



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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It has been a busy second term in all classes at Happy Valley. This week, teachers are continuing to communicate student learning through online “points of progress” or paper report cards. Attendance is no longer included on paper report cards as parents are able to access daily attendance through MyEd BC.

Our next learning conferences will take place on the District-wide early dismissal day on Thursday, April 9th. Children finish school at 11:28 on that day. After Spring Break, parents will be notified of the opportunity to sign up online for conferences. Please stay tuned for more information from your child’s teacher about the format for these conferences.

As we head into Spring Break, we are wishing all of our families a healthy and happy holiday. We are looking forward to exciting opportunities for all classes in the final term.

Enjoy reading a few highlights of recent and upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Sjerven
Principal

HEALTH PROTOCOL UPDATES

Please stay tuned for future District email updates from our Superintendent, Mr. Scott Stinson, regarding provincial health protocols and advisories surrounding the COVID-19 virus.

As always, families are encouraged to keep children home from school when they are unwell. Thank you for your support.

Welcome Student Teachers

Earlier this week, we met 8 student teachers who will be joining us in April for their 3 week or 6 week practicum experiences. We are looking forward to working with Sophie Lund, Teya Wijayakoon, Josh Hotchin, Katie McCarvill, Kirby Jarvis, Jessica Perkins, Tim Malm and Kayleigh Udy.

Planning Ahead for September 2020

As noted on our website, we are in the process of finalizing enrollment for newly registered students for next school year.

Happy Valley community is growing rapidly, and we are working to ensure families receive detailed information as soon as possible. At this time, we are continuing to work with District staff and following our enrollment protocols to address space availability in schools. We will be contacting families by mid-April. Thank you for your patience with this important process.

Are You Moving?

Please contact the school as soon as possible to inform us if you have a move coming up. If you know that your children in Kindergarten – Grade 4 **will not** be attending Happy Valley next year, please let us know for planning purposes. Thanks in advance.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thursday, April 2nd

Jump Rope for Heart is an organization that supports the Heart and Stroke Foundation. HV is sponsoring a whole school “Skip-a-thon” on Thursday,

April 2nd from 1:00-1:45 to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students are encouraged to collect pledges in the envelope that was sent home yesterday, and return the envelope to school on April 2nd. Pledges may come from parents, relatives and friends. For safety reasons, students are discouraged from going door to door. Cheques may be made payable to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students are reminded to bring appropriate footwear after the break so that they are ready to skip. Thanks for your support!

PAC MEETING – Tuesday, April 21st @ 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 meeting will include news of upcoming events. Childcare is always provided. Hope to see you there!

Morning Supervision

Student supervision begins at 8:10 each day. Staff are scheduled to be outside before and after school to supervise students from 8:10 until morning bell, and until 2:45, following dismissal. Students should not be arriving at school before 8:10 unless accompanied by a parent. Thank you for your attention to this issue. Student safety is a priority.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Mon. March 30th – Back to School
 Thurs. April 2nd- ***Jump Rope for Heart*** at 1:00 pm
 Fri. April 3rd- Hot Lunch
 Mon. April 6th- Thurs. April 9th- ***BOOK FAIR***
 *Watch for upcoming flyers from Scholastic
 Wed. April 8th- Dunsmuir guests visiting HV Gr.5
 Thurs. April 9th – ***Early Dismissal @ 11:28 & Conferences*** *Sign up after Spring Break
 Fri. April 10th- ***Good Friday***
 Mon. April 13th- ***Easter Monday***
 Tues. April 14th- Fri. April 17th ***LITERACY WEEK***
 Fri. April 17th- Hot Lunch
 Tues. April 21st- ***PAC meeting at 6:30***
 Wed. April 22nd – Div. 18 &19 Sooke Museum
 Grade 4 Fire Safety Expo
 Fri. April 24th – Hot Lunch
 Mon. April 27th- ***PRO D Day***
 Tues. April 28th – *Dunsmuir staff meet with HV staff re: Gr. 5 Transition*

Fri. May 1st – Hot Lunch
 Fri. May 8th- Hot Lunch
 Mon. May 11th- Role Model visitors
DATES TO NOTE (continued...)
 Wed. May 13th- ***Acapella Time Machine @ 8:45***
 Thurs. May 14th – *Whole School & Class Photos*
 Fri. May 15th – ***Pro D Day***
 Mon. May 18th- ***Victoria Day***
 Wed. May 20th- *Gr. 5 visit to Dunsmuir*
 Thurs. May 21st- ***PAC WALK-A-THON***
 Fri. May 22nd- Hot Lunch
 Tues. May 26th- ***PAC Meeting @ 6:30***

Recent Happenings...

- The **PAC's Glow Dance** was a shining success! Thank you to our volunteer parents for making this event possible for HV families.
- On March 2nd, our Grade 4 & 5 students attended the **UVIC Symphony performance**. Thanks to Mrs. K for arranging this and for having many of our Grade 5's perform on stage as dancers.
- Congratulations to our basketball teams for their effort all season and thanks to Mr. Cook, Mrs. K and Mrs. Therrien for coaching.
- Ms. Robert's class got to meet their **Dunsmuir Penpals**. How exciting!
- Thanks to Mrs. MacLean for arranging for a **chameleon visit** some of our primary classes.
- Thanks to Mr. Johnson for arranging for some of our intermediate classes to learn with visitors from the **Sierra Club!**
- Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Ede / Ms. Hagar's classes recently visited the **Sooke Museum**.
- The whole school welcomed the **Vancouver Opera** for a performance at school yesterday!
- We met **student teachers** who will be learning with Ms. O'Regan, Ms. Roberts, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. MacLean and Mrs. Holland's classes.
- Mr. Gadd and Mr. Cook's classes went for a chilly **hike up Mt. Wells!**
- We are looking forward to welcome **7 new students** to Happy Valley after Spring Break!