



St. Elias Community School

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The warm weather and sunshine show us that Spring has definitely come to Haines Junction. The last few months of school are a very busy time for staff and students. We would like to share notice of a few important upcoming events for our students.

Reminder of COVID 19 safety Protocols

We are very proud that as a school community we have done so well to keep each other safe and healthy during the pandemic. When we hear the news and learn about the conditions across Canada, we feel very blessed to be living, learning and working in the Yukon.

With this in mind, we need to remain diligent in our safety protocols and school expectations that have helped to keep us safe. We would like to remind parents and students that this includes wearing masks for grades 4-12 in common areas (hallways, entrances, library); hand sanitizing often and keeping our work areas clean.

We have seen a marked increase in the use of single use disposal masks used in the school. In the interest of protecting the environment and reducing waste, we ask that if possible parents send their students to school with cloth masks each day. These masks can be kept in a baggie to keep during the school day when not in use. Thank you for your help and support.

Health and Safety Presentations

Today and tomorrow Noah Chaikel and Natalie Thivierge, Safety Communications Consultants are at SECS to deliver class sessions offered by Yukon Workers Health and Safety Board. These sessions will be delivered to students in Kg to Gr.12.

Sexual Health Education Presentations

This **Wednesday Apr. 28, 2021**, St. Elias School is pleased to have Health Promotion coordinators Adria Collins and Shannon Jones, and Haines Junction Health Nurse Laura McDonald at SECS to offer presentations on Sexual Health Education to students in K4 –Gr. 12. Ms. Collins, Ms. McDonald and Ms. Jones are valuable resources to our students, families and staff. We look forward to their visit.

Information regarding these sessions was sent home last week. If parents have questions or wish their child/youth not to participate in the sessions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 26 to 27 – Health and Safety Presentations, Kg-Gr.12
- Apr. 28 – Sexual Health Education Presentations, K4-Gr.12
- Apr. 29 – Gr. 6/7 Heritage Fair
- Apr. 29 – Driver's Ed in-class sessions @ 12:30pm
- Apr. 30 to 31 – Driver's Ed in car sessions
- Apr. 30 – PD Day, no classes for students

Welcome to Rocco Rondeau in Kg!

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Gr. 6/7 Heritage Fair

This **Thursday Apr. 29, 2021**, the Gr. 6/7 class will hold their annual Heritage Fair that showcases the rich family histories of the students. Keep an eye on our school website for exciting pictures that will be posted sometime next week!

Drivers Education Sessions

Barb Evans from Main Street Driving School will be at the school this **Thursday Apr. 29, 2021 at 12:30pm** to facilitate the in-class portion of Drivers Ed sessions to SECS Gr. 11/12 students who have signed up for the program. Students will continue their in car training **Friday Apr. 30 and Saturday May 1, 2021 with Ms. Evans.**

Professional Development Day

This **Friday, Apr. 30, 2021** is a Professional Development day for SECS staff. There are no classes for students this day. Students will be back in regular classes on Monday, May 3, 2021.

Thank you Victoria Gold for the Water Bottles!

*Every Student,
Every Day*

VICTORIA GOLD YUKON STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT SOCIETY

Every Student, Every Day (ESED) is Victoria Gold Corp.'s charitable initiative, which works with the community to raise awareness and funds to support increased student attendance throughout the Yukon.

ESED works in partnership with Yukon Education, Air North, Yukon's Airline, CKRW, The Rush, Victoria Gold Banyan Gold Corp. and many other committed private sector and community partners and together, we are dedicated to helping alleviate absenteeism in our territory's classrooms.

WATER BREAK PHOTO CONTEST

For All Yukon Students Ages 5-18

Every Student, Every Day (ESED) is excited to launch the **Water Break Photo Contest**, to encourage Yukon students ages 5 to 18 years to stay hydrated by drinking more water while being active and creative when taking part in activities and hobbies. **St. Elias School staff and students would like to say thank you to Victoria Gold Corp.** for our new water bottles, that were generously donating to all students in schools throughout Yukon to stay hydrated and to reduce plastic waste to help minimize the impact on the environment.

ESED is inviting Yukon students to submit a selfie with their water bottle while engaged in an activity, whether it's an art project, gardening, cooking/baking, puzzles, games, reading, dancing, sports or an outdoor activity.

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Students can also participate without the water bottle by drawing or printing the *Every Student, Every Day* logo which is available on the website contest page at www.everystudenteveryday.ca and displaying the logo in their photo. Parental supervision and assistance is welcome to help students photograph their activities.

Contest information and instructions to submit your photo is available on the *Every Student, Every Day's* website at www.everystudenteveryday.ca.

Contest entry deadline is September 30, 2021. Winners will be announced in October.

A panel of judges from ESED will vote on the photo submissions and winners will be announced in October in the local newspapers, on the *Every Student, Every Day's* website and on social media.

One first place winner and three runner-up winners will be selected from each of the following groups: 5 to 9 year-age-group, 10 to 14 year-age-group, and 15 to 18 year-age-group. First place winners will each be awarded an Apple iPad and runner-up winners will receive a gift card (\$100, \$75 and \$50 denominations) from a local business.