

The GHES Newsletter

The Golden Horn Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

We wish everyone a safe and happy spring break with family and friends. School will begin again bright and early on Monday, March 21st. We are looking forward to warmer days after the break which means it is time to bring out the splash pants and rubber boots as high water opportunities await us!

Please join us for our Annual Marsh Lake Day on Friday, March 4th.

Our next MONTHLY PARADE is on Tuesday, April 12, at 8:50 am in the gym. This month students in Grades 2, 2/3, 4, 5 and 6 will be showcasing something special from their classes.

Don't forget to 'spring ahead' by moving your clocks ahead one hour on MARCH 13th.

Happy Holidays!

Wendy Close

CHARACTER EDUCATION AT GHES

Character education is instruction in basic human values and morals as part of a school curriculum. Character education helps students know and act on universally accepted values like honesty, fairness, caring, responsibility, empathy and respect. This year we are focusing on 'empathy' to continue to develop a caring school community and provide opportunities for moral action. Empathy is defined as the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. At Golden Horn Elementary School we believe that children are intrinsically motivated to show empathy by performing acts of kindness. With every act of kindness our students 'fill not only someone else's bucket, but are filling their bucket too.' To track evidence of each act of empathy we place two colourful pompoms in the class empathy jar. One pompom represents the receiver and one represents the provider of the act of empathy.

At our monthly parade (held the second Tuesday of each month) all ten classes bring their buckets and empty them into our large glass containers. In February we filled close to two buckets! To celebrate our accomplishments we are 'paying it forward' by doing something kind for others in our community. In December the Grade 5 class made Christmas cards and treats for the cats and dogs at

the Mae Bachur Animal Shelter. In February the Kindergarten classes made cookies and cards for people who help us at school. The recipients included our bus drivers, the custodians, Lawrence from property management and Susan, our library clerk.



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?

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

SILLY ?
ANS: SILLY

GHES SCIENCE FAIR 2016



The following students participated in the Annual Regional Science Fair held on Saturday, February 19th at Yukon College:

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

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

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

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

Congratulations to the Golden Horn Elementary School students on their achievements at the 2016 Yukon/Stikine Regional Science Fair:

Grade 4:

- Eleanor 1st "A Nose to a Lodge"
- Shai 2nd "Under which artificial lights do plants grow best?"
- Willow 3rd "Do horses have a good memory?"

Grade 5:

- Kalie 1st "Eggs Eggs Eggs"
- Cameron 2nd "Light Up With Lego"

Grade 7:

- Seth 2nd "Video Games Before Bed"
- Liam Honourable Mention: "Gaming Under the Influence"

Student Choice Award:

- Bruce (Grade 5) "The Science of Glow"

The BC Agriculture in the Classroom Award:

- Willow (Grade 4) "Do horses have a good memory"
- Seth (Grade 7) "Video Games Before Bed"

Seth will represent Yukon in Montreal from May 15 – 20, 2016. Seth also received a one year scholarship at Yukon College!

LEARNING COMMONS

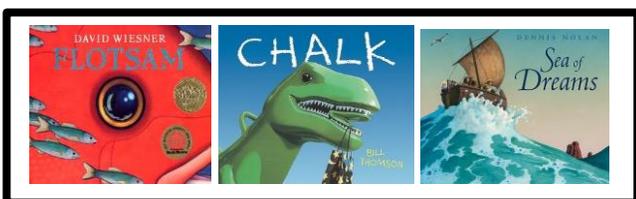
From the Learning Commons
Silent Books

I recently received this notice from the Canadian Children's Book Centre that I thought would be of interest to lovers of wordless picture books.

Silent Books: Final Destination Lampedusa

In response to the waves of refugees from Africa and the Middle East arriving on the small Italian island of Lampedusa, the International Board on Books for Young People (through IBBY Italia) is working to establish the island's first children's library, to be used by young migrants and local children. To build the library's collection, IBBY Italia gathered outstanding wordless picture books from 23 countries.

To showcase the library, Silent Books: Final Destination Lampedusa, an exhibit of more than 100 renowned wordless picture books, has been touring around the world. Following stops in Italy, Mexico and Austria, in Canada the Silent Books exhibit has travelled to Edmonton (August 28-September 18, 2015), Vancouver (October 1-22, 2015) and Toronto (November 2-December 11, 2015). It is now making its final Canadian stop at the Millennium Library in Winnipeg. The exhibit runs from February 9 to March 12, 2016.



These wordless picture books have a universal language of images and art, bypassing age, culture

and language barriers, to offer readers a unique but shared reading experience.

See more at: <https://bookcentre.ca/events/silent-books-final-destination-lampedusa>

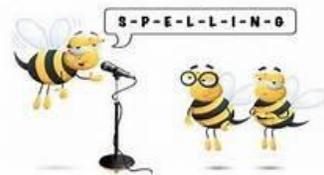
Our Golden Horn Library collection includes many wordless picture books. When you're searching our online catalog, simply key the word, 'wordless' into the search bar. With a wordless book in your hands, I guarantee you will have a silent - and unique - reading experience.

