

The GHES Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Golden Horn Elementary School students and staff would like to thank all of you for your continued support. We especially want to thank you for the time you spend reading with your children. Reading with your children is important because:

- ~ Kids who read often and widely get better at it.
- ~ Reading exercises our brains.
- ~ Reading improves concentration.
- ~ Reading improves a child's vocabulary, leads to more highly-developed language skills and improves the child's ability to write well.
- ~ Reading develops a child's imagination.
- ~ Children who read do better at school.

Please know that you are welcome to borrow books from our school library and enjoy them in the comfort of your home! Happy October!

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?

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Golden Horn School Council is pleased to announce the selection of the new chairperson: Michelle Sicotte. Michelle's enthusiasm for this important role is much appreciated.

School Council meets on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the school library. Parents are always welcome to attend.

Stay tuned for details on the annual Movie Night on November 21. It's always a big hit with both parents and kids.

School Council wants to hear from you. Look for School Council tables in the hallways during the Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences on October 23 and 24.

Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook or on the School Council tab of the Golden Horn website.

The School Council email address is goldenhorncouncil@gmail.com.

To keep up to date on our events check out our NEW website www.goldenhorncouncil.weebly.com as well find us on Facebook.

If you missed the volunteer boot camp but would like to lend a hand, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Heather O'Brien at heatherobrien@northwestel.net or 334-6865.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Please remind your child that although scooters and skate boards are welcome at the school, they may only be used on the tarmac or the ice rink. Helmets are mandatory.

ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Adopt a School program was an amazing success. Golden Horn Elementary School was the recipient of 171 books! Golden Horn received donations from far and wide! Thank you for your support.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The playground will be undergoing an amazing transformation in the next few weeks. The playground will be closed from October 22nd to October 31st for the installation of the new playground equipment.

Did you know that Golden Horn Elementary School recently installed a fire pit? Stop by the playground and check it out! Benches will be installed around the fire pit when the playground equipment is installed. We are very excited by the addition of an 'outdoor classroom' at our school.

BUCKET CHALLENGE AT GHES

Golden Horn Elementary School rose to the 'challenge' to raise money for Duchesne's Muscular Dystrophy also known as DMD on October 9th. By donating money to DMD students were given the opportunity to dump a bucket of water on staff members. The money donated will be used to support the ongoing research to find a cure for DMD. Thank you the following staff who accepted the bucket challenge in support of DMD: Christina Aldrey, Michelle Beaulieu, Kathleen Berg, Wendy

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Close, Suzanne den Ouden, Robin Fairburn, Trish Hirsch, Fran Nyman, Emily Quarton, Penny Sheardown, Tricia Toovey, and Jesse Ward. The Golden Horn Elementary School Bucket Challenge for DMD total is over \$300 and we are still counting! Way to go Golden Horn! You are very generous! Thank you to Ms. Nyman for organizing the fundraiser. We apologize for changing the time but needed to do so to make it happen at a time that worked better for the students and staff. We hope you understand.

NEW SAFETY PROCESS IN SCHOOLS

The Department of Education recently released the news safety process for Yukon schools. To keep you up to date we have provided below the dates and times of the safety drills to be conducted at Golden Horn Elementary School in 2014 – 2015. Please help us by discussing with your child/ren the importance of safety drills.

DATE	DRILL	TIME
Sept. 12, 2014	Fire	9:00 AM
Oct. 7, 2014	Fire	9:00 AM
Oct. 16, 2014	Earthquake	10:16 AM
Nov. 4, 2014	Fire	9:00 AM
Dec. 2, 2014	Lockdown	9:00 AM
Jan. 15, 2015	Fire	9:00 AM
Feb. 3, 2015	Lockdown/Fire	9:00 AM
Feb. 10, 2015	Bomb Threat	9:00 AM
Mar. 5, 2015	Earthquake	9:00 AM
Apr. 2, 2015	Fire	9:00 AM
May 19, 2015	Fire	9:00 AM

WE'RE NIT PICKING AGAIN!

Fall and the return to school bring children back into close contact again and with that come the possibility of the spread of head lice. Head lice are tiny insects that live on warm heads. They do not spread disease, however it can be a nuisance and uncomfortable when they decide to take up residence on *your* head!

Head lice can be spread by close head to head contact and sharing items that have been in contact with a head that has head lice. They do not jump or fly.

Head lice should only be treated if you identify live lice on your head.

The goal of the treatment is to kill the live lice. Some treatments also work to prevent the hatching of any eggs the lice have laid, also known as nits. However, the most effective way of preventing the hatching of eggs is to physically remove all of the nits. This is time consuming, yes, but really the only effective way of ending the life cycle of the lice. We need to get nit picking!



If you think your child may have head lice, check their head for live lice. Remember they move fast so you'll need to look closely with good lighting. Especially check at the hairline at the neck and behind the ears.

If you identify that your child has head lice, please speak to your pharmacist and check out this website for further advice about how to treat it.

http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice%20%20

You can help prevent the spread of head lice by teaching your child to avoid head to head contact with other children and not to share combs, brushes, hair ornaments, and hats.

Whitehorse Health Centre nurses recommend that parents check their children's heads weekly to help you identify head lice as soon as possible. If you do identify head lice, please remember that they are just as happy living on a nice clean warm head as on a dirty one. This is no reflection on your family's hygiene. However, if you let the school know that your child has head lice, they will be able to notify the other parents in your child's class so they can be sure to check their child's head more frequently.

They also do **not** recommend that your child be excluded from school because head lice are common and do not spread disease. It is important for your child to be present at school to maximize their learning - especially at the beginning of the school year.

If you would like more information about head lice or would like help confirming your child has head lice before treating them, please contact your school nurse by calling 667-8865. You may also request a copy of our head lice pamphlet from your school's office or check it out on the web. <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/pdf/headlice.pdf>

BADMINTON FOR ADULTS

Adult Badminton at Golden Horn School begins on Wednesday October 15 and runs every Wednesday & Sunday evening at 7:30. Contact gh_bad@live.ca for more information.

Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Oct. 10 Buddy Reading @ 2:30 pm
- ❖ Oct. 13 Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
- ❖ Oct. 16 Shake Out Earthquake Drill @ 10:16
- ❖ Oct. 23 Interviews: after school
- ❖ Oct. 24 Interviews: School Closed
- ❖ Oct. 31 Halloween Carnival/Costume Parade
- ❖ Nov. 7 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ❖ Nov. 10 PD Day – No Classes
- ❖ Nov. 11 Remembrance Day—School Closed
- ❖ Nov. 21 Movie Night
- ❖ Nov. 27 Report Cards
- ❖ Dec. 12 Christmas Bazaar
- ❖ Dec. 18 Christmas Concert
- ❖ Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 Christmas Break
- ❖ Jan. 5 First day back
- ❖ Jan. 23 PD Day – No Classes