



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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Dear Families,

Welcome back! We have been enjoying sunny days with our classes and are looking forward to the next few months together. Our calendar is filling up with special events and activities.

Communication of student learning is an ongoing and evolving process. Before Spring Break, "Points of Progress" were reported in a variety of formats. Information was shared electronically through Freshgrade or in written reports.

Next **Thursday, April 11th is a District-wide 3 hour early dismissal day** and an opportunity to visit classrooms. All students will be dismissed at 11:30.

Classes will be following a variety of formats for conferences, and teachers will be notifying parents about what to expect. Kindergarten classes have already had their Open Houses.

Parents are encouraged to connect with their children's teachers throughout the school year. If parents have recently met with teachers, an additional interview time may not be required at this time. **Online sign up will remain open until Tuesday, April 9th.** Please see attached instructions.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning. We appreciate our HV school community!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Sjerven
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Fri., April 4th – Hot Dog Day; Jump Rope for Heart Assembly @ 1:15

Mon. April 8th – Wed. April 10th Scholastic Book Fair at HV (8:00- 8:30, 2:30-3:00);

Gr. 4 & 5 Opera Workshops

Tues. April 9th – Gr. 5 Opera Workshops;
Gr.4 Fire Safety Expo

Wed. April 10th – Dunsmuir staff visiting
Grade 5s @ 1:15-2:15

Thurs. April 11th – **3 hour early dismissal @ 11:30 and Learning Conferences;**
Scholastic Book Fair (8:00-8:30 & 11:30-7:00)

Fri. April 12th- **ProD Day**

Mon. April 15th- Panago

Wed. April 17th- JDF Cross Country Meet @ 3:30

Thurs. April 18th- Presentation "*Pier 41*" @ 8:45; JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT @ 1:00

Fri. April 19th- **Good Friday**

Mon. April 22nd – **Easter Monday**

Tues. April 23rd- PISE "PLAYshop" @ 6:30-8:00

Wed. April 24th- Div. 2 to China Beach;
JDF Cross Country Meet @ 3:30

Fri. April 26th – Boston Pizza

Fri. May 3rd- Panago

Mon. May 6th – Music Monday

Fri. May 10th- **ProD Day**

Fri. May 17th- Div. 1-5 to Fort Rodd Hill;
Subway

Mon., May 20th – **Victoria Day**

Thurs. May 23rd- HV Walk-a-thon

Fri. May 24th- Hot Dog Day

Wed. May 29th- *New Kindergarten Orientation* (details to come)

Fri. June 7th – District Track Meet

Fri. June 14th- Hot Dog Day

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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Tues. June 18th – Beach Day at Aylard Farm

Thurs. June 20th- Aboriginal Day

Mon. June 24th- Panago

Thurs. June 27th – **Last Day for students**

The Book Fair is Here!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open from Monday, April 8th – Wednesday, April 10th between 8:00-8:30 and 2:30-3:00. On Thursday, April 11th, hours are from 8:00 - 8:30 and 11:30- 7:00.

Thank you to Ms. Allen and Mrs. Hickman for their work to organize the Book Fair fundraiser for our school. Funds raised will support our library, classrooms and learning resource purchases. See you there!

Jump Rope for Heart

This week we are having an assembly to talk about our annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event. The whole school will be skipping outside on **Thursday, April 18th at 1:00 pm** to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Thank you PISE

This year, HV students have been fortunate to participate in weekly PE lessons led by staff from **PISE**. Our last PISE session was this week. PISE is offering an opportunity for our families to attend an evening **“Playshop” on Tuesday, April 23rd**. We hope you will join us! (See attachment)

Routines and Reminders

Thanks for your help to support our staff by reviewing a few items at home.

- If students are bringing cell phones/electronics to school for playdates or travel plans, devices must remain in backpacks while at school.
- Bikes, scooters and skateboards need to be walked on and off the school grounds. Thanks for leaving wheelie shoes at home.

- Students need to remain outside before school hours, unless supervised by a staff member.
- Safety in our parking lot and bus lanes is important! Students are being reminded to use the crosswalks and follow the direction of all supervisors around traffic.
Thank you!

If you have visited Happy Valley recently, you may have noticed...

- Our field is still closed with new grass growing!
- Daffodils and potato plants are growing near Mrs. Beswick’s class!
- Kindergarten children sharing their learning with their families.
- Classes building circuits in the library.
- Artists creating paintings, drawings and sculptures.
- Musicians learning about instruments.
- Kids building leprechaun traps.
- Students cooking with EAs.
- Classes learning to knit a Salish blanket.
- Students becoming readers and writers.
- Singers practicing for Music Monday.
- Amazing student teachers at work around the school.
- Kids glowing in the dark at the PAC Glow Dance!
- Guests teaching us about screen time.
- Students helping as equipment monitors, office monitors, recyclers and lunch monitors.
- Talented staff doing engaging work.
- Incredible kids reaching their goals.
- Hard working parents volunteering every day.