



Newsletter #2

October 1, 2015

HVS School Council News

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

Huskies Fun Club

The Huskies Fun Club started on September 1st. Parents can register at the school.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been an extremely busy month for both students and teachers at Hidden Valley School.

We would like to thank the School Council and all the individuals that contributed their time and energy during our School Council Barbecue. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Lindsay and Wendy for coordinating this event.

Thanks to all our parents who attended the Parents' meeting. We hope you found it informative.

As it gets colder and wetter, please ensure that your children are appropriately dressed for the weather. Conditions change quickly and we all know how hard it is to dress children in the cooler autumn but not quite winter season.

This year parent/teacher/student interviews will be held on the 15th and 16th October. Appointment forms are being sent home Monday, October 5th.

We welcome your presence in the school and encourage you to become active partners in the education process. **Together we make a difference in the lives of our children.**

Sincerely,
Riana Robinson
Principal

2015 – 2016 Goals: Mathematics

Rationale for goal:

We would like to continue with our Math goal - to complement the BC performance standards; we would like to focus on Numeracy Nets as our evaluative tool.

A Numeracy Net is an assessment and planning tool designed to help teachers uncover students' misconceptions, enhance instructional response, and thus improve student learning. Numeracy Nets are linked to grade levels.

A Numeracy Net:

Helps teachers identify and understand the critical concepts that underpin the mathematics curriculum and ensure both short-and long-term student success

Comprises a series of diagnostic tasks that give instant feedback on what students understand about these critical concepts.

Helps teachers to develop clear and measurable individual education plans and track student responses over time to measure progress

Each Numeracy Net:

Points teachers to professional resources for information on the mathematical concepts, instructional strategies, or student learning

Highlights activities from professional resources that represent the types of tasks that can address misconceptions and advance learning

Identifies where students will encounter these ideas through references to commonly used classroom resources

Goal 1: By the end of the 2015-2016 school year 80% of all primary students will achieve the following Numeracy Net Performance Indicator (develop number sense).

K, Gr 1, Gr 2: Develop Number sense Indicator #6

The students solve a variety of addition and subtraction problems, using personal strategies.

Gr 3: Develop Number sense Indicator #6

The students write number sentences for addition and subtraction problems.

By the end of the 2015-2016 school year 90% of all intermediate students will achieve the following Numeracy Net Performance Indicator (develop number sense).

Gr 4: Develop Number sense Indicator #5

The students use multiplication to represent the repeated addition of equal sized groups.

Gr 5: Develop Number sense Indicator #6

The students represent multiplication using equal groupings and arrays.

Gr 6: Develop Number sense Indicator #6

The students use multiplication and division to represent situations involving equal groupings and arrays.

Gr 7: Develop Number sense Indicator #7

The students represent a variety of multiplication and division situations using number sentences.

Maintenance Goal: Social Responsibility

We would also like to maintain our focus on strengthening social responsibility in order that at least 72% of students in K – 3 and 88 % of students in Gr 4 - 7 fully meet or exceed expectations in social responsibility as measured by the BC Performance Standards. We are part of the second wave of schools in the Yukon Self-regulation initiative focusing on “personal and social competency”. This is the set of abilities that relate to students’ identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world. Personal and social competency is a responsibility the school system shares with families and communities.

Objective #1: Students will develop positive conflict resolution and problem solving skills.



Halloween Carnival

On Friday, October 30th, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., students will be participating in the HVS Halloween Carnival. The Grade 6/7 students set up booths of games and activities just like at a fair. Students can bring change from home to play many fun games.

Money from the carnival is donated to charity.

Students can also dress up for this afternoon of fun! The gym becomes alive with many wonderful characters and creatures.

****Please note that the office will not be able to change bills, loonies or toonies.****

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 4th – 10th, 2015

The theme for this year is:

Hear The Beep Where You Sleep.

