

The GHES Newsletter

The Golden Horn Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

The big news for May is always the Pine Grove Run. This year the Pine Grove Run takes place on Friday, May 8th. The **opening ceremony is at 12:30 pm** in the school gym. The races will begin at 1:00 pm. Race results and the ribbon presentation will take place at 2:00 pm. We are very excited to announce that we have close to 750 participants for the 2015 Pine Grove Run! We hope you can join us!



If you would like to receive the newsletter and other documents electronically please provide your email address to: dawna.davey@gov.yk.ca.

Wendy Close

SCHOOL GOAL FOR 2014 – 2015

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?

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"In neighborhoods without a usable park or playground, the incidence of childhood obesity increases by 29 percent."

Darell Hammond

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Join us for the **School Growth Planning meeting** on Monday, May 11 and Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 in the library. This is a great opportunity to help with the future plans of the school.

The next council meeting is on **June 1 at 7 p.m.** in the library. We'll be discussing the Electronics Use Policy—an important discussion as technology and the way our children use it has changed so much in just a few short years.

It's not too late to join the school council. Email us at goldenhorncouncil@gmail.com.



SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION TIME

It's time to register for the school bus!

Register your child by June 30, 2015 to ensure a seat on the school bus next fall. Registration is simple.

If there are no changes to your child's address or school, renew the current registration using the [Returning Student](#) form. You can renew all your children on the same form.

If your child's address or school is changing, complete the [New Student, Change of Address or Change of School](#) form.

To submit the completed form:

1. Scan and email it to student.transportation@gov.yk.ca
2. Drop it off at the Department of Education, 1000 Lewes Blvd.
3. Fax it to 867-667-8243.

All the info you need can be found at http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/kto12/school_transportation.html.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sandra Herbst was at GHES on April 13th and 14th to video lessons. Sandra's primary focus was to collect high quality video clips in classrooms that are 'doing the work' in formative assessment. Staff and students in the following classes participated in the project: Trish Hirsch's Kindergarten class, Emily Quarton's Kindergarten/Grade One class, Tricia Toovey's Grade 3 class, Robin Fairburn's Grade 4 class, Jesse Ward's Grade 6 class and Michelle Beaulieu's Grade 7 class. The videos will be made available to all Yukon teachers for professional development.

DICTIONARIES FOR GHES STUDENTS

The Rotarians presented each Grade 3 student with a dictionary on April 22nd. The students were thrilled to receive their personal dictionary!





BIKE SAFETY

On April 27th the Grade 4 and 5 students participated in a bike safety course. Students also worked with the instructors on May 7th to practice their safe biking skills.

SHAKESPEARE THEATRE



On April 20th and 21st Ms. Nyman's Grade 5 students and students from the Montessori school participated in the Shakespeare Festival at the Yukon Arts Centre.

CARMACKS RIDGE RUN

On Friday, May 1st eighty Grade 3 – 7 Golden Horn students participated in the Annual Carmacks Ridge Run. The students were amazing! We enjoyed a beautiful bus ride to Carmacks and back despite the unpredictable weather conditions. The highlights included a great pit stop near Carmacks, lots of yummy snacks, cinnamon buns from Braeburn, and no one got sick on the bus! Congratulations to all of our runners! And now...the results for the Carmacks Ridge Run have arrived and they are as follows:

- ATOM FEMALE** 1st Anju (Grade 4)
- 2nd Sarah (Grade 3)
- 3rd Kalie (Grade 4)
- ATOM MALE** 1st Conner (Grade 4)
- 2nd Seth (Grade 4)
- PEEWEE FEMALE** 1st Veronica (Grade 6)

HERITAGE FAIR

On April 29th eighty-four of our students participated in the Golden Horn Elementary Heritage Fair! Congratulations to Jason, Kalie, Glade, Nicholas, Liam B., and Rachel who were selected by the judges to represent Golden Horn Elementary School at the Regional Heritage Fair on Thursday, May 7th. Carson (Grade 7) will be attending to showcase thirteen 'Heritage Minute' projects prepared by students in Ms. Beaulieu's Grade 7 class. Congratulations to all of the participants in the 2015 GHES Heritage Fair Exhibition and Open House. Thank you to Ms. Snider for organizing the event. Thank you to Elena Robertson for ensuring that our judges received sustenance during their very busy day of judging. Thank you to Mr. Ward and his Grade Six students for taking care of the 'set up' and 'clean up' of the gym. Thank you to all of the parents and staff for supporting the students in the preparation of their projects.



ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our choir and xylophone club for their beautiful performances at the Annual Rotary Music Festival on April 16th. The xylophone club received a 'gold standard' and were invited to perform at the Saturday night event at the Yukon Arts Centre.



