

The GHES Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

On behalf of the student body and staff I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our school and our programming. We would like to invite you to join us for our next fundraising activity which is our Annual Christmas Bazaar. As many of you know this is an amazing old fashioned event that builds fond memories for our students and their families. On the afternoon of December 9th you will find us in the gym engaging in the following activities: cake walk, bake sale, face painting, fish pond, white elephant sale, book sale, toys and games sale, cookie decorating, gift wrapping, and the best raffle in the territory. How can you help you ask? Well...it's time to do a very early spring cleaning and pack up those treasures that would love a home (just not yours at this time) and send them to school. As other community groups collect clothing, we ask that clothing not be donated to the Christmas Bazaar. Please watch for additional information about the Christmas Bazaar including opportunities for you to volunteer!

Wendy Close

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA



October 31st at Golden Horn Elementary School was 'SPOOKTACULAR.' Thank you to Ms. Nyman's Grade Five class for the Halloween Carnival and to Ms. Beaulieu's Grade Seven class for hosting the Haunted Forest. The Halloween Parade was a delightful event that showcased a variety of creative costumes. We hope everyone enjoyed Halloween 2016 at Golden Horn Elementary School.

'Toonie for Terry' Fox Run

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the "Toonie for Terry" Fox Run on September 28th. Together we exceeded our goal of \$400.00 and raised \$429.13.

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

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MONTHLY PARADE

Our Monthly Parade is a showcase of student learning. The Monthly Parade takes place on Tuesday, November 8th at 8:50 am in the school gym. This month the Kindergarten classes, Grade 4/5 and Grade 7 will be presenting. Please join us!

The next Monthly Parade is on Tuesday, January 10th when Grade 1, Grade 1/2 and Grade 6 are presenting.

PAY IT FORWARD

So far this year our students have made Thanksgiving greeting cards for Copper Ridge Place and Halloween cards for residents of Copper Ridge Place, Macaulay Lodge, Thompson Centre and the Whitehorse General Hospital as part of our 'Pay It Forward' initiative.

STUDENT CONFERENCES

Thank you for participating in the October conferences. Meetings with parents/guardians and students to share learning destinations provides the best opportunity to learn about a child's progress, and is an important step in creating positive home/school communication.



BUCKET CHALLENGE

On October 6th Golden Horn Elementary School raised over \$1100.00 for Duchene Muscular Dystrophy with our Annual Bucket Challenge. Thank you to our staff who braved the cold water and equally cold weather! Thank you to all our staff who helped keep the event moving in a timely fashion. Thank you to everyone who donated to DMD.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

When the world says, 'Give up,'
Hope whispers, 'Try one more
time.' Unknown

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

While we really appreciate the interest that families have taken in the 'forts' at Golden Horn Elementary School, we would prefer that you did not provide and transport construction materials to school. We have noticed that some of the materials used for fort building have been unsafe as they have rusty nails in them. We ask that you help us by reminding your child/ren that scavenging materials from properties near Golden Horn Elementary is not only wrong, but potentially unsafe. Safety first!

DINNER & A MOVIE NOVEMBER 18, 2016



On Friday, November 18th Golden Horn Elementary School staff and student leaders are providing the opportunity for your child/children to stay after school for a snack, some play time, dinner and a movie. This leaves you with time to do some Christmas shopping, have dinner out or whatever you wish! Children will be ready for pick up at 6:45 pm.

The children will receive a snack after school, a pizza dinner (cheese or pepperoni), veggies and juice or water *PLUS* popcorn and juice at movie time.

A form will be sent home shortly. Please return the form by November 11th! The cost is a mere **\$10.00** per child or **\$25.00** for a family of 3!

Cheques can be made payable to **Golden Horn Elementary School**.

YOGA AT GOLDEN HORN

Yoga in the Iyengar tradition is offered at Golden Horn School on Tuesday evening by Terice Reimer-Clarke, certified Int. Iyengar teacher and physiotherapist. This community yoga class is entering its 16th year!

The next session will begin in Jan. 2017. If you are interested in finding out more or registering, please email Terice at yukonterice@gmail.com.

JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB



The Golden Horn Junior Badminton Club is starting up again. It is open to ages 10 and up. We will be meeting on Sundays (November 6th to April 23rd). The club fee is \$40. This covers the affiliate fee, membership with YBA, insurance and equipment (racquets provided if you don't have your own). Members can also play with the club in town at no extra charge. Please contact Sunny Patterson at [336-3346](tel:336-3346) for more information.

SCHOOL GOAL FOR 2016 – 2017

"Through the use of explicit strategies and Assessment for Learning (AFL), the quality of writing and engagement will improve for all learners."

WRITING SAMPLES

The following are excerpts from writing pieces prepared by Grade 7 students:

LEAVING SCOTLAND by Caitlin

"I woke up with butterflies in my stomach because it was my last day waking up at my Granny and Granddads house in Scotland. I laid in my bed for a few minutes wondering how in the world was I going to leave this fantastic place that I loved so much."

CHILKOOT TRAIL ENDING by Easton

"Around 11:30 am, we go to Bear Loon Lake and had a crazy, cool lunch. Mrs. Beaulieu just said, "You know, it's the last day so eat whatever you want from your food bags." So I ate some Jerky, candy, cheese, and lots of other food that made me satisfied and full. I was pretty exhausted but not enough to stop me from being so happy that I felt like crying and shouting. Soon, we were 5 kilometres from Bennett and everybody, including the adults, were extremely excited because it was only a matter of time before we'd get home."

