



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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Newsletter

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October

- 7th Cross Country
- 12th Thanksgiving
- 15th Great Shake Out
- 19th Subway Lunch
- 21st Book Fair
- 21st Parent Teacher Conferences
- 23rd Pro D
- 29th PAC sponsored Halloween Dance

OCTOBER IS HERE

Thank you to everyone for your generosity during our fundraising for Terry Fox and Tour de Rock. It was quite a day! The staff and students lined the roads and driveway as all the Tour de Riders came up to the school. There was plenty of cheering and lots of positive and supportive energy. We were able to donate \$200.00 to this important charity. Then the Happy Valley School community got ready to run and show their support for Terry Fox. The intermediate students ran their hearts out on the Goose while the younger students gave it their all on the school fields. Many parents joined us as well. We were able to donate \$2074.50 to the Terry Fox Foundation when we were finished our fundraising efforts. One family, who chose not to be named, donated \$1000.00 to this important charity. Thank you to all of you and particularly to Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Johnson for organizing this event.

The Langford Fire Department came to our school for Fire Prevention Week and surprised us with a fire drill. The students were absolutely amazing, especially our youngest students who had never heard a school fire alarm bell. We had practiced earlier in September with a "no bell" fire drill, so we were especially impressed with the exceptional behavior of all. Well done, Happy Valley.

Please remember that our Parent Teacher Interviews are on October 21st. The information for booking on-line has been sent home in hard copy and by email. Feel free to contact the office if you have difficulty booking you appointment. The system will open on October 12th and close on October 19th.

Our amazing PAC has some incredible fundraising planned for this year. There is a focus on building community and family events. On October 29th, they are sponsoring an evening family dance. They will also be sponsoring a family movie night on December 3rd. We have included detailed information about upcoming events at the end of this newsletter.

Take care, Karen

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Activity Monitors: 25 grade four students are being trained this week by Ms Anne So to lead playground games for younger students at recess. These students will learn and practice some outdoor activities including skipping, four square, tag games, and aboriginal games. They are very excited to share their expertise and enthusiasm for these activities.

Cross Country: About 50 students will be representing Happy Valley at the district Cross Country meet at Juan de Fuca this Wednesday, October 7th. We have had two great practices this week and look forward to this meet. Go Tigers! (Unfortunately, cancelled due to weather)

Book Fair Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming and is a great way to support our school and library. Last year 60% of all funds raised were given back to us to spend on books for classrooms and the school library. The fair will be open from Monday, October 19th - Thursday Oct. 22nd from 8-8:45 AM, 2:00 - 3:00PM and Wednesday Evening 2pm - 8PM. We hope to see you there

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



School Wide Social Contract created on June 4, 2013 by the students of Happy Valley!

BEDTIME SHENANIGANS

WELCOME CHILDREN AGES 0-5

Join us for pre-bedtime fun! We will be playing games, enjoying snacks, and listening to a few delightful stories and songs. This FREE evening is for children aged 0 to 5 years and their parents/caregivers. Activities take place in the school gym, 6 – 7pm.

Running shoes suggested, wear pajamas if you like.

Time for little shenanigans!

Monday, October 26th
John Muir Elementary
Monday, November 9th
Sangster Elementary
Wednesday, November 18th
Happy Valley Elementary
Wednesday, November 25th
Sooke Elementary

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SJOLIVET@SD62.BC.CA
JOIN US! 6 - 7 PM

TIME FOR PLAY OUTSIDE

This year we are asking that students leave their toys at home. We are encouraging all of our youngsters to run, play and use their vivid imaginations on the playground. If your child brings a cell phone to school, they will be asked to keep it in their backpack during the day and only take it out on their way home. Thank you so much for your support.

Handball Season

Handball is an exciting and dynamic sport. It is a new addition to the school league this year. The season runs for 4 weeks in October and November, ending in a jamboree. It is played on a basketball court, using floor hockey nets. Teams of 6, including a goalie, pass the ball up the court to score. Running with the ball is not allowed. Handball replaces volleyball in the elementary league. Watch for team tryouts and practices in the next week or so.

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.