TEDDY BEAR BBQ PICNIC MAY 15TH

The Teddy Bear BBQ Picnic takes place on Friday, May 15th. Order forms for hot dogs are due by May 12th. Don't forget your favourite teddy bear!! Please join us!



ROAD AND PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please drive carefully in the school driveway and parking lot as many children are now bringing bicycles and scooters to school.



WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Thank you to coaches Marc Senecal, Emily Quarton, Kathleen Berg and Jesse Ward for getting our students ready for the Annual Wrestling Tournament which took place on Wednesday, April 15th. Congratulations to all of the GHES participants. The following students received medals:

- Bronze:** Nathan (Gr. 3), Mackenzie (Gr. 3), Ken (Gr.4) , Jason M. (Gr. 4), Sofija (Gr. 6), and Veronica (Gr. 6)
- Silver:** William (Gr. 3), Kalie (Gr. 4), Phoenix (Gr. 5), Clara (Gr. 5), Lisa (Gr. 5), Zeb (Gr. 5), Carson (Gr. 7) and Hunter (Gr. 7)
- Gold:** Conner (Gr. 4), Seth SW (Gr. 4), Brennen (Gr. 4), Dawson (Gr. 6), and Seth B (Gr. 6).

THE FINAL DAY EVENTS: JUNE 15TH

On Monday, June 15th we will be hosting an amazing day of activities which includes food, an awesome video that takes a look at the 2014 – 2015 school year, super fun games, and an opportunity to honour our fabulous volunteers. Please join us. Our day of fun, fun, fun will begin at 9:15 in the gym!



CURRENT EVENTS

- ❖ May 1-31 Bring in old telephone books
- ❖ May 7 Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea
- ❖ May 8 Pine Grove Run
- ❖ May 11 School Growth Meeting at 7:30
- ❖ May 13 School Growth Meeting at 7:30
- ❖ May 15 Teddy Bear Picnic/BBQ @ noon
- ❖ May 18 Victoria Day—No School
- ❖ May 19 Fire Drill 9:00 am
- ❖ May 19 – 21 Culture Events
- ❖ May 21 Stew and Bannock Lunch
- ❖ May 21 Kilometre Club Celebration
- ❖ May 22 Talent Show (am)
- ❖ May 22 Grade 1 – 3 Swim
- ❖ May 22 Kindergarten: Wildlife Preserve
- ❖ May 26 – 28 Grade 6 Experiential Trip
- ❖ May 27 Kindergarten Open House
- ❖ June 1 – 6 Grade 7 Experiential Trip
- ❖ June 4 – 5 Grade 4 Bike Trip to LMCC
- ❖ June 9 – 11 Grade 5 Experiential Trip
- ❖ June 12 Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony
- ❖ June 15 Fun Day/Volunteer Appreciation/Last Day of School

THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Enter to win two Canada Games Centre passes!
This month we have one adult pass and one child pass!

Congratulations to Cameron who knew that his family could come to school on April 29th from 5 - 7 pm for the Heritage Fair and Open House.

In the May newsletter I learned that the next opportunities to help with the School Growth Plan development are on:

_____ and _____
at _____ in the school _____.

Student Name/ Grade

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Bring your entry form to the office by May 29, 2015.

GHES ELECTRONICS POLICY

As evidenced by our G.O.E.S. program, we believe that the children should be encouraged to be active and to enjoy the wonderful playground at Golden Horn Elementary School. We believe that by eliminating the distraction of electronics, students would not, as a rule, use electronics during class time. The careful storage of electronics in a backpack is a logical choice for those students who choose to use their electronics when traveling to and from school. This policy is in line with other Yukon schools.

Electronics included in our policy are: Ipods, etc, handheld games, cell phones, digital cameras.

Electronics may be used:

1. On the bus to and from school
2. On school trips longer than one hour *if* permitted by the teacher(s)

Electronics may not be used during school hours, including:

- a. After getting off the bus in the morning
- b. Before getting on the bus at the end of the school day
- c. Morning recess
- d. Noon recess
- e. Lunch time
- f. Class time

Storage of electronics:

Electronics must be kept in a backpack. If students are uncomfortable leaving their electronics in their backpack, they can be left at the office for safe keeping.

Misuse of electronics:

If students misuse an electronic it will be confiscated by a staff member.

- ✔ First misuse of an electronic: the item will be taken to the office and may be collected by the student at the end of the day.
- ✔ Subsequent misuse of an electronic: the item will be taken to the office and must be collected by a parent or guardian.
- ✔ Chronic misuse of an electronic: the student will not be allowed to have the item at school.

