staff at HVES. They have also raised thousands of dollars to pay for experiential learning, classroom supplies, learning commons materials, field trips and much more. They have been very supportive of the place-based learning model that we are working towards creating for all of our students.

When the students leave school this summer, a few of our teachers will be going to be taking a Forest School course. This course will allow them to further their understanding of connecting the curriculum with the natural environment. This learning will continue to guide our transition into a school that understands and integrates the connections between the curriculum, student self-identity, First Nations' culture, and the natural environment into everyday programming.

Our school is continuing to grow at an accelerated rate. This ongoing growth has allowed us to open more support positions in the school. This fall, we are looking forward to having a full-time counsellor, and a full-time music and learning commons teacher. We will also have a part-time physical education teacher who will be teaching PE to all the classes one day a week.

I want to welcome two new staff for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Boyce will be joining us as the Reading Recovery and learning assistance teacher. Also, Ms. Jang will be joining us as the new grade 1-2 teacher.

Unfortunately, we will be saying good-bye to some of our fantastic staff this summer as well. Mme Lynn will be retiring this summer and travelling the world. Ms. Dawn will be retiring and moving home, to Winnipeg, to spend time with her mother. Ms. Pollet will be returning to her position at Elijah Smith Elementary after she has her beautiful baby. Lastly, Ms. Mel was unfortunately only at HVES on a year contract, but we hope to see her back at HVES in the future.

We wish you a beautiful and safe summer and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall,

John Duclos

Thank you for keeping Hidden Valley
School NUT Free.



Skip-A-Thon

This years Skip-A-Thon was held on Friday, May 17th in the afternoon.

The students had a lot of fun and raised \$1450.00 for our Food for Learning Program!!



2019 Yukon Northwestel Directory Recycling Program

This year we collected 320 phone books, which is Jade Level:

A cash award of \$550 for each school meeting a target of two directories collected per student.

Thank you to all that donated their old phone books to help raise money for the school!

FN Culture Week

This week, we celebrated FN Culture Week at Hidden Valley School.

We had many fun activities set up for the classes, like storytelling with Elders Hazel Bunbury and Daniel Tlen, Bear Aware with Yukon Conservation, a traditional Dance Workshop as well as Artists in the school that taught a clay tile project and painting on poplar bark.

On Friday, the Chunday K'ant'a Dancers from Elijah Smith School performed for the school and in the afternoon all staff and students did a gallery walk to look at all of the projects that were created. A closing assembly completed Culture Week.

Thank you to Ms. Chambers, Ms. Mel and all the Elders and artists and staff that made this all possible.



Robotics Challenge

"On April 30, Hidden Valley School took part in the 2019 LEGO Robotics Challenge which held at Porter Creek Secondary School. HVS was represented by the Gears and Gadgets team which was composed of four Grade 6 students: Aidan, Cadence, Cassidy, and Jacqueline. The team worked after school with Mr. Greenshields to prepare for the event. The theme was renewable and sustainable energy and the challenge include 40 teams from schools throughout the Yukon. Curriculum areas that Lego Robotics can touch on include science, math, language arts, and technology as well as many aspects of the Health and Career PLOs.

There were three main parts to the Challenge. First, student have their robots completing five pre-set tasks on a field. Gears and Gadgets had to program their LEGO Mindstorm EV3, robot, Rollie to complete five tasks in 15 minutes. These tasks included solar energy, biofuel, wind turbine, electrical and sensory challenge. Second, students were judged on the "technical" aspects of their robots through a team interview process. Finally, students presented a research report on their learning about a specific science/technology related to energy and resources, technology (robotics) about one of the field tasks.

Gears and Gadget were able to complete some of the field tasks and did well in the technical judging. They shone in the research category were they placed second with their Wind Turbine report. As it was the first year in the challenge the students learned a lot about how the Robotics challenge works.

Overall it was wonderful experience as students were also able to take part in hands on presentations from Yukon Energy, Energy Solutions, Total North and Yukon College in between the assigned tasks. All team members want to compete again next year and hopefully we can have more than one team entering the challenge now that we understand what is involved. A big thank you to our superintendent Penny Prysnuik who provided HVS with the LEGO Mindstorm Robotics kits."



Student Online Resources **Yukon**

Students can access the following resources from home using the login information and web URL provided below.

1. <http://educationlibraries.gov.yk.ca>
2. Select your school library
3. Select the resource you wish to access

Reference



Kids, student, advanced, Découverte, Estudiantil Hallazgos, Timelines, Dramatic Learning
WorldBook Web is an excellent grade appropriate encyclopedia with rich multi-media features.

Username: YukonED

Password: resources



EBSCO Host is an excellent research source and an online library of Databases for all grade levels.

Username: YukonED

Password: resources



GALE
CENGAGE Learning™

Username: YukonED

Password: resources

Student Online Resources

Yukon



Username: YukonED

Password: resources

National Geographic Kids is the online component to National Geographic Kids magazine. Find amazing facts about animals, science, history and geography. K-7



Username: YukonEd

Password: resources

Gale Cengage Learning offers two high school sites, Canadian Periodicals Index Quarterly and Gale Virtual Reference Library, and a third site, Global Issues in Context, helps students and teachers understand today's world issues from a global perspective.

Digital Literacy



UN: ykods10
PW: student10

Student Online Resources

Yukon

Tumblebooks



Username: Yukon

Password: books

Username: Yukon2

Password: login

Username: Yukon

Password: login

Video Streaming Services



Username: YukonEd

Password: resources

Access Learning is a Canadian web-based video streaming service that provides access to K-12 educational content.



Username: YukonEd

Password: resources

Learn360 is an interactive media-on-demand service that provides streaming video, audio and accompanying support materials.



Login: Microsoft

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Microsoft Office 365 is available for free for teachers and students while with Yukon Education.



Wall of Fame

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



May & June

Luke K.	Ivymay T-H
Oliver M.	Saige G.
Ben W.	Alex B-V
Alexxis S.	Ellie P.
Jaxton B.	Cody Y.
Lily S.	Mr. A
Ms. Crystal	Ms. Tamara
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Upcoming Events

Gr. 4/5 Camping @ Chadburn Lake	June 4-6
School Council Mtg @ 6:00 pm	June 5
K's & Gr. 1's Rotary Park	June 5
Gr. 2 & Gr. 3—Chadburn Lake (8:45-2:30)	June 5
Gr. 1 classes—MacBride Museum (9:30-11:30)	June 6
Gr. 1 classes—Wildlife Preserve (8:45-11:30)	June 7
Kindergarten, Gr. 2 & 3—Grey Mtn Primary Gallop (11:30-3:00)	June 7
Gr. 6/7 Biking Trip (9:00-3:00)	June 7
Gr. 6/7 Jackson Lake Canoe Trip (9:00-3:00)	June 10
Gr. 1's Pat Bort Farm (9:30-1:00)	June 10
Gr. 4-7 Research Forest Hike (9:15-2:45)	June 11
K's & Gr. 1's—Science/sports Camp at HVS	June 11
Whole School Swim (12:30-3:00)	June 12
Kindergarten Graduation (1:00-2:00)	June 13
Last day of School (full day)	June 14
Awards Ceremony & Gr. 7 Graduation (10:30-12:00)	June 14
Subway Lunch provided by School Council	June 14