

# The GHES Newsletter

The Golden Horn Elementary School Newsletter

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VOLUME 6

## Principal's Message:

Happy February! Good News! Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow and we are to expect an early spring!

We are just weeks away from Spring Break and our students are more than earning a nice long rest as they work diligently at school. Evidence of the success of your children will be provided with the delivery of the Term Two report cards on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Report cards are prepared using evidence from products, conversations and observations.

Thank you for continuing to support your children by reading with them every day—it makes a big difference!

Be sure to put a **GREAT BIG X** on February 12<sup>th</sup> on your family calendar because the **Annual School Council Family Dance** takes place that evening from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

We hope you can join us for the MONTHLY PARADE on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am in the gym. This month Grade 1, 2 and all of the Kindergarten students will be showcasing something special from their class.

*Wendy Close*



## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes Reading Tonight?

STUDENT "A"	STUDENT "B"	STUDENT "C"
reads <b>20</b> min each day	reads <b>5</b> min each day	reads <b>1</b> min each day
3600 min in a school year	900 min in a school year	180 min in a school year
1, 800,000 words	282,000 words	8,000 words

By the end of Grade 6 Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

*Nagy & Herman 1987*

## GHES SCIENCE FAIR 2016



Congratulations to the 97 students who participated in the Bi-Annual Golden Horn Elementary School Science Fair. A special congratulations goes out to the nine primary students who participated in the science fair!

The following students will be participating in the Annual Regional Science Fair to be held on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Yukon College:

Grade 4: Willow, Shai, Adelle, Jordan, Jazzen, Eleanor and Josiah

Grade 5: Kalie, Cameron, Conner, Bruce and Seth

Grade 6: Cole, Lisa, Marshal, Feidhlim and Glade

Grade 7: Liam, Seth, Connor, Aliya and Veronica

## BUS INFORMATION

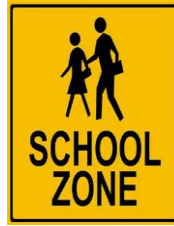


The following items are **NOT** permitted on the buses when operating a regular school run (to and from home/school):

- animals
- firearms, knives, scissors
- lighters, matches
- explosives, combustibles, flammable liquids
- hockey sticks, snowboards, skis, ski poles, bats
- wooden or metal displays or tri-folds.

## SCHOOL FEES

If you haven't had a chance to pay the \$60 fee required for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 please do so at your earliest convenience. If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheque out to Golden Horn Elementary School. Thank you!



## SCHOOL COUNCIL FAMILY DANCE

The Annual School Council Family Dance is on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Join us for dancing, games, prizes, snacks and more! We are looking for volunteers to help set up, take down, run the canteen, and assorted fun tasks. Please contact the school at 667 – 8130 if you are able to help!

## MARSH LAKE DAY

The Annual Marsh Lake Day excursion takes place on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Information about the day will be sent home soon. We will be looking for families to make chili, soup, and baked goods. Please make time to join us as we would love to have you included in our day of sliding, skating, snowshoeing, skiing, snow games, sugar shack and more!

## OPEN MEDIA EVENTS

During the school year we have many events that are considered ‘open media events.’ This means that the public is welcome to attend our school events. At open public events it is virtually impossible to control who takes images and what they do with the images.



We ask that all images/videos taken at open school events and at classroom events not be ‘shared’ in any way (unless you have permission from the parents/guardians) so that we can respect the right of families/guardians to decide who has access to images of their child/children.

## SCHOOL GOAL FOR 2015-2016

How can we build on our existing successes to move students and staff closer to the realization of their best selves? In order to ensure that we are prepared for a world that will likely be very different from the one we currently live in, how will we help students and staff become adaptive, resilient, confident and caring?

## LOST AND WAITING TO BE CLAIMED

Our school lost and waiting to be claimed ‘trapline’ is located just outside the music room. Items waiting to be claimed are hung on the hooks or displayed on a shelf for easy identification and access—no digging around in a smelly lost and found box!

## SAFE DRIVING

Our parking lot is a very busy place in the morning and at the end of the school day. Please exercise extreme caution as children are not always paying close attention to vehicle traffic.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### Did you know we have a student conduct plan for our school?

The plan was developed by the school council and administration, with input from teachers, parents and guardians.

The plan outlines the rules and expectations for the conduct of students, staff, parents and guardians to foster a safe, supportive, purposeful and courteous climate at school. The plan also outlines how the school will address unacceptable behavior through consequences that are meaningful, age appropriate, progressive and flexible.

We encourage you to visit our website to read the plan at [goldenhorncouncil.weebly.com](http://goldenhorncouncil.weebly.com).

