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Newsletter

#6- March

April
20th/27th- Cross Country
21st- Jump Rope for Heart
22nd- Hot Lunch
27th- Cross Country

May
2nd- Music Monday
5th- PAC meeting- AGM
6th- Pro-D
20th- Talent Show
26th- Spring Fair

HAPPY TO BE BACK!

Spring Break is over and the children the all back ready to learn and explore. Last week we had parent teacher interviews and we were excited to share stories about your student's learning journey over the last 8 months. It was so fulfilling to see so many of you at our school, celebrating the growth that each child has experienced this year.

The next two months are going to go by so quickly we want to make sure we enjoy every moment with the students, especially the Grade 5s as this is their last year with us as they prepare to go to Middle School. There will many opportunities for making memories as we look to the final term.

Students in Grades 3,4 and 5 have just completed the initial Talent Show Auditions. Thank you to Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Kimoto for graciously offering to host this event. Some of Grade 5 girls approached me earlier this year to see if we could possibly have a Talent Show. We agreed with the understanding that the girls would organize the entire event and they did! They developed a plan, offered a proposal, put up signs, found teacher sponsors, organized the auditions and will be helping with the final school performance on May 20th. It is going to be incredible! Thank you Dakota Johnston, Kaydence Kauffman, Arianna McGowan, Lily Moody, Jade Parker, Larissa Stones and Robyn Yoshida.

Classrooms are full of examples of creativity and visual arts and we will get the opportunity to see the final results during the last week of May at our Art Show. We will announce the exact date next week. Make sure to take a few moments to chat with your child about the art projects they are working on in their classes. They are having so much fun.

You might have noticed a dug out area on the grass near the parent parking lot. We are thrilled to announce we are starting a school garden. In collaboration with the Young Farmers Association, Mrs. O'Regan/Mrs. Parker and Mr. Cook's classes, we will begin the first stage of our gardens in early May. These gardens will be surrounding an outdoor classroom to be built in the fall. Stay tuned for more information about this absolutely incredible venture. Thank you to the School District and are always supportive PAC for making this happen for our school.

Take care,
Karen

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Jump Rope for Heart!

Please help us support this important and exciting fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Donation envelopes have gone home with information on collecting pledges and prizes. These are due back on Friday April 29. Happy Valley's Jump Rope for Heart event will take place on Thursday, April 21 and will kick off with a demonstration from a skipping team featuring Happy Valley students.

Ms. Sarah Laughton

At Happy Valley we believe in a safe, respectful, and fun environment where we listen and try our best.

Try our best **I**nclude
others **G**eneral
responsibility **E**ffort
Respect
Safety

Club Opera!!

The students went to the opera last week and thoroughly enjoyed it! Thank you to Mrs. K for offering this extraordinary experience to our students.

GIRLS AND BOYS' SOCCER SEASON BEGINS

The grade 4 and 5 boys and girls have been given the wonderful opportunity to play soccer this term. 27 girls and 17 boys showed up for the first meeting. Wow! It appears the students at Happy Valley really love this game. Stay tuned for more information about their season.

CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICES HAVE BEGUN

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays many students are practicing their running skills just before recess. We are training for the upcoming Cross Country Runs taking place on April 20th and 27th. Students will need to have a signed permission slip and will need to have transportation to the event. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

MAD SCIENCE

The Mad Science Program is being offered at our school. Classes will take place afterschool on Wednesdays from April 27th to June 1st. Registration forms can be found in the office.

PAC UPDATE

All kinds of fun things are coming up around Happy Valley - it must be Spring!

First up, we found a wonderful team to complete our spirit wear. You will see order forms coming home soon.

Spring Fair is well underway and will be here before we know it. Volunteer forms and class theme basket forms have been sent home and we are excited to see items coming in. A lot of work goes into this event - and we would love to see you there! The more hands we get, the easier it is. There will be a work party a week or two before the event for last-minute details - if you are interested, we will even feed you!

At the PAC meeting on May 5, we will also have the annual AGM (Annual General Meeting). During this meeting the executive will be chosen. If you are interested in a position on the executive please come on out. It is a fun experience and a great opportunity to meet parents in the school. We also encourage everyone to come out and vote and then meet the new members of the team. See you there!

If you would like more information about PAC positions, time commitment, how funds are raised and used, please join us on Thursday, April 28 at morning drop-off for coffee and breakfast. We will be doing a mini presentation on how PAC is run.

I also wanted to say thank you to each of you who volunteered at the Scholastic Book Fair. It is so much fun to see the kids so excited about books!

As I mentioned before, Michelle Dudley has taken over Hot Lunch. Thanks again Michelle! The students enjoy this program and the yummy lunches.

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