



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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Beautiful fall days are here and we are taking advantage of the sunshine at school.

Our next family event is the PAC Family Hallowe'en Dance on Thursday, October 25th. This is always a terrific evening and costumes for kids and adults are encouraged. Dance tickets are available for \$5 and food is available for purchase at 5:30 pm. Thank you for leaving toy weapons and masks at home.

Enjoy reading about our first month at school and some upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Karen Sjerven
Principal

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Thurs. Oct. 18th – “Great Shake Out” drill @ 10:15

Fri. Oct. 19th – PRO D DAY

Mon. Oct. 22nd- Panago lunch – Gr. 5 fundraiser

Mon. Oct. 22nd – “Ready, Set, Read” for 0-5 year olds in HV gym (6:00-7:00pm)

Tues. Oct. 23rd – PAC meeting @ 6:30

Thurs. Oct. 25th – PAC Family Hallowe'en Dance @ 5:30

Fri. Oct. 26th- Subway lunch

Tues. Oct. 30th – Lifetouch Photo Retakes

Wed. Oct. 31st- Hallowe'en Happenings at HV

Fri. Nov. 9th – Remembrance Assembly @ 10:45

Fri. Nov. 9th – Boston Pizza lunch

Mon. Nov. 12th – Remembrance Day observed

Thurs. Nov. 22nd – 3hour early dismissal for parent conferences

Fri. Nov. 23rd – PRO- D Day

Fri. Dec. 7th – Panago lunch – Gr.5 fundraiser

Fri. Dec. 14th – Subway lunch

Fri. Dec. 21st – Last day of school /Winter Break

Mon. Jan. 7th- Back to school

9:45-10:00 Kindergarten recess

10:10-10:25 Grade 1-5 recess

11:40-12:05 Play (Primary K-2)

12:10-12:30 Whole school eating time

12:30-12:55 Play (Intermediate)

2:28 Dismissal

*Recess and lunch play times are outside.
Please bring clothing for rainy weather!

Terry Fox Fundraising Goal

Today we had a special assembly to announce that HV raised a total of \$6113.05 for the Terry Fox Foundation! Ms. Roberts and Mr. Johnson unveiled a banner that will go up in our gym to acknowledge 25 years of Terry Fox fundraising at Happy Valley!

We congratulated our top fundraisers in Primary and Intermediate and our overall top fundraiser. Congratulations to Seren A. (\$320), Stephanie P. (\$322) and Nira J. (\$1017)! The girls received Terry Fox t-shirts. Mr. Johnson's Grade 4 class raised over \$1000. Since we reached our \$5000 school goal, we are having a movie and treat tomorrow afternoon. Ms. Roberts kept her promise to cut her hair since we exceeded \$6000! Way to go, everyone!

Cross Country Stars

Happy Valley kids were super stars at the recent meets at Juan de Fuca. Congratulations to many children who achieved personal bests and hats off to Charlotte W., Taylor I. and Ariana O. who continue to be top finishers. Thanks to Mrs. Leakey, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. MacLean for supporting the team this fall. Cross Country resumes in the Spring.

2018-19 Happy Valley Schedule

8:25 First bell

8:30 Classes begin

Handball Happenings

Handball season is underway for boys and girls. Thank you to Mr. Gadd, Mrs. Kosolofski, Mrs. Leakey and other staff helpers for supporting these teams.

Lost & Found

Last week we counted over 100 coats in the Lost & Found bin! Thanks to our PAC parents for hanging up the clothing and displaying it for parents at pick up time. If you are missing any of your laundry, please check out the clothing collection in the front hallway!

Spirit Wear Wednesdays

Thanks to our PAC for submitting the recent order for HV Spirit wear. Some classes have started a special “Spirit Wear Wednesday” and everyone is welcome to join the trend!

“Ready, Set, Read” – Monday, October 22nd (6:00-7:00pm)

Do you have young children between 0-5yrs? Children and their parents are invited to Happy Valley for this free program. Formerly “Bedtime Shenanigans”, this early learning opportunity happens monthly at different schools. Come for a story, snack, songs and a free book!

PAC MEETING – Tuesday, October 23rd @ 6:30 pm

All parents are welcome to attend monthly PAC meetings. It is a great place to learn more about school happenings and PAC initiatives. This month will include news of upcoming events. Childcare is always provided. Hope you can make it!

Safe Play Reminders

We have 4 different play breaks to allow more space for all children to play outside during our field remediation. Children are reminded that our tether balls soccer balls and “mini-sticks” are for use within school hours (recess and lunch breaks). Drop off and pick up times are understandably congested and we want to ensure that everyone on the grounds is safe.

Term 1 Conferences – November 22nd.

This year, our parent/teacher conferences will align with the District date for 3hour early dismissal on November 22nd. Online sign up will happen at the end of October. Parents are always encouraged to connect directly with teachers

If you have visited Happy Valley in recent weeks, you may have noticed...

- 322 children were released to their families during our Reunification Drill on Sept. 21st. Thank you for your participation!
- Several classes visited the beach in September.
- Our Harvest Festival was a huge hit, despite rainy weather. Mrs. K. won the pie-eating contest!
- The whole school participated in our Terry Fox Run on Sept. 27th.
- Dance Club is happening twice a week with Ms. Prette.
- We learned about Climate Change from the Earth Rangers on Oct. 1st. We met several amazing animals and birds too! Thanks to Mrs. Leakey for organizing.
- We cheered for the Tour de Rock team as they drove by on Oct. 3rd!
- Several children took part in “Club Opera” with Ms. K. on Oct. 9th.
- Garden lessons resumed.
- “Kung Fu” is coming in November on Wednesdays after school. See the sign-up forms from PAC.
- PISE teaches our PE classes every Thursday. Different classes will take participate in January.
- Our hallways and classrooms are filled with terrific art work, projects and work samples from our first month at school.
- Lunch monitors, office monitors and service monitors are doing a super job around the school.
- Our staff are taking on District leadership opportunities, innovative Inquiry projects and leading new curricular initiatives.