



# HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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**October 21, 2019.**

Dear Parents,

Children are adjusting to school routines and there are amazing things happening in all classrooms at HV. What an incredible group of learners! As well as classroom activities, the whole school has joined together for some special events in recent weeks.

The **Terry Fox Run** was a terrific event this year. *Ms. Roberts, Mr. Johnson and Ms.K.* organized a super afternoon with our inspiring assembly and whole school run. Thanks to *PAC* for providing the juice boxes for students. The students exceeded their \$6000 fundraising goal, which is remarkable! This week, we will have a whole school movie, a treat and an extra recess to celebrate achieving our goal. Way to go, HV!

We were excited to be a tour stop on the "**Tour de Rock**" this year. *Brennan's* dad, *Ben*, was a rider and we showed our support at the assembly with a special banner and a cheque for over \$1200. Thanks to everyone for supporting the "painted rocks" fundraiser. Special thanks to *Ms. Kimoto, Ms. Allen, Mrs. MacLean* and our *PAC* for their efforts to support this worthwhile cause.

This year, *Mrs. Leakey* has been organizing "Fitness Fridays". Students in many classes have been taking part in a weekly rotation of activities including: laps of the field, circuit in the front of the school, "Goose walks" on the trail, yoga classes and fitness/aerobics in the gym. Great job of keeping active, everyone!

There is another opportunity for families with preschoolers to attend the "**Ready, Set, Read**" event being hosted at Happy

Valley *this evening from 6:00-7:00 pm.* If you have children under aged five, you are welcome to bring them to the gym for some play, story and a snack.

Enjoy fall fun and a wonderful day with your children this Friday!

Sincerely,  
Karen Sjerven  
Principal

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Wed. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Afternoon movie and treat  
Thurs. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> - "Extra recess" at 1:45  
Fri. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - **PRO D Day**  
Mon. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - **Lifetouch Photo Retakes; PAC Family Hallowe'en Dance**  
Fri. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - **Remembrance Assembly @ 10:45; PAC Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza**  
Mon. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - **Remembrance Day**  
Tues. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten vision/hearing screening  
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

## Lost and Found

Please check out our collection of clothing, shoes, lunch containers and accessories!

### **Professional Development Day – Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Across the province, teachers will be engaged in new learning on Friday. This is a non-instructional day for students.

### **Photo Retakes – Tues. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

If your child was absent on photo day, there is an opportunity to have pictures taken by Lifetouch next Tuesday morning after announcements.

### **Parking and Pick-up**

Thank you for your help to ensure the parking lot is safe for everyone. Cars should never be left unattended in the “through lanes” as this causes traffic congestion and is unsafe for pedestrians. We appreciate your support.

### **PAC Family Hallowe’en Dance Tues. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Last week, PAC sent home ticket order forms for the upcoming Hallowe’en dance. At this time, there are not enough parent volunteers to help with the dance. Please see today’s email from PAC regarding volunteering. We appreciate your assistance!

### **A Request from Mrs. Sjerven...**

Do you have any Lego you are able to donate to school? This is always a favourite activity and we would make great use of it! Please send any donations to the office. Thank you.

### **New Attendance Procedure**

In the coming weeks, parents will be hearing about attendance features of the MyEd BC computer program. Parents will be able to access this information through the Parent Portal. Staff at Middle and Secondary schools already enter their attendance through MyEd BC. Elementary staff have recently been granted access and received training on this system. As part of our safe school procedures, please ensure that children continue to sign in at the office when they arrive late.

### **Lunches at School**

Big thanks to families for your efforts to pack a “litterless lunch”. Students are using their water bottles and snack containers and we are reducing the amount of garbage and recycling at school. Thank you for leaving candy and energy drinks at home.

### **If you have visited our school in recent days, you will have noticed...**

- ✓ Helpers recycling with Mrs. Kwan
- ✓ Handball teams practicing
- ✓ Library monitors training
- ✓ Students using “snap-circuits” in the library
- ✓ Grade 1’s reading their own books
- ✓ Kindergarten children playing together
- ✓ Classes working on inquiry projects
- ✓ Students presenting their learning
- ✓ UVic students learning from our staff
- ✓ Primary children singing with Mrs. Mackenna
- ✓ Club Opera fans going to a performance