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Increasingly, having a working smoke alarm near your bedroom area(s) and at each level of a residence is required by law. There are now new types of smoke alarms that can be electronically interconnected wirelessly. For example, if smoke activates a smoke alarm in the basement of a house, all the home's smoke alarms will sound simultaneously regardless of how far away they are from the smoke's source. Therefore if additional smoke alarms are installed voluntarily in each bedroom, you are immediately alerted and gain precious seconds to deal with the situation and safely escape from a house fire. Accordingly, it is recommended that smoke alarms be installed in each bedroom.



HVS Book Fair

Hidden Valley School will be having a book fair from October 13th-16th in the Library. Books will be available for sale from Tuesday, Oct. 13th to Thursday Oct. 15th at lunch time from 12:20 p.m. to 12:50 p.m., as well as after school Thursday, October 15th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and all day Friday, October 16th from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time for this event, please call Ms. D at the school at 667-8164.



**LEARNING
TOGETHER**

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!

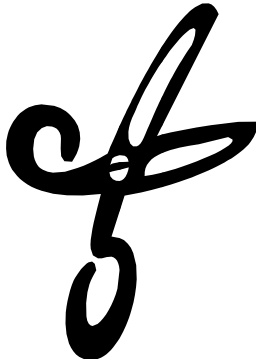
Park at the front of the school in the parent parking lot and enter the school from the primary wing door.

For more information contact the school at 667-8164.

Cold Weather Evacuations

We would like to prepare for cold weather evacuations. We do live in an earthquake zone and real fires can happen anywhere and at any time. Our request is to have the students bring to school an old or spare toque and a spare pair of mitts or gloves. These items would be stored in an equipment bag and will be taken out when a cold weather evacuation is necessary.

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:

#18 MacPherson Rd. (Grades K, 1, 2/3)

#20 Marion Crescent (Grades 4/5, 6/7)

Turn on your radio to CBC (94.5) or CKRW (96.1) , or CHON (98.1) all on the FM dial; 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 at least annually. The School Council has been provided with a copy of the plan as part of the Annual School Plan.

Shin Pad Donations

We are looking for donations of shin pads, for when the students play indoor hockey and soccer. If you have any at home that you are willing to part with, we would greatly appreciate it.

Huskies Fun Club

As our program has become very popular and filling up quickly, we are asking parents to give 24 hours notice for drop-in and part-time children that are not on a regular schedule. We do realize plans can change at the last minute as well, so in these cases, please call the school by noon the day of, so if the program is full, you will be able to make other arrangements.

This program runs from 3:07 pm—5:30 pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested in your child joining our after school program, please call Mary at 667-8164.

Toys/Stuffies

Please help us to keep these items at home. Teachers cannot be held responsible for these items, and they often cause a lot of unhappiness in classrooms.



Terry Fox Run

This is the 35th annual
Terry Fox Run!

On Friday, September 18th, Hidden Valley School held our annual Terry Fox Run.

It was a beautiful September day. We exceeded our goal of \$250.00 and raised \$286.90.

Good job everyone!

Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents who ran or walked the MacPherson loop.



Yukon Libraries Week

LITERACY CRAWL

YOUR MISSION—SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT—IS TO VISIT 4 YUKON LIBRARIES IN 1 WEEK

CRAWL STARTS: Friday, October 16th – 10am @ Participating Libraries

CRAWL ENDS: Friday, October 23rd – 5pm @ Yukon Public Law Library

PRIZE DRAW: Friday, October 23rd – 5:30pm @ Whitehorse Public Library

GRAND PRIZE: A Kobo GLO HD eReader with SleepCover!

OPEN TO: All Ages – Individual & Team Entries

**Literacy Crawl Maps & Contest Details will be Available at
Participating Libraries Starting Thursday, October 15th...**

Pick Up a Map and Start Crawling for Clues!

PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES:

- ★ Whitehorse Public Library
- ★ Family Literacy Centre
- ★ Energy, Mines & Resources Library
- ★ Yukon Public Law Library





SCHOOLS OF WHITEHORSE FOOD DRIVE Wednesday October 7th “In the Spirit of Caring”

**On Wednesday, October 7th 2015, the schools of Whitehorse will take part in the 32nd
Annual “Schools of Whitehorse Food Drive.”**

The Food Bank Society of Whitehorse established a Food Bank in order to respond to the needs of the community. The donations collected are distributed to families in need. The objective of the food drive is to assist the Food Bank in responding to the needs of the community and for each of us to experience the joy of working together for a common good.

