

The GHES Newsletter

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Principal's Message

February 28, 2019

It's the time of year when everyone is talking about the return of light, longer days and the feeling of warmth from the sun! The anticipation of Spring also brings with it a renewed sense of energy, vitality, positivity and anticipation of what's to come. You can also feel these changes in the school as students arrive in the morning in the light of day, play outside under blue skies and warm(er) sun, work diligently to prepare for evidence of learning and student-parent-teacher conferences, and focus on integrated projects like the Heritage Fair. At the moment, the most anticipated event is March Break! Whether your plans take you away to sandy beaches, to visit loved ones, or here at home enjoying the beauty of Yukon, we wish everyone a relaxing and well-deserved break.



Thank you to families for participating in our second Evidence of Learning and Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences, which made student learning and growth visible and discussed where students are at with their learning and where to go next. I noticed how engaged students and parents were while examining and reflecting on samples of student learning. The role of parents in their child's education is incredibly important and we appreciate the active role that you play as part of our new way of communicating student learning. A huge thank you to staff at Golden Horn Elementary and

congratulations to students for the tremendous effort and incredible work that went into preparing for this reporting event!

As a school, we want to know what YOU thought about the recent conferences. It is important to have feedback that will allow us to think critically about where we are at, inform our practice, and take action to improve. Please take time to complete a parent feedback survey about the Evidence of Learning and Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences. You will find a copy at the end of this newsletter, as well as posted on the school website under the Communicating Student Learning tab. You can complete the survey electronically and send it to me by email at darcy.leblanc@gov.yk.ca . You can also complete a form and leave it anonymously in the envelope in the main entry of the school on the community bulletin board.

Our next communicating student learning event will be the second Interim Report, which will be sent home on May 01. The Interim Report communicates student achievement in literacy, numeracy and other integrated studies that have been the focus of learning. You can read more about how we are Communicating Student Learning by visiting the school website.

Darcy LeBlanc
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Heritage Fair Open House

We are having an open house in the gym on Wednesday March 6th from 3:30 to 6:30. Please stop by and see the projects that the intermediate classes have been working on.

Old Headphones Wanted

The music room is looking for headphones for an upcoming project! Please send any old and unwanted headphones to Ms. Agnew. Thanks in advance.

Earbuds are NOT wanted

A Letter From Ms. Quarton



Bula from Fiji!!

I have completed two weeks at Nakasi Hart Kindergarten and have extended my stay for one more week. The classroom is small and they have very few toys and only basic school supplies. I was so lucky to have students, families and colleagues at Golden Horn Elementary help me fill a suitcase full of supplies. Having these supplies has allowed me to do many different activities with the students that I wouldn't have been able to do otherwise. In addition, many people made financial donations. This has made it possible for me to purchase supplies that I didn't realize they wouldn't have and could use including books, posters, paint, dice, markers and a pencil sharpener.

Many students have been sick and many of them do not have clean drinking water or soap at home! The school didn't have soap either so I bought some and the children were so excited by the bubbles and the smell of the soap. Most importantly, they are now able to wash their hands before they eat their snack. I cannot describe the mix of emotions I felt witnessing the joy these children experienced with the soap. It has been a week now and they are still SO excited to wash their hands and then run around smelling each other's hands and having me smell them too!

I'm feeling so grateful to be Canadian, to be a part of our Golden Horn Family and for all of you that helped support the schools and children in Fiji.

Bula Vinaka. Thank you.
Emily

SCHOOL COUNCIL

BUS SAFETY

We work closely with the school administration, the Department of Education and Standard Bus to help ensure the safety of all our children on the bus. Here is something we learned at a recent meeting: Did you know you can sign up for alerts if your school bus is running late? Visit www.standardbus.ca and click on the link "My School Bus Monitor" to sign up and get notifications to your email or text to be notified if your bus is more than 10 minutes late.

Golden Horn Spirit Wear

Did you miss out on the last spirit wear order? Golden Horn School Council will be placing one more order before the end of this school year. Sweatshirts \$45, t-shirts \$20, ball hats \$15, cinch bags \$15 and water bottles with name \$20. Please contact Amber Hirsch at fudds@northwestel.net or 867-334-5588 for information or to place your order. Funds raised will be donated to the school for guided readers for the primary classes. All orders must be in by March 29th.

FireSmart

Golden Horn School Council is going to apply for funding to do FireSmart treatments on the school property and the lot adjacent to the school next fall. Funding comes from the Government of Yukon to space trees and clean underbrush which will reduce the amount of available fuel and provide space for fire fighters to work in the event of a fire. We hope to tie the work with some wildfire education while the project is occurring for a great learning opportunity for students and families. If you have any questions please contact goldenhorncouncil@gmail.com.

Family Dance

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate another family dance at Golden Horn. This may have been one of our best dances yet! A huge thanks to everyone who helped set up, sold refreshments, loaned sound and light equipment, donated fireworks, donated raffle prizes, worked the raffle table and helped clean up.

These events happen with 100% volunteer power. Thanks to: Graham and Cole Van Tighem, the Minifie/Samuels family, the Hirsch family, Montie Patterson, Darcy

LeBlanc, Jesse Ward, Emmalee Agnew, Scott Kessey, Catherine and Jim Welsh, Rob Yeomans, the Sicotte family, the Hogan family, the Stewart family and Ashley Galbraith.

