



# HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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**November 15, 2018.**

Last Friday we attended a beautiful Remembrance Assembly. We welcomed Master Corporal Carbe Orellana, (Antonio's dad) to share his experiences with us. Mrs. Gregory played piano. Several Grade 5 students shared thank you letters they had written to veterans. Our Senior choir sang *Remembrance Day Child* and *One Wish*. Intermediate students read poetry and Natalie and Kate represented Guides in laying a wreath. The assembly culminated with the whole school joining in *Sing for Peace*. Thank you to all classes for contributing artwork for the gym and for being such a respectful audience.

On November 22nd, we are looking forward to welcoming parents to school for learning conferences. The online sign up through School Appointments is underway and will remain open until Monday, Nov. 19th.

Methods for communicating student learning will look differently this year. There will be variation throughout the school as teachers at all grade levels work on new Provincial reporting guidelines and formats. Teachers will be referencing "Points of Progress" throughout the year and providing one summary report at the end of the year. You will be hearing more about your child's report format at the conferences.

Please read on for news of classroom and school wide events.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Karen Sjerven  
Principal

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Tues. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting @ 6:30  
Thurs. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3hour early dismissal for parent conferences  
Fri. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – PRO- D Day  
Mon. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>- Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)  
Fri. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Panago lunch – Gr.5 fundraiser  
Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>- Winter Concerts  
Thurs. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>- Winter Concerts  
Fri. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Subway lunch  
Fri. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Last day of school /Winter Break  
Mon. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>- Back to school

## 2018-19 Happy Valley Schedule

8:25	First bell
8:30	Classes begin
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!

## Before and After School Supervision

School District staff supervision is provided 15 minutes before the morning bell, and 15 minutes following dismissal. Bus students are supervised by school staff once riders arrive at school, and while awaiting pick up at the end of the day. Daycare providers are responsible for the children in their care at both pick up and drop off times. Children **must** be supervised by a parent or caregiver outside of school supervision times. Please do not leave your child to play unattended on the playground before and after school as they are not supervised by school staff. Thank you for your help with this safety issue.

### **Parking Lot Reminders**

Our through lane is intended for moving traffic at drop off and pick up times. *If parents are escorting children to and from their class line ups, cars must be parked in a stall or on the street and not in the through lane.* Thank you for your consideration.

### **Winter Concerts 2018**

We are looking forward to having all students perform at our upcoming Winter Concerts on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to the growing size of our school and space limitations in the gym, we will once again be dividing the school into 2 groups for these performances. Classes will perform on one of the evenings, and the choir will perform both nights. Tickets will be limited to 2 per family for the evening of your child's class performance. *This year, we will be using an online ticket system to order tickets.* Stay tuned for information next week about your child's concert schedule and the new ticket ordering process.

### **Handball Stars**

Handball season wraps up this month after a fun season. Thank you to Mr. Gadd, Mrs. Kosolofski, Mrs. Leakey and other staff helpers for working with these teams.

### **PAC MEETING – Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 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 to see you there!

### **Christmas Giving Opportunities**

Once again, HV will be participating in a variety of initiatives to support local food hampers. This year, we will once again be collecting non-perishable items for "10,000 Tonight", delivering food hampers to families, and donating an item each for "Stuff the Bus". Dates and details will be coming soon!

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

- The whole school had a movie afternoon in October for reaching our Terry Fox Fundraising goal!
- Classes were visited by volunteers from Langford Emergency Services and we all participated in the Great Shakeout earthquake drill.
- The whole school was dressed in amazing costumes for Hallowe'en.
- We collected 24 boxes of batteries, weighing over 1000 pounds, as part of the Earth Rangers challenge.
- Kung Fu is happening on Wednesdays after school in November.
- Swim Club is happening on Thursdays.
- Fall garden lessons are wrapping up as we "put the garden to bed" for the winter.
- We delivered contest entries and Thank you cards to the Legion for Remembrance Day.
- Over 160 children have joined Choir opportunities in the school.
- Our Aboriginal Education Support Worker has arranged classroom visits with Elders and authors.
- Classes have worked on getting Art Cards completed in time for Christmas.
- Constable Pam visited our school to remind us to use our WITS.
- Library monitors and recyclers are working hard each day.
- Students visiting our new "lounge" for break times and quiet work spaces.
- The gym becomes our "Sensory Circuit" space 4 mornings a week with 40 children scheduled to participate.
- Teachers and EAs in training are working with many classes at HV.
- Grass is growing on our new and improved field!