Hidden Valley School will participate in this event starting October 1st :

- ♦ by having students bring home a donation bag for their family.
- ♦ by having students bring home donation bags that can be given to other families in our community that do not have children at the school.
- ♦ by placing a bin with donation bags at the mailboxes in the MacPherson and Hidden Valley areas
- ♦ by placing donation bags in the school for pick up between 7:00 am – 5:30 pm

**Bags of donated items
can be brought to Hidden Valley School between
7:00 am & 5:30 pm**

Or can be dropped off at the Foodbank Society of Whitehorse at 306 Alexander St.



The school will also take part in this community building event by creating a “**Food Tower**”. Food donated by the students and community during this period will be part of the tallest “**Food Tower**” Hidden Valley School students can create.



Listed below is a list of suggested non-perishable items requested by the Foodbank.

<i>Canned Foods</i>	<i>Beverages</i>	<i>Dry Goods</i>	<i>Other Items</i>
Soups Vegetables Tomatoes or tomato sauce Canned Beans in tomato sauce Meat/fish (tuna, chicken, ham) Fruit(peaches, pears)	Juice (1 or 2 L) Coffee (ground) Tea (herbal, regular)	Rice Pasta Dry soup Jam Sugar Flour Granola bars Kraft Dinner Peanut Butter Soda crackers Meal in a can Cookies, Cereal, hot or cold (large)	Toilet Paper Diapers (all sizes) Soap razors toothpaste shampoo tooth brushes

Thank you for your support in building a sense of community in our school. If you would like more information about the food bank please visit <http://www.whitehorsefoodbank.ca/>

CONNECTED PARENTS, THRIVING KIDS

An 8-Session Course or Weekend workshop

For all those involved with children, *particularly parents*, who want to create a nurturing, safe environment for children.



***Based on the IMAGO model as described in
Giving the Love That Heals by Harville Hendrix and Helen LaKelly Hunt***

Presented by Lucie Desaulniers, MEd, CCC, CIRT

Contact Lucie at 867-668-6517 for further information

Every parent wants the BEST for their child! Every child wants their parent to be happy!

Join hands with others to find new insights and strengths

Discover the gift you have been given, and the gift you ARE!

Learn ways to support your children in reaching their full potential.

Practice new skills for helping your children feel heard and understood.

Our mission is to create a nurturing environment for all children.

Change and healing is possible!

This course is an experience-based means to glean the gifts of your own past and apply them. You will hear lectures; observe and participate in demonstrations; experience guided imageries, written exercises, communication practice, and FUN activities! The workshop is designed for married or single parents, child care professionals, and individuals and couples who are looking for hope, inspiration and transformation.

♥ *When we KNOW better, we DO better and all those we love can flourish* ♥



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Because the Yukon is located in an earthquake-prone area, and other natural or physical plan emergencies can occur which require us to evacuate the school, we want to remind you that, in the case of such an event, the following procedures will be followed.

The school will remain responsible for all students for the hours designated in a normal school day, unless directed to dismiss students by an Emergency Measures authority.

If we are directed to dismiss students, no student will be dismissed from school unless a parent or designated guardian comes for him/her; no student will be allowed to walk or bike home alone.

No child will be allowed to leave with another person, even a relative or babysitter, unless we have written or verbal permission to that effect or that particular person is listed as the students' emergency contact. With this in mind, if your child's information is not up-to-date, please call the office as soon as possible.

All parents or designated guardians, who come to pick up students, must sign the student out with the classroom teacher or the designated marshall at the alternate site Student Release station. This is critical so that we can ensure all students are accounted for and remain safe.

