



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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Dear Families,

Over the past month, we have enjoyed many exciting events at school. Some special activities have included the PAC walk-a-thon, Science Venture, photo day, track and field, weekend ballet performance, class field trips, Kindergarten Orientation and more.

Our staff continue to be District leaders in curricular learning at all levels. We have teachers working on Inquiry Projects, leading assessment pilots, exploring new curriculum, mentoring new teachers, hosting visiting colleagues, leading Professional Development and more.

Our EAs and support staff are committed to carrying out rich and varied learning opportunities for all of our students and have been instrumental in transition planning and in offering creative and inclusive activities for students.

Children at Happy Valley have benefited through the efforts of our amazing Parent Advisory Council. PAC sponsored activities have included Hot Lunches, Family Dances, Movie Nights and several fundraisers. Funds have gone to support classroom supplies, field trips, bus costs, presentations, equipment, technology, library books, music opportunities and more.

June is a special time for celebrating learning with classmates and families. Thank you from the Happy Valley staff.

Sincerely,
Karen Sjerven
Principal

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Fri. June 7th - District Track Meet
Mon. June 10th – Gr. 5 Field trip meeting 8:00am & 6:00pm
Thurs. June 13th- Grade 5 visit to Dunsmuir
Fri. June 14th – Hot Dogs
Mon. June 17th – Grade 5 to Vancouver/ Grade 4 to Westhills/ Primary Fun Day at HV
Tues. June 18th- Beach Day at Aylard Farm
Thurs. June 20th- Aboriginal Day
Mon. June 24th – Panago
Wed. June 26th- Grade 5 Assembly @ 10:30
Thurs. June 27th- Whole School Celebration Assembly @ 1:15 & Last Day of School

Summary Report Cards

As schools continue to work on the Ministry of Education's *Communicating Student Learning Pilot*, parents will notice that the final report cards will look different from previous reports.

The shorter June report is a **summary of student progress**, according to widely held grade level expectations, in relation to the learning standards (curricular competencies and content) of the BC Curriculum. Student learning is assessed through a variety of opportunities designed to determine what a student *knows*, *understands* and is *able to demonstrate*.

The Proficiency Scale is used to describe progress. Understanding in curricular areas is described as *Emerging; Developing; Proficient or Extending*.

Throughout the year, you may have seen "Points of Progress", learning updates or term reports. Communication may have included online posts and paper documentation. The **summary report is intended to be a year-end look at progress**. Examples from this term and previous goals may be referenced. All parents will receive a short paper report at the end of June.

Thank you and Farewell

It is the time of year when we see many changes on all school staffs throughout the District. We are sending best wishes to some of our amazing staff who are moving on to new places in September.

- Congratulations and best wishes to *Mrs. Anderson*, who will be teaching at Wishart next year.
- Good luck to *Mr. Borland*, who will be moving to Wishart to teach music.
- Congratulations to *Ms. Prette* who is off to teach at David Cameron.
- Best wishes to *Ms. Chan*, who will be working at Poirier in the fall.

We would like to say thank you and good luck to *Mrs. Simcoff, Ms. Horton, Ms. Miller, Ms. Martinez and Ms. Frerichs*. We look forward to hearing about your upcoming assignments.

Welcome to the HV Staff

We are excited to welcome some new staff to our school for September. The following teachers are joining the Happy Valley team: *Ms. Therrien, Ms. McKenna, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Fouracres*. Enjoy HV!

What a Walk-a-thon!

Our first ever PAC Walk-a-thon was a huge success, with the whole school enjoying a morning walk together on the Galloping Goose on May 23rd. Classes dressed up in themed costumes and worked hard to achieve their class fundraising goals. The afternoon culminated with seeing our Grade 5s in the dunk tank! The school raised a remarkable \$10,200 in donations! Thank you for your generous donations. Big thanks to our PAC for their work to organize healthy treats for us and for awarding prizes to students.

“Principals for a Day”

Congratulations to Serren, Grayson and Ferran who were our top fundraisers for the walk-a-thon. Each of these students raised over \$300! The children will become *Principals for a Day* on June 13th and will join Mrs. Sjerven for a fun day of making announcements, helping around

the school, having cookies in the staffroom, going out for lunch and choosing a book from the bookstore. Mrs. Sjerven is looking forward to a special day with her super helpers next week!