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you for your comments on the Personally Owned Electronic Device Policy and the Photography and Privacy Policy. We had a very interesting discussion at our meeting about the use of electronics by our students and how we can foster and model responsible use. Look for the final policies on our website soon!

One parent suggested sharing resources about keeping kids safe online and we would like to offer our support to that initiative. We will be in touch after the November meeting with our ideas. Please connect with us if you would like to help out.

Michelle Sicotte had the opportunity to take in Ross Green's lecture and workshop "Understanding and Helping Students with Social, Emotional, and Behavioural Challenges" at the recent Yukon Teachers Association conference. "Whether you're a parent or teacher...whether a child is behaviorally challenging or not...collaboration is the key to improved relationships, better communication, and solving problems." Check out www.livesinthebalance.org for more information for both parents and teachers.

Our next meeting is November 14 @ 6:30 in the library. We recently added a "parent's roundtable" to our agenda as an opportunity for council members or others to bring forward ideas or concerns we've heard from parents or

guardians. Please get in touch with us if you have anything you would like to share.

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LEARNING COMMONS

Book Fair 2016!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! The proceeds from this event go to purchase items for our Library/Learning Commons.

We would like to thank the following people for their extra time and efforts: Amber, Mufida, Jill, Debbie, Liam, Nikki, Elena and Dina.

And thank you to all of the students and families who came out to support this fundraiser!

With gratitude,

Ms. Grace Snider, Teacher-Librarian

Mrs. Susan MacDonald, Library Clerk

FAREWELL MR. COOK

Mr. Cook, an Educational Assistant at Golden Horn Elementary School, is heading over to Selkirk Elementary School on November 8th. We are saddened to have Mr. Cook leave our teaching team but very happy for the students and staff at Selkirk Elementary School who will greatly benefit from working with Mr. Cook.



GHES Christmas Concert 2016 is just around the corner. All of our students are working diligently to gift family, friends and neighbours with a beautiful concert. As you may have heard our school population has continued to blossom and with an increase in numbers comes an increase in the number of attendees at our Annual Christmas Concert. As the capacity of our school gym will exceed safety regulations if we host only one show, we will be hosting two shows again this year.

The **benefits of attending the Friday show** include: daylight driving conditions, no need for grandparents and preschoolers to leave home in the evening, only one parent needs to be away from home in the evening if you have preschoolers, an opportunity for everyone to see the concert (fingers crossed we don't exceed the fire code), potentially increased parking availability, your child/children can ride home with you at the end of the school day, to name a few!

Thank you in advance for attending the afternoon show.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2016 "Christmas Around the World"

DECEMBER 15, 2016 @ 6:00 – 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 16, 2016 @ 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Doors open 30 minutes prior to the concert

Grade	Costume/Props Required
Kindergarten	Special Christmas Fancy Clothes
Grade 1	Special Christmas Fancy Clothes
Grade 1/2	Shorts/Summer wear
Grade 2/3	Animals
Grade 3/4 LB	Short sleeved white t-shirts
Grade 3/4 TT	Cowboy Outfits
Grade 4/5	Mexican themed items/dress in black
Grade 5	Regular school dress code
Grade 6	Ugly Christmas Sweaters
Grade 7	Masks/18 th Century Clothing



Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Nov. 4 Wear Your Jersey Day
- ❖ Nov. 8 Monthly Parade @ 8:50 am
- ❖ Nov. 10 Remembrance Ceremony @11 am
- ❖ Nov. 11 Remembrance Day: No School
- ❖ Nov. 18 Movie Night (3:07 – 6:45 pm)
- ❖ Nov. 25 Report Cards Go Home
- ❖ Dec. 9 Christmas Bazaar (1:00 – 2:30 pm)
- ❖ Dec. 15 Christmas Concert (6:00 – 7:00 pm)
- ❖ Dec. 16 Christmas Concert (12:30 – 1:30 pm)
- ❖ Dec. 16 Early dismissal at 2:07 pm
- ❖ Dec. 19-Jan. 2 Christmas Break
- ❖ Jan. 3 First day back after the break
- ❖ Jan. 11 Kindergarten Open House: 6:30 pm
- ❖ Feb. 2 – 3 Grade 6 Polar Games
- ❖ Feb. 13 Kindergarten Registration Opens
- ❖ Feb. 24 Heritage Day: No School
- ❖ Mar. 16 Report Cards Go Home
- ❖ Mar. 17 Marsh Lake Day
- ❖ Mar. 20 – 31 Spring Break
- ❖ Apr. 14 Good Friday: No School
- ❖ Apr. 17 Easter Monday: No School
- ❖ Apr. 24 – 28 Education Week
- ❖ May 4 Kindergarten Mothers' Day Tea
- ❖ May 5 Carmacks Ridge Run
- ❖ May 12 Pine Grove Run
- ❖ May 22 Victoria Day: No School
- ❖ May 24 Kindergarten Orientation (afternoon)
- ❖ June 16 Grade 7 Graduation at 1:00 pm
- ❖ June 19 Last day of school/Volunteer Appreciation/Report Cards Go Home/Teddy Bear Picnic
- ❖ June 20 PD Day: No School