



# St. Elias Community School

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## Celebration of Language

Congratulations and Shāw nithän to the SECS Cultural Committee team (Ms. Smith, Ms. Primozić, Ms. O'Rourke, Ms. Cheetham, Ms. Burton, Ms. Miller, Ms. Workman, and Ms. Chiblow) and staff for organizing a wonderful National Aboriginal Language Day celebration on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Many thanks to CAFN elder Martha Smith, CAFN members Sheila Kushniruk and Shania Jackson, our staff and students for contributing and assisting with this event.

A special thank you goes out to Cole Pauls for his exciting and inspirational Facetime sessions on his journey as a First Nations artist.

## Bridge Building:

Students in the Gr.6/7 Math class have been enthusiastically working on bridge building projects in preparation for the Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> competition in Whitehorse. Good luck on your entries everyone!

## Ukrainian Egg Decorating:

Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating is a very popular activity for our students and the community. Our annual evening session is **Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 pm** in the Gr. 6/7 classroom. **For the evening session, any students grade three or younger must be accompanied by an adult.** Everyone is asked to bring raw eggs in a carton, and paper towels to clean their eggs.

## Report Cards:

Gr. 8-12 Reports Cards will be sent home on **Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>**. This is a good opportunity to review your youth's progress with them for this term. If you have any questions regarding these report cards or would like additional copies, we welcome you to call that course teacher at the school.

## Student Led Conferences:

St. Elias Community School will be holding **Student – Led Conferences** for all students and parents in **Grades K4 – Gr.12 on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be no regularly scheduled school for Grades K4 -12 students on this day.** Schedule Interview times for Student Led Conferences have been mailed home. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding your family's conference schedule. We look forward to seeing you at this celebration of learning event!

Student Council will be selling their new SECS Water Bottles at the Student Led Conferences. They showcase the new logo created by Marley, and come in two convenient sizes. The cost is \$10 and \$12 per bottle.

## Upcoming Events:

Apr. 8 – Bridge Building Competition in Whitehorse.

Apr. 11 - School/Community Ukrainian Egg Decorating, 6:00 – 8:30pm

Apr.11 – High School report cards sent home.

Apr.12 – Student Led Conferences for K4 – Gr.12.

Apr.14-17 – Easter Long Weekend

Apr.25 – SECS Heritage Fair

Welcome to Kendrick in Gr. 2!

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### **SECS Exchange Trip Raffle:**

The SECS exchange trip is less than a month away! Exchange trip students will be selling raffle tickets at the Student Led Conferences as well. You can win a luxurious homemade quilt for only \$3 and support this exciting opportunity for our students.

### **Easter Long Weekend:**

A reminder to parents and students that SECS school is closed Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> for the Easter weekend. We return to regular classes on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>. Have a great long weekend!

### **SECS Heritage Fair:**

The Gr. 6/7 Students are hard at work on their Heritage Fair projects and are eager about sharing their wonderful family history research. The St. Elias Community School Heritage Fair takes place **Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:00pm**. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special celebration.

### **Health Note:**

We have received notification that the Chicken Pox virus is active in our community. If students are not feeling well and/or parents have concerns regarding their children's health, we ask that parents please check with the Haines Junction Health Center before sending their children to school. Thank you.

### **A Message from Yukon Education regarding the Student Assessment Survey:**

Earlier this week a notice from Yukon Education ADM Nicole Morgan was sent to families regarding proposed changes to the new Curriculum and Student Assessment. Here is an additional notice:

Yukon Government is looking for input from students, parents, school councils and communities on proposed changes to the way teachers assess students, including report cards and parent-teacher meetings.

We ask that you take a few minutes to fill out an online survey and provide feedback on how you think teachers should assess your child's progress at school and how they should communicate with you about it.

Please follow the link below to fill out this online survey:

<https://survey.gov.yk.ca/StudentAssessment2017.aspx>

You can also visit the Yukon Education website to learn more:

<http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/Assessment-survey.html>

The survey will be open for submissions until **April 12, 2017**.

If you have any questions about the survey or the proposed updates, please contact the Learning Branch Curriculum unit with your questions at [curriculum@gov.yk.ca](mailto:curriculum@gov.yk.ca) or 867-456-6787.

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