



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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Newsletter

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November

6th- Retakes

7th- Bottle Drive

10th- Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30

11th- Remembrance Day- no school

12th- PAC Meeting

16th- Hot Lunch Whitespot

19th- Early Dismissal 11:28

20th- Pro D

24th- Axis Theatre, Hamelin

FALL BACK AND BRIGHT MORNINGS

We have many plans for the next few months here at Happy Valley. Mrs. Kosolofski has begun to provide choir practices in anticipation for our Christmas Concert. We have just finished creating beautiful templates for our Art Cards. Many students are demonstrating their skill and sportsmanship at Handball games across the District. Students are developing their reading skills daily in Literacy groups, Daily 5 activities, small group settings, whole class novels and in many, many other opportunities. They are practicing their math skills and stretching their understanding of mathematical concepts through hands on activities, discussion and critical thinking exercises. The days are just filled to the brim with learning!

Thank you all for coming to our Parent Teacher Interviews. It was a tremendous pleasure to see some familiar faces as well as to meet many new parents. Creating relationships and having a strong sense of community is important to each of us. Meeting all of you and discussing your child's growth is an essential part of this process. We did the interviews in October to make sure we had a chance to connect early in the year. Our teachers generously did the interviews in October without early dismissal, working straight from first thing in the morning until after 8:00 pm that night. The District Wide early dismissal will still be in November and teachers will use that time to focus on other tasks in their classes. You will have the great opportunity to spend an extra afternoon with your children. The early dismissal day is followed by a ProD day, so you have an extra special long weekend.

Thank you to those of you who helped or donated to the Grade 5 Bottle Drive. The students are very much looking forward to their end of the year trip. We will be having a second bottle drive in January. Thank you to the fantastic teachers who are spending their Saturdays helping our students raise funds.

Please read the information provided by PAC at the end of this newsletter. There are many opportunities to help and everyone is always welcome to come to our meetings. Keep an eye out for more information on Family Movie Night and the Christmas Concerts. I will be sending out details soon by autodialer.

Take care,
Karen

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Book Fair

Thank you to all the families that came to support our Scholastic Book Fair. I hope you are all enjoying your new books. Your generosity means we raised approximately \$5000 which puts \$3500 books and other resources in to classrooms and the school library for students and school staff. We are all very grateful for these wonderful new resources, so thank you for your support of literacy here at Happy Valley.

Monitors

All monitoring positions have now been filled with trained student volunteers and are going a wonderful job keeping our school running. Thank you to all students who help supervise the office and classrooms at lunch, who lead activities at recess, who take out and collect playground equipment and who shelve library books. You help to make Happy Valley a happy and active school. Thank you.

Ms. Sarah Laughton
Vice Principal, Happy Valley Elementary

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

Try our best
Include others
General responsibility
Effort
Respect
Safety





Lest We Forget.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 10th at 10:30 we will be having an assembly to acknowledge Remembrance Day. November 11th is a no school day.

ANXIETY AND YOUTH 2ND PRESENTATION

In the spring of last year, we hosted a session on Anxiety and Youth presented by Dr. Kristin Buhr. Parents provided us with positive feedback about this session, stating that they found the information informative and relevant to some of the challenges facing our children today. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Buhr will be joining us again for a second session on January 27th from 3:30 to 4:45 at our school. This session will cover some of the topics that have already been discussed as well as covering new information. Please note that parents, caregivers and educators from all schools in the area are welcome to join us. Dr. Buhr will also be giving a presentation at Journey Middle School from 6:00 to 7:30 that same day. In this way, parents have the option of attending an afternoon or evening session. Please feel free to share this information with friends.

Please do not park in staff parking

It is extremely important that staff parking is left available to staff throughout the day, including at the end of the day. District staff is often coming to school at the end of day for meetings and for connecting with teachers. It is also important to remember that the staff parking lot is not a drop off area in the morning or afterschool. Staff have start times throughout the day and need to be able to park when they arrive. Thank you for your understanding.



PLAYING IN THE RAIN

Thank you to everyone for sending your children with boots, hats, coats and even umbrellas so they can play outside rain or shine. They LOVE that all days are outside days. Ask them about the “wood cookies”- they are a new and much enjoyed item on the playground.

