



HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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Newsletter



#8- May

May

- 19th- Hold and Secure Drill
- 20th- Class Pictures
- 25th- Talent Show
- 26th- Spring Fair
- 27th- Hot Lunch
- 30th- Spirit Day "Sports"
- 30th- Rock the Arts Performance

June

- 1st- Art Show 2:30 - 7:00
- 2nd- Art Show 2:30 to 4:30
- 3rd- District Track Meet
- 6th- Middle School Band Concert
- 7th- Kindergarten Orientation
- 16th- Fun Day/ Grade 5 Trip
- 24th- Beach Day
- 28th- Grade 5 Ceremony (10:30)
- 29th- End of Year Ceremony

HAPPENINGS AND HOORAYS

If you have had a moment to check out our school website, you would have noticed many exciting happenings at our school and with our students. We have begun gardening in earnest, with a vegetable garden by the library and tubs of potatoes by the Kindergarten rooms. This is just the beginning of a project that will include an outdoor classroom space and expansive gardens. Stay tuned for information in the fall, as we watch this dream become reality. Thank you to the Young Grower's Association for being our gardening guides. Thank you as well to the Johal family for donating the soil and to Alpine for donating the fencing!

Two students in our school, Macartney and Liam, had the opportunity to work with a professional recording artist to promote and celebrate the art that is happening in schools through Artstarts. As soon as the finished blog post becomes available we will let you know. Thank you to Macartney and Liam for respectfully and enthusiastically representing our school. You were brilliant. Two other students, Domingo and Ian, held a pogo-a-thon to raise funds for the people of Fort McMurray. Well done! All donations will go directly to the Red Cross.

These are just a few examples of the wonderful things happening within our school community. There are many more! The spirit and generosity of this community never ceases to amaze me. I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Fair on May 26th. This is another fantastic event put on by our parents. Thank you! Please check out the dates for all the upcoming events- there is still so much to do.

Take care,
Karen

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you so much for supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation through our Jump Rope for Heart event. Thank you especially to the student monitors who helped run this event for their dedication and positive energy throughout the day. Fundraising envelopes have been sent off and we expect to receive student prizes in the next week weeks.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported literacy here at Happy Valley through the Scholastic Book Fair. We raised approximately \$5000 which puts \$3000 worth of books directly into our library and classrooms. Students have been very excited about the new books in our library, which have been flying off the shelves!

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



30 X 30 David Suzuki Challenge

Don't forget to send in your forms for the 30 X 30 Challenge. We are so excited to see how many minutes everyone has spent in the outdoors over the month of May. Please send to the office for May 31st.

Class Placement

Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each student's social, emotional and academic needs is aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The professionals at Happy Valley consider each placement decision carefully, as they create classes that include a variety of students that learn in a variety of ways. In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process include:

Student/teacher learning/teaching styles
Leadership abilities
Balance of academic, social & emotional abilities
Cohesive student groupings
Gender balance
Friendships
Students with special needs
Previous classroom history
Combined classes

If there is information that you believe should be considered when placing your child, and is related to the above criteria, please provide it by completing the form which can be picked up at the school office. The information provided will be taken into consideration in the placement of your child. We appreciate your support of the complex multi-level process in arranging educationally sound and balanced classes.

Please take note: This is not a request for specific teachers.

Forms must be in to office by JUNE 9th.



What a great season of soccer!

Thank you to Mrs. O'Regan, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Price for coaching the Grade 4/5 boys and girls for soccer. It was a fantastic season of great play and excellent sportsmanship. The end of the season Jamboree was tons of fun! Good job boys and girls. You have much to be proud of this season.

TRACK AND FIELD

Students in Grades 3-5 have been practicing their track and field skills. On May 27th, they will have the opportunity to "race off" for a spot in the District Meet which will be taking place on June 3rd. Stay tuned for more information. Thank you to all the teachers who are working hard with our students to practice and prepare.

FUN (Friends Uniting for Nature)

FUN (Friends Uniting for Nature) Camps are award winning summer day camps for 5 to 16 year olds which meld environmental education, peer leadership, adventure activities and FUN. For the first time ever, FUN Society is partnering with Pearson College to bring these camps to their idyllic campus in Metchosin. Surrounded by old-growth rainforest, next to the gentle waters of Pedder Bay, your child will have the opportunity to kayak, canoe, take educational out trips to Race Rocks, and explore all the possibilities the campus has to offer.

Where: 650 Pearson College Dr (daily transportation from the Juan de Fuca Library parking lot provided)

When: July 4 – August 26 (weekly)

Cost: \$200 - \$250 / week

www.funcamps.ca

250-891-1067

info@funsociety.ca



MAD SCIENCE

MAD SCIENCE summer camps are sure to please! Mad Science engages children in scientific explorations that are so much fun children will forget they're learning! Children will design, create, build and assemble a variety of interesting projects and they will take at least one project home every day. MAD SCIENCE offers several exciting camp themes - Wilderness Survival Camp, Secret Agent Lab, Science Sleuths, Eureka!, Red Hot Robots in several locations. You can register your child online at vancouverisland.madscience.org, phone: 250 391 1814

PAC UPDATE

Please welcome your 2016/2017 PAC

President - Tarra Rosenke

Vice-President - Kim Strandlund

Secretary - Liz Wadsworth

Treasurer - Tasha Heck has graciously filled in until this position is filled (Position is vacant)

Hot Lunch Co-ordinator - Michelle Dudley

Fundraising Co-ordinator - Cynthia Major (looking for additional members for this role)

Emergency Preparedness Co-ordinator - Sara Bacic

If you would like to join us during the day on Thursday, May 19 to help out with final details for Spring Fair we would be thrilled to have you out!

Please join us on Thursday May 26 from 5-8 for our Annual Spring Fair! This is an inexpensive family event that is loads of fun!

The last PAC meeting for the year is on Thursday, June 1 at 6:30. There will be dinner to celebrate year end, please RSVP Tarra Rosenke hvpac@hotmail.com