Ms. Snider
Teacher-Librarian

GOLDEN HORN JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

A junior badminton club is starting up at Golden Horn! It will be for ages 10 and up. We will be meeting on Sundays from 5 - 7 pm. This will run until May 1 and start up again in the fall. Cost will be \$40 a year (only \$20 for the remainder of this year). This fee covers insurance, Yukon Badminton Association membership (members can also play with the club in town) and equipment. Anyone interested can contact Sunny Patterson at 336-3346.

SPELLING BEE 2016



Congratulations to the following students who represented Golden Horn Elementary School at the Annual Rendezvous Spelling Bee held on Friday, February 26th at the Yukon Government Building Foyer:

- Grade 3: Mia and Teagan
- Grade 4: Kate and Kyla
- Grade 5: Liam and Bruce
- Grade 6: Feidhlim and Zakk
- Grade 7: Arielle and Veronica

All of our students worked hard and were successful! We would like to congratulate Veronica in Grade 7 who was the second place winner of the 2016 Rendezvous Spelling Bee! This is the second year in a row that Veronica has received a Spelling Bee Prize! We are very proud of 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 COUNCIL NEWS 2016

Elections for school council seats will be held in May. If you are interested in joining the School Council, please see <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/councils.html> for more information.

School councils can influence everything from school programming to discipline policies. They may:

- help with problem solving and decision making
- review and approve school plans, the blueprints for the school's activities and priorities
- participate in the hiring of the school's principal
- make recommendations on how the school's budget is spent
- propose locally developed courses
- advise on the length of the school year, on staffing needs, on school renovations, on school programming and on student transportation

The Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees (AYSCBC) is excited to announce that they will be hosting the Spring 2016 School Councils' Conference.

Dates: Thursday, April 7th through Saturday, April 9th, 2016

Location: Yukon Inn, Whitehorse

- All Parents are welcome
- Visit <http://www.ayscbc.org/> for details

The next GHES School Council Meeting: April 11, 2016 @ 6:30 in the library. All parents are welcome.

The first 30 minutes of the meeting is a great time to get to know your council members and to get a feel for what we do.

- A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of our amazing Family Dance Volunteers and Sponsors. We couldn't have done it without you! We would especially like to thank:
 - Icycle Sport, the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, and the Takhini Hot Springs for their generous prize donations;
 - the Anderson/Ordish, Samuelson/Minifie and Hogan families for the fireworks;
 - Yukon Event Rentals for donating the lights;
 - Aubrey Sicotte and Graham Van Tighem for running the lights and sound;
 - Amber Hirsh for making the cotton candy.

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
- Visit our website goldenhorncouncil.weebly.com

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.

MARSH LAKE DAY

The Annual Marsh Lake Day excursion takes place on Friday, March 4th. Thank you to all of the families who made chili and baked goods. Please make time to join us because we would love to have you there for a day of sliding, skating, snowshoeing, skiing, shelter building, sugar shack and more!

THE BENEFITS OF READING ALOUD

Reading aloud is the foundation for literacy development. It is the single most important activity for reading success (Bredenkamp, Copple, & Neuman, 2000). It provides children with a demonstration of phrased, fluent reading (Fountas & Pinnell, 1996). It reveals the rewards of reading, and develops the listener's interest in books and desire to be a reader (Mooney, 1990).

Listening to others read develops key understanding and skills, such as an appreciation for how a story is written and familiarity with book conventions, such as "once upon a time" and "happily ever after" (Bredenkamp et al., 2000). Reading aloud demonstrates the relationship between the printed word and meaning – children understand that print tells a story or conveys information – and invites the listener into a conversation with the author.

Children can listen on a higher language level than they can read, so reading aloud makes complex ideas more accessible and exposes children to vocabulary and language patterns that are not part of everyday speech. This, in turn, helps them understand the structure of books when they read independently (Fountas & Pinnell, 1996). It exposes less able readers to the same rich and engaging books that fluent readers read on their own, and entices them to become better readers. Students of any age benefit from hearing an experienced reading of a wonderful book.

Dates to Remember:

- ❖ 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. 7 Fire Drill
- ❖ Apr. 25 – 29 Education Week

MORE PAY IT FORWARD PHOTOS!

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 Ben C. (Grade 4) who correctly guessed the puzzle of the month for February as "grow up and settle down."

In the March newsletter the PUZZLE OF THE MONTH IS:

Student Name/ Grade

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Bring your entry form to the office March 31st, 2016.
One entry per person please!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
Dr. Seuss

CHRISTMAS DVD ORDERS-last call

ORDER FORM

Golden Horn Christmas Concert 2015 DVD

(With bonus track of Santa's school visit in 2015)

Student name: _____

Grade: _____

QUANTITY	COST PER DVD	CHECK ONE	
		Cash	Cheque
	\$10.00		

