



# HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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**June 20, 2018.**

Dear Families,

The past six weeks have been a whirlwind of exciting days at Happy Valley. We enjoyed a fabulous Spring Fair, sponsored by our amazing PAC and volunteer parents. Thanks to everyone who made this event a success!

We hosted a visiting band, performed with the Symphony, put on an awesome Art Show and had 70 athletes participate in the District Track Meet at Royal Bay. This month's highlights also included numerous field trips, a swim for our monitors and a fun day at the beach.

Amidst all of these memorable events, children have been working on their third term goals and reflecting on their Core Competencies. We want to congratulate all of our students on a successful year and thank the HV staff and parent community for their dedication and support.

Thank you for the warm welcome you have shown me at Happy Valley this year. I am enjoying being part of the school community and feel privileged to work with such skilled staff and incredible kids.

Happy summer!

Sincerely,  
Karen Sjerven  
Principal

## **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:**

Thurs, June 21st – Primary Fun Day; Grade 4 Field trip (pm); Grade 5 Field trip  
Wed. June 27<sup>th</sup>- Grade 5 Assembly @ 10:30  
Thurs. June 28<sup>th</sup>- Whole School Celebration Assembly @ 1:15 & Last Day of School

## **New Staff at Happy Valley**

Welcome to Ms. Sherry Thomas, who will be our Aboriginal Support Worker at Happy Valley. Sherry is returning to Happy Valley after working at various schools in the District. We wish Lisa Miller all the best in her new assignment.

## **Congratulations Track Stars!**

Our track and field teams were amazing at the District Meet and Happy Valley achieved some impressive results! Thank you to Mr. Gadd, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cook, Ms. Poirier, Mrs. McFarland and several staff and parents for supporting Track!

## **What an Art Show!**

Our classes showcased their creations at a wonderful Art Show this Spring. Our gym was magically transformed into a gallery by Ms. Roberts, Mrs. O'Regan, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Kosolfski and staff. Thanks to all of the classes and teachers for sharing their third term work with us!

## **Thank you PAC!**

June 20<sup>th</sup> is the final PAC meeting of the year for our 2017-2018 PAC. We are appreciative of the work that this committed group of parents has done for our school to benefit all students. Thank you to our current PAC and members at large. Thank you Tarra R., Dara H., Liz W., Lisa M., Bree M., Cynthia M., Cheryl M., Brittney M., Bonnie B., Michelle T., and all parents who joined in our meetings.

Special thanks and a fond farewell to our tireless PAC president, Tarra Rosenke, who is leaving HV as her youngest child heads to Middle School. We appreciate all you have done for the HV kids over many years!

Introducing our 2018-2019 PAC...

President- Dara Hickman  
Vice President- Cheryl Marsh  
Secretary- Michelle Turner  
Treasurer- Lisa Mercer  
SPEAC- vacant  
Hot Lunch- Cheryl Marsh & Bonnie Brooks  
Fundraising- vacant

Stay tuned for news of our September PAC meeting date!

### **Comfort Kits are Coming Home**

Our Emergency bin is being re-stocked and we are sending home the "Comfort Kits" that were previously collected. Due to our large school population and new recommendations regarding emergency supplies, schools are working with a District coordinator to organize our inventory and our drill procedures. You will be hearing more about our new initiatives in the fall.

### **Staff Farewells**

We are still in the midst of staffing for next year. We do know that some of our staff already have positions at other schools and we are wishing them great success in their new assignments.

Our vice principal and Grade 3 teacher, *Mrs. Sarah Laughton*, will be moving to Crystal View Elementary as vice principal. Over the past 3 ½ years, Mrs. Laughton has worked as a primary teacher, librarian and vice-principal at HV. She has been a champion of the Young Growers program and organized the gardening classes, led cross-country, organized monitors, coordinated Jump Rope for Heart and Primary Fun Day and assisted with many school-wide events. We want to thank Mrs. Laughton for her many contributions to our school and wish her all the best!

