

Hidden Valley School Council Updates

School Council needs parent's advocacy help

Over the summer, school council wrote to the Minister of Education to raise serious concerns about the lowered allocation of staff at our school. **Hidden Valley has 7.6 less full-time equivalent staff at our school than the 24/25 school year.** We emphasized the impact that a lack of adequate teachers and educational assistants (EAs) has on meeting the diverse needs of our students. Unfortunately, rather than seeing improvements, an additional staff cut and another forced transfer was made on the first day of school — a decision that affects every student in our community, not just those with complex needs. These choices also put additional stress and workload on our incredible staff at HVES, which will result in burnout.

School council needs parents to let the department know that these changes are detrimental to our children. Please email the Superintendent Christine Franes (Christine.Franes@yukon.ca) to voice your support for proper staffing in our schools. Parents can also contact the Minister of Education and the Child Youth Advocate Office to voice your concerns -additional contact information can be found on our website.

Social Networking Safety Presentation

Sept. 9 - 7pm

HVES Gymnasium & Virtually*

School Council is excited to have Paul Davis provide a course to all grades 3-6 students on social networking and internet safety as well as a parent session for all of Hidden Valley's school community. Please note this event takes place in the evening and is not suitable for younger children. *Virtual attendance requires an RSVP

<https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/>

Scholastic Book Fair



Returns

September 4!

The book fair will be in the gymnasium on Thursday night - Cash or card accepted.



The School Council has been hard at work preparing for this school year! We've been actively engaged in staffing discussions, helping to address school needs and support a strong learning environment. We've also made progress on upgrading playground equipment, ensuring a safer and more fun space for all students. We have been advised by the Department of Education that new playground equipment will be installed this fall by the end of October!

For more details on our work, how to get involved or if you have any questions or concerns about the school, don't hesitate to reach out — we're here to help!

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