PAC has determined that they will no longer be doing the Safe Arrival Program. Please call the office 250 478 3232 if your child will not be at school.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

My apologies, we have yet to update the information in The Parent/Student Handbook. We are just waiting until all of our staffing is confirmed. If you have any

questions concerning school rules, policies or processes, please feel free to give Karen DeCicco or Sarah Laughton a call at the school.

Update on PAC News

A message from the PAC President.

When my oldest daughter started here I didn't know how the PAC contributed to the learning experience for my own child so I thought maybe I could tell you exactly what the PAC does.

At the beginning of the year parents meet and we decide on a budget for planned activities and additional requests that come in to us. This year the budget is set at approximately \$37,000. We use these funds for things such as classroom supplies, field trips, fine arts performers and the art show.

We have a variety of ways that this funding is achieved; some of the larger fundraisers are hot lunch, spring fair and art cards; in addition this year we have decided on more family centric fundraisers such as movie nights and family dances to bring teachers, students and parents together and build a sense of community.

Without parent volunteer support, programs are not possible and the students will not have the additional support and extracurricular events. If you are interested in coming out to a PAC meeting; they are the second Thursday of every month. We are still in need of volunteers. The meetings are a great place to connect with other families and support ongoing PAC initiatives. The more you engage with the school community, the more rewarding your experience will be. We encourage you to look for opportunities to volunteer and share your experience and talents. Whether you can make a small or large time commitment we could use your help.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or suggestions. We hope you have a great school year and hope to see you at future meetings and events



Happy Valley PAC and School Events at a Glance Sept - Dec 2015

This year the PAC has put together some fantastic events and fundraisers you and your family will enjoy participating in or supporting. Below is a list of PAC supported events and fundraisers. As an example your support benefits your child in the classroom through technology purchases and covering field trip transportation.

These events would not be available without volunteers! If you see anything that you would like to help out with (organizing, volunteering the day of, etc,) please feel free to email your Happy Valley PAC at hvpac@hotmail.com. If you do not have email please feel free to contact the school

administration who can forward your phone number to the correct person. Thank you in advance :-)

October

PAC Meeting: Thursday, October 8th, 6:30pm, everyone welcome!

Online Magazine Sales: www.qsp.ca register your student and use Happy Valley code: 4297644

Hot Lunch Subway: Mon. Oct. 19th

Book Fair: Mon. Oct 19 - Thurs. Oct 22 :
cheques Payable to "School District #62"

Family Halloween Dance: Thurs. Oct 29th , 6-8PM Costume up!

Save Around Books: due back by October 30th
cheques to "Happy Valley Parent Action Council"

November

Hot Lunch Hot Dogs: Mon. Nov. 2

Art Cards: ordered by Nov: Send home date:
week of Dec 3

Poinsettias: Order by: Nov 10th, Pick up at school date: Dec 3

PAC Meeting Nov. 12th everyone welcome!!

Hot lunch White Spot Pasta: Mon. Nov 16th

Purdy's Chocolates: Order online or by form to the school by Nov 10th: pick up at school on: Dec 3

Spirit Wear: available at school for pick up in mid Dec. 3

Hot Lunch Hot Dogs: Mon. Nov 30th

December

Movie Night: Movie to be determined: Thurs., Dec 3 doors open at 5pm, Movie Starts: 5:30pm

Hot lunch Pizza; Mon. Dec 7th

PAC Meeting: Dec 10th everyone welcome!!

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Thrifty Food Cards: reloadable Smile Cards issued from the PAC. we get 5% back! that easy! reuse last years or get new ones from your PAC members.

Cobbs Bread: Westshore Town Center only: say you're supporting Happy Valley, 5% is donated

Forrester's Bistro: at Olympic View Golf Course: say Happy Valley when you order, 10% is donated

Fairway Gift certificates: \$25 gift certificates bought from HV, we receive 7% cash back

Fairways receipts: get your Fairways sales receipt stamped at Fairways customer service with the Happy Valley stamp, drop off the PAC and we submit them and get %5 back!

We are a supportive community. Pick the fundraiser that works for your family.

Cynthia & Liz
Co-Fundraisers
Happy Valley PAC