### Kids and parents! Enter a draw for a gift card from Mac's Fireweed Books!

Comment on our website to enter.

- **Kids!** Tell us one expectation for students from the student conduct plan.
- **Parents!** Tell us one expectation for parents from the student conduct plan.

We invited Ms. Hirsh, one of our kindergarten teachers, to share one activity she uses in her classroom to help instill self-regulation and build social-emotional skills in her students. Based on the Second Step Program, Ms. Hirsh's students play the Listening Game (eyes watching, voice quiet, ears listening, body still). To keep the conversation going, try asking your child what tools their teachers use to help them navigate making friends, managing emotions, and solving problems at school.

Interested in learning more about building self-regulation and social-emotional skills in our school? We'd love to hear from you.

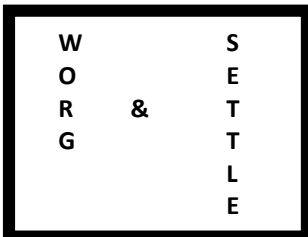
## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Do you have questions, thoughts, ideas that you'd like to share? We'd love to hear them. School Council is a voice for parents and community members.

- Email us at [goldenhorncouncil@gmail.com](mailto:goldenhorncouncil@gmail.com)
- Visit our website [goldenhorncouncil.weebly.com](http://goldenhorncouncil.weebly.com)
- Join us for the first part of our monthly meetings. All meetings are at 6:30 in the school library.
- Next School Council Meetings:  
February 8, 2016  
February 29, 2016

Like us on Facebook at Golden Horn Elementary School Council to receive Council and other school updates. If you missed the volunteer boot camp but would like to lend a hand, please contact the school at 667 – 8130 or email [dawna.davey@gov.yk.ca](mailto:dawna.davey@gov.yk.ca).

## PUZZLE OF THE MONTH



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*“Assessment for learning is in place if students do not have to wait for the teacher to tell him or her what to do next. They know this themselves.”*

Mary Chamberlain (New Zealand)

### Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Feb. 4 – 5 Grade 6 Polar Games
- ❖ Feb. 9 Monthly Parade (8:45 am)
- ❖ Feb. 9 - 12 Grade 5 Swimming Lessons (pm)
- ❖ Feb. 10 Bomb Threat & Fire Drill (9 am)
- ❖ Feb. 12 Family Dance (6:30 – 8:00 pm)
- ❖ Feb. 12 – 13 Grade 6/7 Basketball Tournament
- ❖ Feb. 15 Spelling Bee for Gr. 3 – 7 (am)
- ❖ Feb. 16 - 19 Grade 5 Swimming Lessons (pm)
- ❖ Feb. 26 Heritage Day-NO SCHOOL
- ❖ Mar. 3 Report Cards Go Home
- ❖ Mar. 4 Marsh Lake Day
- ❖ Mar. 7 -18 Spring Break--NO SCHOOL
- ❖ Mar. 25 Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
- ❖ Mar. 28 Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL
- ❖ Apr. 25 – 29 Education Week

## THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Enter to win two movie passes!  
This month we have one adult pass and one child pass to the movie theatre.

Congratulations to Sidney (Gr. 4) who correctly guessed the puzzle of the month for January as 'act out of character.'

In the February newsletter the PUZZLE OF THE MONTH IS:

Student Name/ Grade

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring your entry form to the office February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

*One entry per person please!*

Please clip and save!



### NOTICE OF ALTERNATE SITES IF GOLDEN HORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVACUATION IS REQUIRED

#### Kindergarten & Special Needs Students:

Lot 205 Duncan Drive	Susan MacDonald	633-5868
<b>Gr. 1 &amp; 2:</b>		
Lot 206 Duncan Drive	Don/Roberta Kotylak	668-3088
<b>Gr. 2/3 &amp; 3/4:</b>		
Lot 141 Arctic Drive	Dawna Davey	668-7438
<b>Gr. 4 &amp; 5:</b>		
Lot 176 Arctic Drive	Laura Spicer	633-6288
<b>Gr. 6 &amp; 7:</b>		
Lot 207 Duncan Drive	Dan/Kelly Lindsey	633-5545

- Turn on your radio to CKRW (610) on the AM dial or (96.1) on the FM dial; or on the FM dial at CBC (94.5) or CHON (98.1); information and directions will be given over the radio.
- DO NOT call the school; we must have the lines open for emergency calls.
- DO NOT immediately drive to the school following an earthquake or other city-wide emergency; streets and access to our school may be cluttered with debris; the school access routes and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles.

The school has a detailed emergency response that been developed to ensure the safety of students and staff in the event of emergencies. The plan is reviewed and updated at least annually. The School Council has been provided with a copy of the plan as part of the Annual School Plan.