Lost and Found Treasures

Please check out the huge amount of clothing in our Lost and Found bin and on our hanging racks. As the sun comes out, the clothes pile up! Clothing will be donated at the end of the month.

Growing our Garden

Classes have worked hard throughout the year to tend to our garden. During the summer months, we are looking for help from parents to water the garden. If you are able to take on a week or more of watering, please contact Mrs. O'Regan at moregan@sd62.bc.ca

PAC News

We would like to thank the many parents who attended PAC meetings this year. We are also grateful to our PAC 2018-19 Executive for their hard work to make this year such a success. As some parents move on to new schools with their “graduating children” or leave our school community, we would like to thank them for years of volunteering at Happy Valley. Thanks to Cynthia Major for her many years as PAC fundraiser, her work with Hot Lunch and her countless hours of volunteering.

Introducing the 2019-20 HV PAC...

President: *Dara Hickman*

Vice-Presidents: *Brittney Margetts & Mercedes Deernsted*

Treasurer: *Lisa Mercer*

Secretary: *Michelle Turner*

Fundraising: *to be announced*

Hot Lunch: *Bonnie Brooks & team*

SPEAC Rep: *Rachel Hennessey*

Parents with children at Happy Valley are all welcome to attend PAC meetings. Our final PAC meeting is Wednesday, June 19th. See you there!

School Supplies for 2019-2020

Once again, our PAC will be offering an opportunity to order school supplies through Monk. When families order through Monk, supplies are delivered directly to the school in September. Once children move to their new classes, they will receive their supplies. A small percentage of the sales will be donated to our PAC. Stay tuned for more info.!

Parking Requests

We are asking for the support of all drivers at drop-off and pick-up times. Please note:

- The parking lot near the playground is for staff only. Thank you for not using this lot as a turnaround space. We have seen cars damaged when vehicles are squeezed into areas that are not stalls.
- Please do not park in stalls marked with cones for staff.
- Thank you for keeping the bus lane clear at all times. The bus zones are in use throughout the day for field trips, Facilities equipment and emergency vehicles.
- If you need to escort children to and from the building, please park in a parking stall (not the through lane).
- Speedwatch and the RCMP have been patrolling our School Zone.

Thank you for your help!

Grade 5 Field Trip Meeting

On Monday, June 10th, we are having 2 opportunities for parents to come to sign District permission forms for the June 17th trip to Vancouver.

If your child is planning to attend the trip, a meeting is mandatory and forms must be completed. Please plan to attend either our 8:00 am meeting or our 6:00 pm meeting to fill in the required forms.

If you are unable to attend at either of these times, we ask that you contact the office. Thank you in advance.

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

- Grade 4 & 5 classes visited Ed Fisher Park for track and field.
- Many HV athletes are participating in the District Meet at Royal Bay on Friday, June 7th.
- Many Primary classes learned folk dances with Mr. Borland and invited Mrs. Sjerven to join in!
- Our Grade 5's are preparing for a year-end song with Mrs.K.
- Students have been working on coding and robotics through Inquiry time with Mrs. Allen.
- Kindergarten classes joined together for a field trip to Swan Lake.
- Ms. Lea jumped into the dunk tank when we exceeded our school goal!
- Mrs. Andrew's class visited Devonian Park.
- Mrs. Sihota's class had a fun field trip at Westhills.
- Mrs. MacLean's students are looking forward to their "camp out" day with s'mores outside.
- Mrs. Kimoto was covered in artwork after her class achieved their walk-a-thon goal and drew on their teacher.
- Mrs. Logan's class has been creating instruments with recycled materials.
- Mrs. O'Regan's class sold garden herbs after school to help with their class fundraising.
- Mrs. Simcoff's class has been working on reproducing famous works of art.
- Some classes are exploring ways to use Google Classroom.
- All classes are completing reflections to show their understanding of the Core Competencies (Communication, Creative Thinking and Personal & Social Responsibility)
- Children are excited to share their new learning!