



**HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY**

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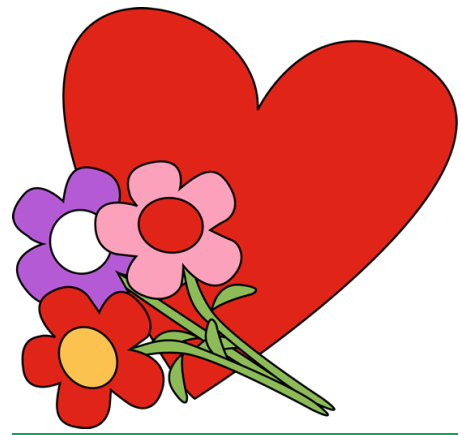
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# Newsletter

## #5- February

### February

- 4<sup>th</sup>- PAC Meeting 6:30
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Family Day- No school
- 11<sup>th</sup> Family Valentine Dance
- 12<sup>th</sup>- Hot Lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup>- ProD

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Monster Theatre 1:30
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Movie Night- The Good Dinosaur
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Report Cards go home
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Music Concert at Dunsmuir – Grade 5s
- 10<sup>th</sup>- PAC Meeting 6:30
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

## KINDNESS IS ALL AROUND AT HAPPY VALLEY

It was great to see so many people attend the Anxiety Presentation last week. Dr. Kristin Buhr provided us with many interesting strategies to help our young people as they experience anxiety and other strong emotions. If you were unable to attend, or were at the presentation and would like a listing of the books, resources and support materials presented by Dr. Buhr, please feel free to contact me at the school and I will provide you with a list.

Thank you to everyone for taking care in our parking and drive through areas. I have noticed in the last little while that there is still some confusion about the drive through lanes. Parents are not permitted to park and leave their vehicles in these lanes as it blocks all the other cars. If your child is not there yet, please drive through, make a loop and drive through again. Thank you.

As February is often known as the month of love, it seems fitting that we have the opportunity to spend a special day with our loved ones on February 8<sup>th</sup>, Family Day. Our amazing PAC will also be hosting a Valentine Family Dance on February 11<sup>th</sup>. February 12<sup>th</sup> will be a spirit day with everyone decked out in the colours of love- Red and Pink.

As I am walking on the playground, visiting classrooms, chatting with students in the halls, I am always deeply touched by the relationships I see between the students themselves, and between the children and the staff. Although at times it might seem noisy and slightly chaotic, the foundation of it all is laughter and relationships built on trust, caring, and respect. Happy Valley is a place where acts of kindness happen every day! What a gift. Our Valentine's gift.

Take care,  
Karen

## VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **Monitors**

Thank you to all students who applied to be student monitors for the second half of the year. There was a tremendous response from Grade 4 students interested in being lunch monitors. Thank you to those students for the wonderful letters they wrote explaining why they should be chosen. Ten of these students have been given positions for February and in March I hope to give some others this opportunity. Student monitors are a big part of why Happy Valley is such a great school, so thank you!

### **Daffodils**

Last fall some intermediate students planted daffodil bulbs at the back of the school. Spring is on its way as these have started to grow. I encourage everyone to take a walk behind the school to check out these growing plants and ask that we please respect these plants, and not pick on them or damage them, but allow them to bloom.

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
- Include others
- General responsibility
- Effort
- Respect
- Safety



**STAY TUNED FOR MOVIE  
NIGHT INFORMATION  
MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>!**

Yes, we are showing "THE GOOD DINOSAUR". This is going to be a sensational movie night. Tickets will be coming out soon!



**SPRING YOUTH BASKETBALL**

**9 WEEKS OF SUNDAY NIGHTS AT BELMONT  
APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24, MAY 1, 8, 15, 29, JUNE 5**

**OPEN TO PLAYERS IN GRADES 4 - 7**

**Boys: 4:30 PM TILL 6:00 PM**

**Girls: 6:00 PM TILL 7:30 PM**

**PLAYERS IN GRADES 6 AND 7 MAY BE INVITED TO  
PLAY IN SELECT TOURNAMENTS  
\*COST NOT INCLUDED**

**EMAIL DIRECTORS CURT SPAVEN AND  
BRAD LIDSTONE TO REGISTER –  
[BBALL.WESTSHORE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BBALL.WESTSHORE@GMAIL.COM)**

**\$100 – PLAYERS CAN APPLY \$50 TOWARD  
WESTSHORE BASKETBALL 2016  
NIGHT LEAGUE REGISTRATION**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS  
[WWW.WESTSHOREBASKETBALL.COM](http://WWW.WESTSHOREBASKETBALL.COM)**



**FAMILY VALENTINE DANCE  
FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please join us for a fun filled night of dancing and  
music.**

**PAC UPDATE**

Spring fair planning is off to a great start! Thanks to some hard working moms, we have a bunch of really great auction items rolling in and plenty of sponsorship for our events and prizes! Super shout out to Cynthia Major for taking on delivery of close to 300 donation letters by herself!

The Family Valentine's Dance is next week and we are really excited to see everyone! Don't forget about the bake sale that our talented parents work so hard to contribute to and of course there will be cold drinks available too!

Michelle Dudley is our new Hot Lunch coordinator, if you get the chance send her a quick thanks as it is a huge contribution to our PAC, children and parents! Without her we would not have been able to continue as our previous hot lunch coordinator was ordered to step back and take care of herself. Thanks Melanie and Tamara for your previous role with the PAC as well.

PAC meetings are on either the first or second Thursday of every month. Please see the calendar on the PAC website for further information.

If you have any questions please email [hvpac@hotmail.com](mailto:hvpac@hotmail.com)

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

**WE ARE DESPERATELY  
SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS  
FOR SPRING FAIR! Please see  
below.**

*Dear Happy Valley Families,*

The students of Happy Valley are very fortunate to participate in a number of special events and field trips as well as receiving extra resources funded by the Happy Valley PAC. Each year the PAC works hard to generate funds that are used to enrich the programs at our school. Over the past few years these fundraising efforts have generated around \$35,000.00 per year for programs such as fine arts and music programs, classroom supplies, field trip buses, support for extracurricular activities and sports equipment to name a few. In addition, the PAC sponsors Fun Day and Beach Day every June. Each year the PAC uses many different programs to raise these funds and a very large portion is raised by the Spring Fair (\$10,000.00 in 2015). We are already hard at work organizing this year's events; however the show cannot go on without you!

**How you can help:**

We are in need of auction items for the silent auction. On school website you will find a copy of our donation letter that we use to canvas for donations. If you could help with distributing these to business you frequent or your employer, this could generate items for the auction. Donation letters can also be picked up from school office.

**PRIZES...PRIZES...PRIZES**

We are now expecting donations of stuffies for the event.

Please drop them in the box outside of the office.

We are also collecting Canadian Tire Money to purchase silent auction items and prizes. Please drop in the PAC drawer in the office. Thank You for your help and support.

We look forward to seeing you at the SPRING FAIR 2016

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