

# The GHES Newsletter

February 5, 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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February in Yukon celebrates Heritage Day; we celebrate all that is Yukon and what makes living in the Yukon unique! We also have much to celebrate as a school community that makes us unique and special. It has been one month since I started here at Golden Horn Elementary School and I was immediately struck by the beauty of the natural landscape that surrounds that school that offers some of the most unique opportunities for learning in the outdoors. There is also a strong sense of community, belonging and well-being here at the school that extends from classrooms and is visible in relationships with students, teachers and families. This is complemented by a supportive learning culture at the school with high standards and quality teaching to meet the needs of all of our students. We look forward to Heritage Day and Rendez-Vous this year and celebrate all that is unique about life in Yukon and as part of the Golden Horn Elementary School family!

Darcy LeBlanc

Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

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### Safety and Dressing for Cold Weather

Recess time supports learning at school through play, imagination, physical well-being, socialization, self-regulation and so much more! It is important for students to be outside and the reality here in Yukon is that students must be dressed safely when outside in cold temperatures. Our expectation for students is that whenever they are outside (before school, recesses and after school heading to busses or parent pick up) that they wear winter boots, snow pants (long johns, snow skirt, leg warmers if wearing a long jacket etc. are also acceptable), a winter jacket, hat, mitts/gloves, and a buff to keep their neck and cheeks warm. Thank you for discussing these expectations with your child and for ensuring that they come to school with warm winter gear.

#### **Cold Weather Policy**

In general, students will go outside for recess up to -30C; outside for 10 minutes from -31 C to -34C; inside for recess from -35C and colder (temperatures are with wind-chill). Information about the cold weather policy at GHES can be found at :

[https://goldenhornCouncil.weebly.com/uploads/2/3/6/9/23693030/cold\\_weather\\_policy.pdf](https://goldenhornCouncil.weebly.com/uploads/2/3/6/9/23693030/cold_weather_policy.pdf)

## Health Behaviours of School-Aged Children survey

On March 6, 2018, students in Grades 6 and 7 at GHES will be taking part in a territory-wide health survey. The anonymous and confidential information will help improve services for youth. Topics include nutrition, exercise, relationships, mental wellness, life at school, substance use, violence.

The Departments of Health and Social Services and Education sponsor the survey. The Yukon Bureau of Statistics will visit the schools to conduct it. The survey is conducted every four years. Results will be available online once the data is compiled. Reports from 2010 and 2014 surveys appear at [www.hss.gov.yk.ca/health\\_behaviours.php](http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/health_behaviours.php).

We will send home more information to participating students before they take part. For more information, contact Ian Parker, Manager of Health Promotion at [ian.parker@gov.yk.ca](mailto:ian.parker@gov.yk.ca) or 456-6576 (toll-free 1-800-661-0408 ext. 6576).

## School Wide Art Project 2018 (SWART)



The Theme of the School Wide Art Project this year is Tact. Tact is telling the truth kindly. Thinking before you speak. It's knowing what to say and what is better left unsaid. When you are tactful you don't tease or point out people's differences to embarrass them. You are careful about others' feelings as you would like them to be with you.

The whole school practiced this virtue by creating several continuous contour line portraits of their classmates. The portraits were hung on a mobile to create a sense of community. The mobiles are on display for public viewing at the Yukon Art Centre.

## Rendez-Vous Activities– February 22

Golden Horn will be celebrating Heritage Day and Rendez-Vous on Thursday, February 22nd. We will 'kick-off' the day with an assembly and performance by our wonderful local Can Can Dancers at 9:00 am. Families are welcome to join at the assembly.

Students are invited to dress-up in their OI' Timey costumes for the day. We will also be participating in Cabane à Sucre. Thank you to Mr. Sen and Ms. Cynthia for organizing and hosting this sweet treat!

## Recycling at Golden Horn Elementary

During their science unit on recycling, the students in grade 3 used the inquiry based question, "Why is recycling important and how does it keep the Earth clean and protected for future generations?" Mrs. Toovey and the Grade 3 students wrote a letter to the the Department of Education asking for their support in setting up our school with new recycling bins for the classrooms and recycling stations for the hallways. Their request was granted and in January 2018 the Grade 3 students helped Mr. Black set up each classroom with recycling bin, as well as, several recycling stations were placed in the hallways, and 'paper towel bins only' in each washroom. Danny, from Raven Recycling, gave a talk to each classroom on responsible recycling. We would like to thank Mr. Black, from the Department of Education and Danny, from Raven Recycling for all their support with our Recycling Project.

## Golden Horn Science Fair

The Golden Horn Science Fair is on February 6 & 7. Projects created by Grades 4-7 need to be in the gym by 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 6. Projects need to be removed at the end of the school day on Wednesday, February 7. Primary students are welcome to display anything related to science.