*Mrs. Sarah Karadimas* came to HV this year to teach Grade 2 and she quickly became part of our school staff. She will

be greatly missed as she heads to John Stubbs next year to teach French Immersion. Bonne chance, Mme. Karadimas!

*Ms. Cynthia Berenyi* joined our staff this year to teach Grade 4. She helped coach girls' basketball and could be found Monday- Wednesday having fun with her students! Ms. Berenyi is heading back to Spencer to teach the Dance program. Enjoy, Ms. Berenyi!

This year *Ms. Emily Hill* shared a Grade 3/4 class with Ms. Allen and she shared a Grade 3 class with Mrs. Laughton. We will miss Ms. Hill as she moves to Vancouver to teach! Thank you and good luck!

We are wishing farewell to *Mrs. Kati Drieliach*, who has been sharing a Kindergarten class with Mrs. Hancock this year. Thank you and enjoy your new assignment at Wishart!

Congratulations to our Gr.3 / Behaviour Support teacher, *Ms. Sam Lankmayr* who is going to be working at Sooke Elementary next year. Thank you Sam!

Best wishes to *Ms. Jaqueline Heaslip*, who is moving from her Integration Support position at HV to a full time position at Willway. Thanks and good luck!

We would like to thank *Mr. Vasilakopoulous, Mr. Werden* and *Ms. Brinston* for their work at HV and we look to finding out about their future assignments. Best wishes!

Thank you to *Ms. Jennifer Thompson* and *Mrs. Holly Stratton*, who have been part of our EA team at Happy Valley. Thank you and good luck in your new roles!

Our counsellor, *Mr. Friessen* will be working at some different schools next year. Thanks to Mr. Friessen for his work with our students and families at HV. We are welcoming Mrs. Laura Schaefer back to Happy Valley in September.

### **Grade 5 Farewell Assembly**

On Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 we will be wishing our Grade 5's farewell and celebrating their last year at Happy Valley. This year, 63 Grade 5's have represented our school as leaders, monitors, athletes, artists, musicians and enthusiastic learners. Best wishes to our Grade 5's as they head to Middle School. We will miss you!

### **Whole School Celebration Assembly**

On Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> we will be having our final celebration assembly at 1:30pm. We will be looking back at some favourite memories of the year and thanking some of our special people.

### **Last Day of School**

Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is the last full day of school for students. Report cards will be issued at the end of the day.

### **School Supplies for Next Year**

Supply lists are available on the school website. PAC are organizing the pre-purchase of school supplies through Monk. It is not too late to order! The deadline is July 23<sup>rd</sup> and some of the proceeds will go to the school. Please see the website for details.

### **Back to School**

**Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:25-11:30**

*Returning students in Grades 1-5* will go to last year's classes for the first few days of school. Students will move to new classes once the District has confirmed all school enrolments and ensured that all students have been placed in schools.

*New students in Grades 1-5* will meet in the library on the first day of school.

### **First Day of Kindergarten**

On Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten students will come to school for half days. Each child will receive their morning and afternoon schedule in a July mail-out. Wednesday,

September 12<sup>th</sup> is a full day of school for all Kindergarten children.

**If you visited us recently, you may have noticed...**

- 60 new Kindergarten children visited us in June.
- We played rugby with New Zealand Women's Sevens!
- There is a class on a field trip happening almost every day.
- There are plants growing inside and outside our classrooms.
- Our Kindies are not wearing their pinnies! (They are almost Grade Ones...)
- Over 400 kids went to Aylard Farm to enjoy the beach this week.
- Students in all grades are reflecting on their learning and demonstrating the "Core Competencies".
- Classes are creating and sharing their projects.
- Primary kids are excited about Fun Day!
- Grade Fours are looking forward to bowling and mini-golf!
- Grade Fives are getting ready to go to Vancouver and the waterslides!
- We are excited about new technology coming to our school in September!

*We are  
celebrating a  
fantastic  
year of  
learning and  
growing  
together!*

