



St. Elias Community School

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October 18, 2019

Kohklux Map Presentations

St. Elias students had the opportunity to tour the world famous Kohklux Map at the Daku Cultural Centre today. The Kohklux Map was hand drawn in 1869, this 150 year old map is the first map ever drawn of this region!

CAFN has extended an invitation to all community members to attend the Kohklux Map Potlatch being held on **October 18 and 19, 2019**. There will be a community feast (both nights), films, workshops, displays. It is a weekend of learning and celebrating!

Foundation Skills Assessments:

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is a set of reading, writing, and numeracy assessments administered to students every year in grades 4 and 7. They are the first two of four territorial assessments: Gr.4 FSA, Gr.7 FSA, and the graduation assessments in Literacy and Numeracy.

The FSA provides a "snapshot" of how well students are doing in key foundational areas. The results help answer important questions such as:

- Are all students learning vital skills they will need in school and life?
- Is student achievement improving over time?
- Are there any trends in student performance at the school or territorial levels?

St. Elias students will be completing the FSA over the next few weeks. If you have any questions feel free to contact your child's teacher or Ms. Mann at 634-2231.

SECS Open House – Oct. 23, 2019

With the implementation of the BC curriculum redesign, Yukon Schools have been undergoing a change in student reporting. The traditional three report cards a year model is being modified to incorporate more frequent updates on student learning and growth. Students will still have ongoing assessment in all areas of the curriculum and teachers will be writing report cards. However, the format and templates in which we share learning is changing.

Students will still participate in their assessment and communicating their learning with parents. This will include students monitoring and sharing their own growth in relation to the Core Competencies; Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social. Students will be doing this, with the support of their teachers. Students will do this by collecting and showing evidence of their learning. Our students' evidence of learning will be shared with you throughout the year in a variety of forms including Student Led Conferences, their learning portfolio, written progress report and final report card.

Parents are invited to an Open House at St. Elias Community School on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** to learn more about the process, meet with teachers and get to know our School Council members. Thank you to our School Council for supporting this event by providing snacks and refreshments.

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Ms. Mann

If you would like to receive our Newsletters by email, please send me a message at shawn.allen@gov.yk.ca

DIVT Volleyball Field Trip

Students on the SECS Girls Volleyball Team will travel to Dawson City for the Dawson Invitational Volleyball Tournament on **October 24 – 26, 2019**. Please watch for consent forms that will soon be sent home for parent signatures.

Midterm Assessments

Mid-term assessments for Gr. 8-12 students will occur in the next two weeks. These assessments are completed during regular class time. If you have questions regarding your student's progress, please contact their subject teacher at the school.

Student Vision Screening

Laura McDonald has been supporting Physical & Health Education classes in her role as Public Health Education Nurse. Laura was able to complete vision screening for St. Elias students. If your child/youth missed their screening, or if you have any questions or concerns, please call Laura McDonald at the health center. 634-4444.

Tutoring at SECS

The St. Elias Community School Tutoring Program is available to all students Gr.1-12 and for specific course or subject areas. The program is run during lunch hours and after school. Parents and students can request tutoring through Ms. Mann. Tutors are paid by Yukon Education for their time spent tutoring. Adult tutors receive \$21.50/hr, and Youth tutors receive \$15.00/hr. If you would like to be a Tutor at SECS, please contact Ms. Mann at the school.

Earl Lambert Workshop

CAFN is hosting the workshop "Living With Confidence" for Gr. 8-12 students with motivational speaker Earl Lambert on **Wednesday Oct. 30 and Thursday Oct. 31, 2019**. Lunch is provided for both days. Watch for more information to come.

Halloween Carnival

This year's School / Community Halloween Carnival for Kg to Gr.7 will be held the afternoon of **Thursday October 31, 2019** in the gym. Students are invited to come dressed in their costumes and participate in all the fun activities starting at 1:05pm. We look forward to sharing this afternoon with our parents and community. Don't miss the annual Jello Eating Contest set for 2:30pm. See you there!