***Please join us for our celebration of ALL THINGS SCIENCE at our Science Fair Open House - Tuesday, February 6 from 5-7 PM in the gym. This will be an Open Media zone with local media in attendance.***

If you're visiting our school between now and Spring Break, please pop into the library/learning commons to check out our 'Bringing Our Past to Life' temporary exhibit, created in collaboration with the Yukon Government's Heritage Branch. We promise you'll have a mammoth experience!

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Grace Snider at [grace.snider@yesnet.yk.ca](mailto:grace.snider@yesnet.yk.ca).

## Kindergarten Information

### Kindergarten Registration

To pre-register for Kindergarten for 2018-19, parents should visit: [www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten.htm](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten.htm). The pre-registration form will be available on the website on February 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. All information regarding the pre-registration process is available on the website.

### Kindergarten and French Immersion information night

There will also be an information night for parents on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Whitehorse Elementary School to go over the Kindergarten registration process and options for French Immersion and other French programs before the Kindergarten pre-registration date.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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### School Council Family Dance

The annual **School Council Family Dance** will be held on Friday, February 16th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Join us for dancing, games, prizes, snacks, fireworks, and more!

This year we are using the dance as a fundraiser for the new pump track.

*We are looking for volunteers to help set up, take down, run the canteen, and other assorted fun tasks. Please contact the school at 667 – 8130 if you are able to help.*

### School Council Elections

School Council Elections are coming up this spring.

If you have been thinking about running for school council, we would encourage you to come to an upcoming meetings or connect with a current council member to find out more about this great opportunity to contribute to our school.

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of school councils in Yukon, and the election process, visit the Department of Education website at [www.education.gov.yk.ca/councils.html](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/councils.html).

## VISIBLE LEARNING

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### Music Class Workshop



Students in grade 4/5 participated in a 90-minute drumline workshop with Michael Beauclerc, drumline master and executive director of the Canadian Drumline Association. Grade 4/5 played cymbals, snare, tenor and bass drums while learning basic stick and mallet techniques. They learned some basic techniques and patterns commonly performed by drumline groups around the world. Michael said this was the youngest

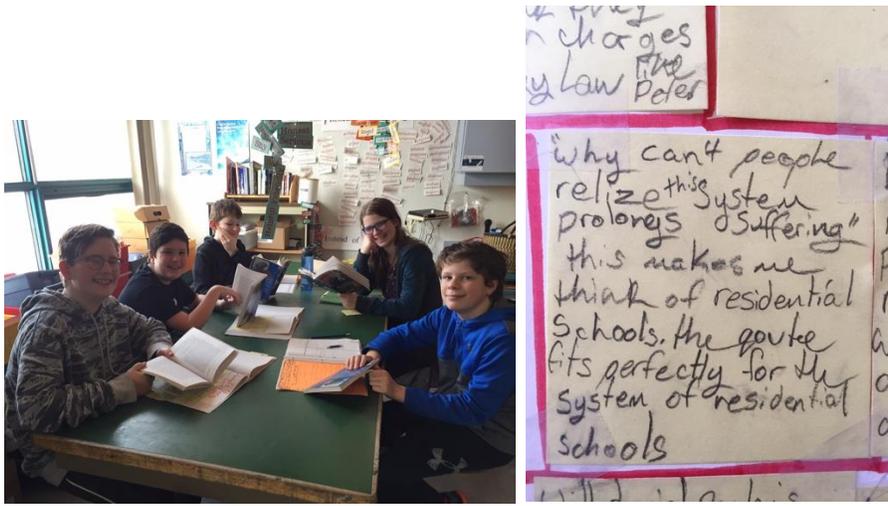
group that he had worked with and was very impressed by their great listening, awesome playing and amazing respectful behaviour. Way to go, grade 4/5!

## 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School!

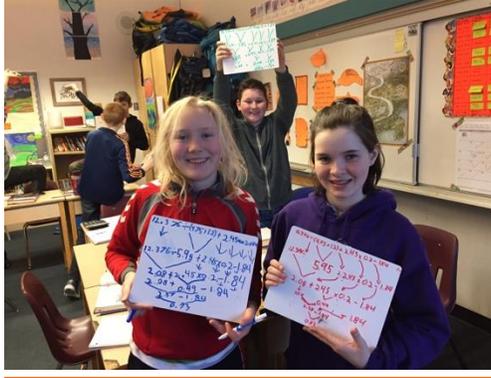


Thursday, February 1st was the 100th day of school at Golden Horn Elementary! The Kindergarten, grade one and grade 1/2 classes started off their celebrations by meeting in the gym to take this photo. Other activities included doing 100 exercises, drawing pictures of what they might look like if they were 100 years old, building with 100 pieces of Lego and making "100 days smarter" banners.

## Grade 7



*Literature Circles: Grade 7's having grand conversations and making thoughtful responses.*



*Math made fun!*

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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- February 6 and 7 – Science Fair (Open House Feb 6 from 5-7 PM)
- February 16 – School Council Family Dance (6:30 – 8:00 PM)
- February 22 – Rendez-Vous Assembly, Activities and Dress-Up Day
- February 23 – Heritage Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- February 26 – Professional Development Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)