Special thanks to those companies who donated to the raffle prizes: Canada Games Centre, Behind the Barn, Air North, Lumel Studios, Takhini Hot Springs, The Gravy Train and Klondike Printing. Congratulations to all the winners!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HOSPICE YUKON SUPPORT GROUP: LIVING WITH LOSS

An Introduction to Healthy Grieving

Grief is one of our most difficult experiences. And although it is hard, it is a natural response to loss and a normal part of life. In this workshop you will learn about the grief cycle that accompanies any kind of loss. We will talk about healthy grieving and share tools that will help you support yourself and others to heal and grow through times of loss. This is not a grief support group - participants will not be asked to share any personal information.

Wednesday April 10
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Whitehorse Public Library
To Register: 667-7429
[Hospice Yukon](#)

L-DAY - DR. GAVIN REID'S LEARN

Internationally renowned Dyslexia expert, Dr. Gavin Reid, shares strategies for teaching students with dyslexia to learn and succeed.

LEARN: Learner and Learning, Environment, Assessment, Responses (Intervention), Neuro-flexibility
<https://www.drgavinreid.com/>

Presented by LDAY Centre for Learning. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, March 6, 2019
6:30 PM 8:00 PM

To register visit: <https://ldayukon.com/new-events>

After School Bike Club



Terra Riders is excited to announce an additional After School Bike Club location for families on the south side of Whitehorse!

The South Side Club will run on Wednesday afternoons from 3:20pm til 5:20pm at Golden Horn Elementary from May 22nd until the summer break. Club lessons will focus on the FUNDamental skills of mountain biking, developing and polishing them and applying them to the trails around the Golden Horn area.

Our aim is to provide a fun, productive and inclusive learning environment to help develop safer and more confident mountain bikers.

Coaches are PMBIA and/or NCCP certified, Advanced Wilderness First Aid certified, have up to date criminal record checks with child protection training.

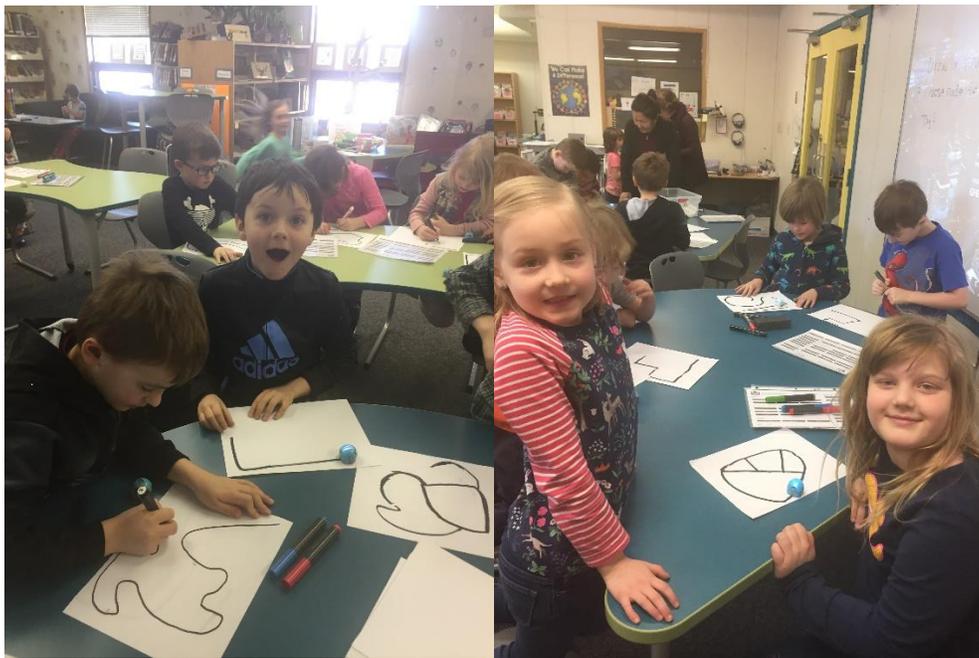
Groups are available for ages 7-9 and 10+.

Cost is \$99+gst

Please email info@terrariders.ca or visit terrariders.ca for more information.

VISIBLE LEARNING

MS. MERRICK'S GRADE 1S



Ms. Merrick's Grade 1 class experimenting with Ozobots that can read colour coding that the students create on paper for the bots to follow.

Ms. JOHN'S GRADE 4/5S



Ms. John's class receiving instruction during GOES and French classes

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, February 28 – Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30 PM – 7:30 PM)
- Friday, March 01 – Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (8:30 AM – 2:30 PM)
- Tuesday, March 05 – Heritage Fair
- Wednesday, March 06 – Heritage Fair Open House (3:30 PM – 6:30 PM)
- Friday, March 08 – Last day of school before Spring Break
- Monday, March 25 – First day back from Spring Break



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Requesting Parent Feedback on Communicating Student Learning

There's was an exciting buzz throughout our school the last few weeks as we've had our first Evidence of Learning and Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you for your participation! We believe communication between home and school is the cornerstone for student success. One of our professional goals as educators this year, is to **communicate student learning** in a way that is:

- Meaningful
- Visible
- Clear

In order to help us in our professional learning journey **we invite your feedback** about how the student-parent-teacher conferences went for you. We want to be responsive to your feedback.

1. What did you like?
2. Do you have a suggestion for improvement for us to consider?
3. Do you have a deeper understanding of how your child is doing at school?
4. Do you have any other feedback or questions about the conferences?

As a team of educators, we are learning and growing in the way that we communicate your child's progress. Your feedback will help us make that communication even better for the rest of this year and in years to come. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Please reply by email with your feedback, or leave your feedback in the envelope on the community bulletin board in the main entrance of the school.

Darcy LeBlanc
Principal