



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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Newsletter

#6- March

March

30th - Return to school

April

1st - Hot Lunch

4th - Non- Instructional Day

7th - PAC Meeting 6:30

11th - Talent Show Auditions (Gr. 3-5)

12th - Project Soul Performance 8:45

14th - Early Dismissal- Parent Teacher Interviews

15th - Pro D

22nd - Hot Lunch

SPRING BREAK HAS ARRIVED

Just as we move our clocks ahead an hour on Sunday, we also begin Spring Break with the promise of spring sunshine, warmth and plenty of opportunity for play. This year seems to have gone by so quickly. We are now heading into the final four months of a year full of growth and adventure with so much more to look forward to in the days to come.

On April 4th our staff will have another opportunity to explore and learn about the redesigned curriculum which is to be implemented in the fall. We will be working together to create plans that will allow your children to continue to experience unique and relevant learning opportunities. Our staff is excited about the possibilities and are looking forward to this day as a time to engage and collaborate with other educators.

On April 14th we will once again be hosting parent teacher conferences. The format of the interviews will be different from class to class. Some teachers will be having an open house, some will be having student led conferences and some will be having the same format as the fall sessions. We will be providing detailed information about the on-line sign up and formats for each class after the break.

Before the break, I would like to take the time to thank all of our incredible staff. They never cease to amaze me with their dedication, creativity and deep understanding of their students. It has been a pleasure to watch the children blossom under their watchful care.

As well, I would like to acknowledge the way in which the students have represented our school during activities in the community and when guests come to visit us. They are respectful, kind and welcoming to all. Thank you to all the students of Happy Valley School!

We hope you all have the opportunity to take some time and relax over break. See you in a couple of weeks.

Take care,
Karen

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello Happy Valley Families and welcome to spring!

Thank you to everyone for being so respectful of our daffodils at the back of the school. Please check them out if you haven't done so yet. Stay tuned for more gardening projects coming up at HV soon.

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to HV and will be open April 11-14. This will be a wonderful opportunity to pick up some new books for reading and you will be supporting our library at the same time. See you there!

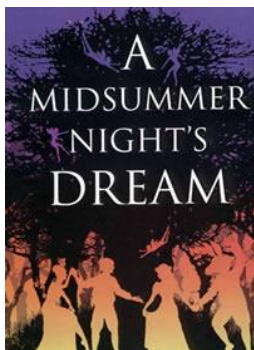
Jump Rope for Heart is coming up on April 21. Pledge forms will go home after spring break. Please help us support the Heart and Stroke Foundation through this fun and important fundraiser.

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





PAC UPDATE

Thank you so much for making movie night such a success! We raised over \$1,000 that will go straight back to our classrooms.

Letters will come home after Spring break regarding class baskets for Spring Fair and we will be in full swing for final touches.

If you are interested in the Fresh to You Fundraiser, please get your forms in as soon as possible. We need a certain number in order to qualify and we aren't quite there yet.

Have a great Spring break... We are looking forward to lots of family time!

Club Opera!!

We are getting ready for our final opera of the season, Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on April 12th at 7pm. Notices have gone home with all students in grades 4 and 5 interested in going to see this adaptation of Shakespeare. An enchanting collision of worlds as fairies, countryfolk and moonstruck young lovers spin through a single magical night. As usual, students can sign up for each opera individually, but parents must be able to arrange transportation since this performance will be downtown at the Royal Theatre. Contact Mrs. K at the school for more information. If students need another copy of the notice, a .pdf version is available on the school website. Notices are preferred before spring break, but will be accepted the first week back.

Girls' Basketball

Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball on a great season! They consistently represented the best qualities of Happy Valley with exemplary sportsmanship at every game. With their positive energy and cheerful chatter on the court they were a privilege to coach.

Boys' Basketball

The Boys' team also had a terrific season. They displayed some truly advanced basketball skills and worked to consistently show sportsmanship. We are proud of their season and are particularly impressed with the team work showed at the Jamoree. Well done.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

After a hard fought game between the Boys and Girls' Basketball Teams and the Intermediate Teachers, the winners were the teachers! It was a total blast to watch. Lots of laughs, great team play and just plain fun. Thank you to everyone.



Symphony Performance

Congratulations to Mr. Johnson's Grade 4/5 class who recently performed with the Victoria Symphony at their Education Concerts at UVIC and Duncan in February. They represented Happy Valley with creativity and real professionalism, and they should be very proud of their performances

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 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.

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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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