In case we need to evacuate Hidden Valley School in an emergency, our primary evacuation site is **Jack Hulland Elementary School** in Porter Creek. In the event we are unable to access Jack Hulland School our alternate gathering places will be:

#20 Marion Crescent (Grades 4/5, 6/7) Lindsay Heynen 393-3939

#18 MacPherson Rd (Grades K, 1, 2/3) Heather Kaytor 667-4466

We are prepared to care for children in the event of a critical situation, or if parents or guardians are not able to reach the school. We have a number of people with first aid certifications, and we will be in communication with local emergency services, as required. We do ask for your help in the following areas:

DO turn on your radio to FM: CBC (94.5) or CKRW (96.1), or CHON (98.1) ; information and directions will be given over the radio.

WE'RE NIT PICKING AGAIN!

Fall and the return to school bring children back into close contact again and with that come the possibility of the spread of head lice. Head lice are tiny insects that live on warm heads. They do not spread disease, however it can be a nuisance and uncomfortable when they decide to take up residence on *your* head!

Head lice can be spread by close head to head contact and sharing items that have been in contact with a head that has head lice. They do not jump or fly.

Head lice should only be treated if you identify live lice on your head. The goal of the treatment is to kill the live lice. Some treatments also work to prevent the hatching of any eggs the lice have laid, also known as nits. However, the most effective way of preventing the hatching of eggs is to physically remove all of the nits. This is time consuming, yes, but really the only effective way of ending the life cycle of the lice. We need to get nit picking!

If you think your child may have head lice, check their head for live lice. Remember they move fast so you'll need to look closely with good lighting. Especially check at the hairline at the neck and behind the ears.



If you identify that your child has head lice, please speak to your pharmacist and check out this website for further advice about how to treat it. http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice%20%20

You can help prevent the spread of head lice by teaching your child to avoid head to head contact with other children and not to share combs, brushes, hair ornaments, and hats.

Whitehorse Health Centre nurses recommend that parents check their children's heads weekly to help you identify head lice as soon as possible. If you do identify head lice, please remember that they are just as happy living on a nice clean warm head as on a dirty one. This is no reflection on your family's hygiene. However, if you let the school know that your child has head lice, they will be able to notify the other parents in your child's class so they can be sure to check their child's head more frequently.

They also do **not** recommend that your child be excluded from school because head lice are common and do not spread disease. It is important for your child to be present at school to maximize their learning - especially at the beginning of the school year.

If you would like more information about head lice or would like help confirming your child has head lice before treating them, please contact your school nurse by calling 667-8865. You may also request a copy of our head lice pamphlet from your school's office or check it out on the web. <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/pdf/headlice.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Allergy Alert!

We have students in the school who have severe reactions to some food products. The items that we are asking all parents to refrain from sending to school are *any nuts, peanut butter or any items containing nut products*. Contact with these items can result in severe situations for some of our students. We have had excellent support from our community on this and we thank you for your continued cooperation.

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



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Will Stroet French Performance (Gr. 4-7) (9:30—11:00 am)	Oct. 5
Volleyball—Earlybird Tournament	Oct. 7
Thanksgiving Day—No School	Oct 12
K—Gr. 3 Rec Skate @ CGC (1:00-1:45pm)	Oct. 14
Book Fair	Oct 13—16
Parent/Teacher Interviews (4:00—7:00 pm)	Oct. 15
Parent/Teacher Interviews (8:30am—3:00pm) - No School for Students—Students have to attend the interviews with parents	Oct. 16
Gr. 2/3 fieldtrip to Beringia Centre (12:30—3:00 pm)	Oct. 19
Gr. 6/7 Swim Patrol at CGC (9:45—10:30 am)	Oct. 20-22
O'Canada Recording (Whole School)	Oct. 23
PD Day—No School	Oct. 27
Halloween Carnival (1:00—2:30 pm)	Oct. 31



September

October

Serena—Gr. 6	Sabrina —Gr. 1	Autumn—K
Matthew & Oskar—Gr. 7	Kassidy—Gr. 1	Cody & Kate—Gr. 3
Mrs. Robinson	Declan – Gr. 2	Mikayla—Gr. 6
Waylon & Hayden—K	Maya – Gr. 4	Darcy & Nathan – Gr. 5
	Miss Lynn	