



# HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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## September 12, 2019.

We are enjoying getting to know our classes and were delighted to welcome our 60 Kindergarten children to school this week. All classes are working on routines, learning expectations and building new classroom communities. It has been a terrific start to the year!

Thank you in advance for updating your contact information and completing the package of forms that you will be receiving this week. Your prompt attention to this is appreciated.

We look forward to meeting families at next week's "*Welcome Evening*" on **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. PAC will have popcorn available for purchase with all proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation and Tour de Rock. PAC will also have some school Spirit Wear available for purchase. **Our classrooms will be open from 6:00-6:30 pm.** We will finish the evening in the gym with introductions, important information about our school and some PAC news.

Please read on for more "Back to School" happenings!

Sincerely,  
Karen Sjerven  
Principal

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Tues. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting & Budget 6:30  
Wed. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - **Welcome Evening 6:00-7:00pm**  
(Classroom visits at 6:00, Staff introductions in the gym at 6:30)  
Mon. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>- **School Planning Day/ No school**  
Tues. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Lifetouch **PHOTO DAY**  
Thurs. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – **Terry Fox Run** at HV  
Fri. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>- PAC Hot Lunch- Hot Dogs

Mon. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>- **Orange Shirt Day**  
Wed. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Tour de Rock**  
Fri., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>- PAC Hot Lunch- White Spot  
Fri. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>- PAC Hot Lunch- Panago  
Mon. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – **Thanksgiving**  
Tues., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting @ 6:30  
Fri., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>- PAC Hot Lunch- Hot Dogs  
Fri. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – PRO D Day  
Mon. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>- **Lifetouch Photo Retakes**  
Thurs. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>- PAC Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza  
Mon. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – **Remembrance Day**  
Fri. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch - Panago  
Thurs. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - 3 hour early dismissal  
Fri. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – PRO D Day  
Fri. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch- Subway  
Fri. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>- PAC Hot Lunch- Hot Dogs  
Fri. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>- PAC Hot Lunch- Panago  
Fri. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>- Last Day/PAC snack- Milk & Cookies / Winter Break begins

### 2019-20 Happy Valley Schedule

8:25 First bell  
8:30 Classes begin  
9:45-10:00 Kindergarten recess  
10:20-10:35 Grade 1-5 recess  
11:40-12:05 Outside Play (Primary K-2)  
12:10-12:30 Whole school eating time  
12:30-12:55 Outside Play (Intermediate)  
2:28 Dismissal

\*Recess and lunch play times are always outside. Please bring extra clothing/boots for rainy and wet weather!

\*Children line up outside with their classes in the morning. Kindergarten children must be picked up by an adult at dismissal.

### Parking Reminders

Our spaces are limited and the staff lot is over capacity with our growing population. We have some students and families requiring accessible parking spaces. Thanks for your support to be mindful of our neighbor properties and private roads.

At pick up time, it is important for parents to remain in vehicles that are not in a

parking spot. The through lanes are not for parking and pick up. Thank you for your attention to this safety issue.

**Terry Fox Run – Thursday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1:15pm**

Thank you to Ms. Roberts, Mr. Johnson, and all staff who are assisting with our Terry Fox event. Fundraising efforts are already underway and pledge forms have been distributed. The children are making dedication hearts so that they can dedicate their run to someone special. It is our hope that everyone in our school community will complete a heart before the run. Thank you for your support with this important annual event to support cancer research and to keep Terry's dream alive!

**Tour de Rock – October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Last year, Happy Valley kids lined up and cheered at the fence as the Tour de Rock team rode past on their bikes. This year we are looking forward to cheering on the new team, *which includes one of our HV parents!* We were excited to learn that Brennan's dad, Ben, is a rider! We might even have a short tour stop at Happy Valley! Students will be hearing about some special fundraising happening in the coming weeks to support Tour de Rock.

**Lost & Found**

Please check out our Lost and Found box in the front hallway!

**PAC MEETING – Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30**

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 a budget meeting to discuss PAC funding priorities. Free childcare is always provided. Hope to see you there!

**“Litterless Lunches”**

In an effort to support the environment and reduce the amount of garbage and recycling at school, we ask that families attempt to send water bottles(no glass), and re-useable containers for food items. We will be encouraging children to take home

their uneaten food and packaging. Thank you for your support!

**Introducing our amazing staff**

Secretary	Ms. Lea
Custodians	Mr. Danvers Mr. Dillon
EAs	Mrs. Gladders Mrs. Griffiths Ms. Green Ms. Kwan Ms. McFarland Ms. Nywening Ms. Poirier Ms. Price Ms. Soares Mrs. Yalden
Supervisors	Ms. Gordon-Findlay Ms. Drysdale Mr. Mendoza Mr. Winteler Ms. McFarland Mrs. Gladders
Crossing Guards	Mrs. Kwan Mr. Caley Mrs. Doucet
Grade 5	Mr. Gadd (Div.1) Mr. Cook (Div. 2)
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Sihota (Div. 3)
Grade 4	Mr. Johnson (Div. 4)
Grade 4	Mrs. Leakey /Mrs. Mathews (Div. 5)
Grade 3	Mrs. Andrew (Div. 6)
Grade 3	Ms. Allen/Ms. Taylor (Div.7)
Grade 3	Ms. Roberts (Div. 8)
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Gervais (Div. 9)
Grade 2	Ms. Parker (Div. 10)
Grade 2	Ms. O'Regan (Div.11)
Grade 2	Ms. Tufford (Div.12)
Grade 2	Mrs. Therrien (Div. 13)
Grade 1	Ms. Logan (Div.14)
Grade 1	Mrs. Kimoto (Div. 15)
Grade 1	Mrs. MacLean (Div. 16)
Kindergarten	Mrs. Beswick (Div.17)
Kindergarten	Mrs. Holland (Div. 18) Mrs. Conrad (ECE)
Kindergarten	Mrs. Hancock/Ms. Lefebvre (Div. 19)
Music	Mrs. Kosolofski
Library	Ms. Allen (see over...)

Counselor	Ms. Schaefer
Reading Recovery	Ms. Postle
	Ms. Sherwood
Integration Support	Ms. Mathews
	Ms. Postle
	Ms. Gregory
Learning Support	Ms. Gregory
Aboriginal Education	
	Mrs. Thomas
Library Assistant	
	Ms. Van de Water
Speech Therapy	Ms. Guptil
Occupational Therapy	Mrs. Gage
Vice Principal	Mrs. Leakey
Principal	Mrs. Sjerven