



# St. Elias Community School

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It's been a busy start to the school year at St. Elias School. There are many interesting projects underway that support student learning. Parents are always welcome to check out the incredible learning that is taking place. Please call the school to make appointments with your child's teachers to discuss student achievement, ask questions or share concerns. Student success is our main priority. We look forward to seeing you soon!

### Yukon Food for Learning Program

SECS is once again very please to have funding support from the Yukon Food for Learning program to be able to offer snacks to students who have forgotten to bring recess snacks to school, or to supplement lunches for students in our lunch program.

This year we have noticed an increase of requests from elementary and high-school students for snacks throughout the day. We do our best to provide recess snacks within a limited budget. To support good health, focus and attention in class, we ask that parents please send more snacks with your child/youth. Please note that students are also welcome to come to the Breakfast Club that School Council offers each morning from 8:00 – 8:20am where students can enjoy a healthy breakfast together before classes start. Thank you for your support to student health and learning.

### Student Safety Message

As the weather changes and the temperature drops, we turn our thoughts to preparing for colder weather and less daylight. For safety reasons we would like to remind parents to call the school if your child/youth will not be attending that day, and remind everyone to dress warmly, wear reflective gear while walking to and from school.

### Terry Fox Run

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Terry Fox Run and donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. We raised \$1,372.50 this year to go towards research for the cure for Cancer. Way to go St. Elias School and our wonderful community!

### Professional Development Day

SECS staff will be having a professional development day on **Friday Oct. 11, 2019**. There are no classes this day. **Monday Oct.14, 2019** is Thanksgiving Day. Students resume regular classes on **Tuesday Oct. 15, 2019**.

### Upcoming Events:

Oct.8 – Gr. 6/7 Hydro Plant Field Trip.

Oct.14 – Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Oct.30-31 – Earl Lambert Workshops.

Oct.31 – Halloween Carnival Kg-Gr.7

Nov.4 – Grad and Family photo day.

Nov.5 – Classroom photo day.

Welcome to new students  
Makeisha in Gr.3 and  
Maliyah in Gr.5!

Welcome back to  
Mackenzie and Kaia!

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## **A Successful REM week**

For the week of Sept. 16-20, 2019 SECS had the great pleasure of hosting the 2019 Gr. 10-12 REM (Rural Experiential Model) program for 10 rural Yukon schools. We had a week of exciting learning activities and events that were made possible by many local businesses, community members and visiting support people.

A special Thank You goes out to the following community members for their contributions to the week. A huge shout out to Bonnie Chambers for the wonderful dinner she and her crew prepared. Donna, Noella, and the staff at the Village of Haines Junction for their assistance and use of the Convention Center facilities; the many CAFN Elders and staff for their participation; the Village Bakery for catering and many Haines Junction community members for the many ways you contributed. Thank you to St. Elias School staff who were session leaders throughout the week as well as providing evening sessions. It takes a community to host an event such as REM and collectively we rocked it! Well done everybody!

We would also like to thank students of St. Elias Community School for their warm and enthusiastic welcome to the visiting students, teachers, instructors and REM coordinators visiting our school. We are very proud of your excellent representation of our school community and Champagne & Aishihik First Nations.

## **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 2:50pm. See you there!

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

SECS Gr.8-12 students will be participating in a youth workshop on **Oct. 30-31, 2019**. More details will follow.



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.

## **School Council Annual General Meeting**

The SECS School Council will be holding their AGM on **Wed. Oct. 9, 2019** in the School Library at 5:30pm. The council invites everyone to attend.

## **School Photo Days 2019**

This year School Photos will be taken on  
**Monday and Tuesday Nov. 4 & 5, 2019.**

Grad photos are Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>,

Classroom photos are Nov.5<sup>th</sup>

More information will be sent home regarding the purchase of photo packages.