We would like to introduce our Occupational Therapist

My name is Paula Twamley and I am pleased to once again be supporting your school as the consulting Occupational Therapist. I am at the school on a weekly basis and as part of my role, I have specific students on my caseload as well as providing general support for the school. As part of my role I work in classrooms, gym, the playground and attend meetings such as School Based Team as well as providing in-services (printing, movement breaks, self-regulation) in some classes. If parents have any questions, they can contact me at 250-474-9892 or email me at ptwamley@sd62.bc.ca.

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SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Supervision at our school starts at 8:10. To ensure that that all of our students are safe and supervised adequately, please do not drop off your child before this time. School ends at 2:28. Supervision on the playground ends at 2:45. Thank you for working with us to be here on time to pick up your child or if they are walking home, please remind them to go home directly after the bell rings so we know that they will get home safely. Once again, thank you.

Dear Tour de Rock Family,

The Tour de Rock does not happen without you; you are part of the Tour de Rock family. You make it all possible!
How can the Canadian Cancer Society Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock sincerely express our thanks? You make a HUGE difference you make in the lives of kids battling cancer!
You opened your doors and your hearts to the cause! You welcomed us, cheered us on, fed us, housed us, fuelled us, gave us transportation and so much support! But most importantly; your support made a significant and direct impact to send kids to Camp Goodtimes and to fund important pediatric research!
“Thank you” hardly covers our appreciation and gratitude for your support! Together we raised over \$1.14 million dollars for the kids.
We have made you a special private video to say thanks! We tried our best to get all the photos in but know we missed a quite a few as there were hundreds of amazing memories and shots!

<https://youtu.be/L26Kcct5ZR8>

And this special short video is for you from from Camp Goodtimes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWwpQfky5pY>

With our humble and sincerest appreciation,

Jan

PAC UPDATE

October went by so quickly and we are looking at another great month ahead!

Thank you to all of you who have supported all of the fundraisers. The magazine sales have brought in well over \$750, the Halloween dance was so much fun and raised close to \$1800. Clinton from Capital City DJ kept us all on the dance floor all night!

Earlier in the week an email came out referencing all of the upcoming PAC events and fundraisers, this is so you can choose which you would like to participate in, we don't want you to feel pressured into all of them!

Movie night will be December 3rd... this night is so much fun. Watch for newsletters coming home soon! Don't forget to bring a loonie to enter the draw to sit on 'Cook's couch'!

November is a busy month at Happy Valley with a number of winter fundraisers planned by our Happy Valley PAC. We're providing a quick heads up so you are aware of all the planned activities and can watch for the ones that interest you!

Winter Art Cards

- Children are busy this week creating wonderful winter artwork. Their artwork will be scanned and made into winter greeting cards with their name and age printed on the back.
- Parents will have the option to purchase cards and / or plaques showcasing the artwork.
- Sample cards / order forms will be coming home early the week of November 16th. Orders will be due by Tuesday November 24th (cash or cheque payment) with delivery of final cards by December 3rd.

Purdy's Chocolates

- To help with your gift shopping and entertaining, we're offering our annual Purdy's Christmas Fundraiser. You should receive a Purdy's catalogue and order form this week.
- Orders can be placed online or sent to the school. All orders are due by Tuesday November 10th.
- Pick up will be available Thursday December 3rd between 2-3pm or at the PAC sponsored Movie Night that evening (see below)

Poinsettias

- We have partnered with Hilltop Nurseries, a local grower, to provide a wide variety of decorative poinsettias and holiday planters for your gift giving and decorative needs for both home and business
- Order forms will be coming home this week with all orders due Friday, November 13th.

- Pick up will be available Thursday December 3rd between 2-3pm or at the PAC sponsored Movie Night that evening (see below)

Family Movie Night - Thursday December 3rd (Doors open at 5:00pm, movie starts at 5:30pm sharp!)

- Mark your calendar! Thursday December 3rd marks our first Family Movie Night. We'll be showing the zany **Minions Movie!**
- Tickets will be available for purchase. Pizza and snacks will also be available for pre-order to make a fun-filled family night!
- More details will be coming in the latter half of November.

As always your continued support is appreciated.

Fundraisers like these allow us to fund many extra curricular activities at Happy Valley including field trips, fine arts performers, our Christmas concert and the annual Art Show. We are also able to purchase technology for our school as well as athletic and playground equipment.

Please remember that all fundraising activities and events are optional. We offer a variety of fundraisers at Happy Valley so that you have lots to choose from, but please do not feel obligated to participate.

With appreciation,
Happy Valley PAC