



# HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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**May 3, 2019.**

Dear Families,

Sunny days are here and we are enjoying third term learning. We continue to receive registration requests for incoming students as our community continues to grow. We anticipate full classes in all grades at Happy Valley next year. As we near capacity, many families living in our catchment are being welcomed at neighbouring schools. If you know that you will be moving next year, please confirm with the office as soon as possible.

We are excited about the next eight weeks of school and looking forward to many memorable events. Every day of the calendar is filling up! Thank you for your invaluable support at Happy Valley.

Sincerely,  
Karen Sjerven  
Principal

## **UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:**

Mon. May 6<sup>th</sup>- Music Monday trip (Gr.1-5)

Buses leaving at 9:00; event at

Tues. May 7<sup>th</sup> – Soccer Jamboree (Girls)

Wed. May 8<sup>th</sup>- Soccer Jamboree ( Boys)

Fri. May 10<sup>th</sup>- PRO D Day

Sat. May 18<sup>th</sup> – Ballet

Mon. May 20<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Day holiday

Wed. May 29<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Orientation; PAC  
AGM at 6:30 – all welcome!

Fri. June 7<sup>th</sup> - District Track Meet

Thurs. June 13<sup>th</sup>- Grade 5 visit to Dunsmuir

Tues. June 18<sup>th</sup>- Beach Day at Aylard Farm

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

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

**Wed. May 29<sup>th</sup>**

We are looking forward to welcoming 60 new Kindergarten children to their Orientation visit. Please check your invitations for your visit time and confirm attendance with the office. Due to space limitations during our regular school day, our guest list is limited to one parent per child. Thank you for coming!

## **Congratulations student teachers!**

We were fortunate to have Ms. Leung, Ms. Wood, Mr. Doucette, Ms. Stevenson and Ms. Metcalfe join our staff for their final practicum experiences. We wished farewell to 2 of our practicum students in Kindergarten today, and we have 2 teachers continuing.

## **Cross Country Stars**

Cross country wrapped up last week after two Spring meets. Our runners were terrific and we saw lots of black and orange shirts flying through the finish line! Thank you to Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Leakey, Mrs. MacLean, staff volunteers and parents for supporting Cross Country.

## **Soccer Season Happenings**

We are nearing the end of soccer season for both boys and girls. The Jamborees are just around the corner and our athletes are excited. Big thanks to our coaches and helpers: Mr. Johnson, Ms. Stevenson and Mrs. Metcalfe.

## **PISE Playshop**

Last Tuesday evening, HV families joined us in the gym for a fun session of active games led by the PISE staff. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to PISE for leading weekly PE sessions with our classes this year as part of a District pilot.

### **Super Skippers!**

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart event was a great success. The weather cooperated and all of our classes were trying their skipping moves outside. Thanks to Mrs. Leakey for organizing and to Logan for being one of our DJs!

### **Our Beautiful Garden**

Thank you to PND Soil and Gravel and the Langford Canadian Tire for donating to our garden. We have lots of soil and a terrific new wheelbarrow. Our garden lessons with Willow happen on Tuesday and classes are proud of their efforts.

### **May 6<sup>th</sup> is Music Monday**

Our Grade 1-5's are away on Monday to participate in a Canada wide celebration of music. We will be joining other District schools in singing a few songs together and enjoying the Dunsmuir Jazz band performance. Thanks to Mrs. K and Mr. Borland for working with our classes! Along with singing, some HV kids will be playing ukulele. We might even recognize a special guest singer from our school!

### **WHOLE SCHOOL WALK-A-THON**

We are looking forward to this new event on the morning of Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a whole school activity and parents are welcome to join us. This will be an important fundraiser for our PAC this year. Students will have a chance to earn tickets for draw prizes as they collect donations. All funds raised will go toward funding student activities, field trips, classroom supplies, learning resources, school wide events and more. The PAC are still looking for volunteers to help with various tasks in order to make this a wonderful event for everyone. Thank you for keeping an eye out for the PAC notices and for being part of this event.

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### **PAC AGM- May @ 6:00pm**

Please come to the PAC Annual General Meeting and elect our new Executive for the 2019-20 school year. Nomination forms will be available in the office. All parents are encouraged to attend.

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

- Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Leakey and Mrs. Simcoff's classes visited the Museum this week.
- Classes are practicing singing Music Monday songs with Mrs. K. and Mr. Borland.
- Mrs. Andrew's Grade 2 /3 class presented an excellent Inquiry project on inclusive playgrounds to our PAC, parents, trustee Beckett and Langford councilor, Mr. Seaton.
- Mrs. Holland's Kindergarten class helped Mr. Gadd's Grade 5 class release salmon at Goldstream.
- Mr. Cook's class enjoyed an adventure at China Beach.
- Mrs. Logan's class can say hello in many languages!
- Mrs. O'Regan's class loves working hard in our garden.
- Mrs. MacLean's class enjoys special activities with their grade 4 buddies.
- There are caterpillars in Mrs. Beswick's Kindergarten class!
- Ms. Robert's class created beautiful Van Gogh art and poetry.
- Some classes are building birdhouses.
- Mrs. Prette's class has been learning to knit and sew.
- Ms. Chan and Ms. Allen's class are doing a super job of writing.
- Mrs. Hancock's class made tie-dye shirts and wore them to school!
- Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Horton's class are learning about sea turtles.
- Mrs. Tufford's class is making beautiful spring art.
- Mrs. Parker's class are experts at playing a challenging math game.