K4-Kg: As in past years, we would like to remind parents that any K4 and Kindergarten students that would like to attend the Halloween Carnival must please come with a parent.



With Halloween approaching, we would like to remind parents to not send candy to school with students. Also, a reminder that SECS is a Nut Free School.

Hogwarts High-school

On the afternoon of **Friday, November 1, 2019**, all high school students are invited to Hogwarts. Our student council has been planning this special high school event since last Halloween. Students should come in costume (any costume will work), bring their owl, toad, or cat (stuffed only) and a sense of fun. Students will be sorted into their houses and will attend 3 classes of their choice. Classes include: Honeydukes sweet shop, Potions, Wandmaking, Quidditch, Harry Potter Music Class, and Room of Requirement (Harry Potter games). Please call Ms. O'Rourke at the school if you have any questions or for more information.

School Photo Days

Wilson Studios will be at SECS for school photos on **Monday Nov. 4, 2019** for Grad and Family sittings, and **Tuesday Nov. 5, 2019** for classroom and individual photos. Order forms will be sent home with students today. Please have order forms and payment returned to the school by Friday Nov. 1, 2019.

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Education Department
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

October 15, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: School emergency procedures

At the beginning of each school year, our school prepares a School Emergency Response Plan to ensure we can act immediately to protect the health and safety of students should a school emergency arise.

Please make sure the school has your current contact information, so that we can reach you should there be an emergency.

Our School Emergency Response Plan outlines how staff would respond to emergencies such as a fire, earthquake, threat, medical incidents, issues with the school building or other situation. It provides the protocols to respond to each scenario, with clear roles and responsibilities of school staff, floor plans, evacuation sites and lockdown information for directing students, emergency telephone numbers and communication protocols with the RCMP, other emergency services and parents. It is developed by the School Safety Team with the Department of Education and the RCMP each year.

The School Emergency Response Plan is shared with the RCMP, the Department of Education and the School Council Chair. We do not share the plan widely, as some information is confidential to keep students safe.

The five basic principles that guide our school's emergency responses are:

- Student and staff safety is the first priority before all other action.
- Students are supervised whenever they are evacuated to an alternate site until directed.
- Communication with emergency services comes first to ensure safety; communication with parents occurs once we determine students and staff are safe.
- The school cares for the student during a medical incident until emergency services respond.
- The principal is responsible for decision making during an emergency as required.

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As a parent, you should follow these basic rules during a school emergency:

- **Do not** call the school; we must have phone lines open for emergency services.
- **Do not** drive to the school during a school or city-wide emergency; we need the streets clear for emergency services and to protect student safety.
- Wait for information and instruction from the school.
- Tune in to the local radio for updates and instructions. Sometimes school staff cannot communicate directly with you as they are ensuring the safety of students.

More information:

School evacuation sites:

The school's evacuation sites will be posted on the front door of the school for your reference.

Evacuation sites at St. Elias Community School include: Haines Junction Convention Centre and if not accessible Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Admin Office.

School safety drills:

The school performs regular safety drills to ensure students know what to do in an emergency. Safety drills will take place on:

- Earthquake Drill – October 17, 2019
- Lockdown Drill – November 12, 2019

You will be reminded that a Lockdown Drill is taking place in our school newsletter before the drill.

School safety procedures:

Please note the difference between these procedures:

Lockdown: A lockdown occurs when there is a threat of violence within the school or in relation to the school. Students and staff are asked to remain in sheltered areas until the situation is resolved.

Hold and secure: A hold and secure is different than a lockdown. It is enacted when a threat occurs outside of the school but not related to the school. School activities can continue as normal but doors are locked and monitored and no one is permitted to leave or enter until the situation has resolved.

Evacuation: When students and staff vacate the school building in response to an issue or threat inside of the school building, such as a fire.

Thank you for taking the time to read about school emergency response planning.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mann at the school (867-634-2231).



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