



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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Welcome back to an exciting new year at Happy Valley! On behalf of our staff, we wish all of our families a healthy and happy 2019.

We have had some recent staffing changes at school. We would like to officially welcome Dawn Wright who has been working in a Behaviour Support position on Thursdays and Fridays since December. Educational Assistant, Brandi Price, also joined us in December and we've welcomed Jaquelin Martinez and Alyssa Frerichs to EA assignments in January.

We would like to thank Mrs. Leslie Lennox for her work as an EA at Happy Valley and wish her well in her new assignment at Sangster Elementary. We've appreciated Mrs. Lennox's expertise and kind approach with our students.

It's that time already! **Kindergarten Registration for September 2019** opens online on Monday, January 28th at 8:00 am. Please read on for details.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Sjerven
Principal

2019 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!

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Fri. Jan. 18th – Hot Lunch (Panago)
Tues. Jan. 22nd - PAC meeting @ 6:30
Wed. Jan. 23rd – **Late French Immersion presentation for Gr.5 parents @ 6:00 at John Stubbs School Library**
Fri. Jan. 25th - Hot Lunch (White Spot)
Mon. Jan. 28th - **2019 Kindergarten Registration opens online at 8:00 am**
Thurs. Jan. 31st - PAC Movie Night **“Ralph Breaks the Internet”** – Online tickets available at: happyvalley.hotlunches.net
Fri. Feb. 1st – Hot Lunch (Panago)
Fri. Feb. 8th – Hot Lunch (Subway)
Wed. Feb. 13th – **PAC Glow Dance**
Fri. Feb. 15th - **PRO- D Day**
Mon. Feb. 18th - **Family Day** (No School)
Tues. Feb. 19th – PAC Meeting @ 6:30
Fri. Feb. 22nd - Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)
Wed. Feb. 27th - **Pink Shirt Day**
Fri. Mar. 8th - Hot Lunch (Hot Dogs)
Fri. Mar. 15th – Last Day before Spring Break
Mon. Mar. 18th - Fri. Mar. 29th - **Spring Break**
Mon. April 1st - **Back to School**
Thurs. April 4th - Kindergarten Open House
Fri. April 5th – Hot Lunch (Hot Dogs)
Thursday, April 11th 3 hour early dismissal
Fri. April 12th – **PRO-D Day**
Mon. April 15th – Hot Lunch (Panago)
Fri. April 19th - **Good Friday** (No School)
Mon. April 22nd – **Easter Monday** (No School)
Fri. April 26th - Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)
Mon. May 6th – Hot Lunch (Panago)
Fri. May 17th – Hot Lunch (Subway)
Thurs. May 23rd - **HV “Walk-a Thon”**
Fri. May 24th – Hot Lunch (Hot Dogs)
Fri. June 7th – **District Track Meet**
Fri. June 14th - Hot Lunch (Hot Dogs)
Mon. June 24th – Hot Lunch (Gr. 5)
Thurs. June 27th – **Last day of school for students**

“SPIRIT WEAR WEDNESDAYS”

Wednesdays are the day to pull on your Happy Valley gear! Everyone is welcome to join in wearing HV school colours (orange and black) or our official “Spirit Wear” on Wednesdays...just for fun!

PAC MEETING – Tuesday, January 22nd @ 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!

2019 Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in September? Online registration opens on January 28th at 8:00 am. All registration is completed online.

Parents must register their children at their catchment schools, based on their home address. Please check the school locator on the School District website for confirmation of school catchment prior to completing registration. You will be asked to provide the school with proof of address and your child’s birth certificate within 7 days of registering.

Parents are encouraged to register their children when the site opens on January 28th. We anticipate that our school will continue to be at capacity with “in-catchment” students.

If you reside in the HV catchment and wish to request that your child register at a different school within our District, you must first register your child at Happy Valley, and then complete the online “School Change Request”.

Please note: French Immersion and Nature Kindergarten have a different online registration procedure. Parents will register directly with the program of choice and then indicate our catchment school.

Middle School Transition

Is your child starting Grade 6 in September? Happy Valley is a “feeder school” for Dunsmuir Middle School and all Grade 5s will be automatically registered for September. If parents wish to register their children in a different Middle School, they will need to pursue this option. Please check out the Middle School websites for information.

Happy Valley Grade 5 students will have several opportunities to learn more about Dunsmuir Middle School. In March, our Grade 5s will attend an afternoon music concert at Dunsmuir. In April, Dunsmuir staff will visit our Grade 5s and share information about what to expect next year. HV staff will also have a planning meeting with the Dunsmuir staff to share information about all of our amazing Grade 5s. There will be an evening opportunity for parents and students to attend an Orientation meeting in the future. Stay tuned for details!

LOST ITEM

Please let us know if you find a new pair of purple and black prescription eyeglasses in a case. One of our staff is lost without them! Thank you!

Exciting news...

- Boys and girls are practicing for the upcoming basketball season. Thanks to our coaches- Mr. Cook, Mrs. Kosolofski & Ms. Sihota.
- Congratulations to Sophie M. who is receiving an award from the Langford Legion for her entry in the Remembrance Contest!
- Aboriginal Role Models are coming to Happy Valley this month to teach many of our classes about Metis Culture. Thank you to Sherry Thomas for organizing this for us!
- The PAC are busy planning some fun events. Be sure to read the PAC newsletter for info. about January’s Movie Night, February’s “Glow Dance” and May’s walk-a-thon!