



St. Elias Community School

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Happy Spring...even though it's snowy and wet! With the spring like weather, snow and mud puddles, we remind all students, staff and visitors to please remove their snowy / muddy boots at the door when they come into the school. Thank you!

It's a busy, busy time at St. Elias School. Here are some upcoming events at SECS.

Mid-Term Assessments and Report Cards:

Students in Gr.8-12 are currently completing their mid-term assessments. These assessments are completed during regular class time, and are an important part of our mid-term assessment process.

High-school Report Cards will be sent home on **Tuesday April 9, 2019**. This is a good opportunity to review your youth's progress with them for this term and set goals for next term. If you have any questions regarding these assessment reports or your youth's progress, please call the school.

So You Want a VISA??

CAFN is sponsoring a workshop for Gr. 10-12 students who would like to know more about applying for credits cards, credit scores, good debt and bad debt. There will be an information session from 12:05 – 1:00pm on **Tuesday April 9, 2019** in Room 9. Lunch will be provided. There will be a second offering of this information session on April 23, 2019.

*****Student Led Conferences*****

St. Elias Community School Student – Led Conferences for **K4 – Gr.12** students and parents is **Wednesday April 10, 2019**. Student and parental attendance at our Student Led Conferences is vital to the success of our reporting process. Individual family conference schedules have been mailed home. There are no regular classes this day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to St. Elias School Council for their support of our Student Led Conferences and providing baking, snacks and refreshments throughout the day.

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 2 to 4 - High-school mid-term Assessments.
- Apr. 5 – Elementary Handgames Tournament in Whitehorse.
- Apr. 9 – High-school Report Cards sent home.
- Apr. 9 – VISA Card Information Session for Gr.10-12.
- Apr. 10 – Student Led Conferences for K4 – Gr.12. No classes.
- Apr. 11 – SECS Gr.6/7 Heritage Fair, 1:00 – 3:00 and 6:00-7:00.
- Apr. 12 – Risks of Vaping Presentation to Gr.4-12.
- Apr. 15 – Physical Literacy sessions for K4 – Gr.8.
- Apr. 16 – Resume Writing workshop.
- Apr. 17 – SECS/Community Ukrainian Egg Decorating 6:30-8:00.
- Apr. 19 – Good Friday holiday.
- Apr. 22 – Easter Monday holiday.
- Apr. 23 – VISA Card Information Session for Gr.10-12.
- Apr. 24 – Wrestling Club Field Trip.
- Apr. 25 – Career Education Gr.8 Field Trip – Yukon Skills Canada.
- Apr. 25 – LPI Assessments - Gr. 11/12.
- Apr. 30 – SECS/Community Feast.

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Top Cop Reading Program:

The grade 4/5 class is currently participating in the Top Cop Reading Program with RCMP members of the Haines Junction detachment. The aim of this program is to inspire the students to read outside of school and to promote a relationship with the RCMP. Each participant is asked to read for 30 minutes outside of school time. At the end of each week, the students' progress is tallied. As the students accumulated reading minutes, they moved up through the ranks of the RCMP, from Constable to Commissioner. Thank you goes out to the Gr.4/5 parents for the at home reading support you give while your child participates in this program.

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 in the school gym on **Wednesday April 11, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00pm and 6:00 – 7:00pm**. Mark your calendars and don't miss this special learning celebration.

Risks Regarding Vaping - Information Sessions:

Shannon Jones and Adria Collins (Yukon Health Promotions), Marion Primozic (CAFN Health Promotions Coordinator) along with Laura MacDonald (HJ Health Ctr Nurse) will be at SECS to facilitate information sessions with students in Grade 4-12 on **Friday April 12, 2019** regarding the dangers of vaping. We look forward to these presentations and equipping our youth with vital information regarding the negative impacts of vaping on health.

Physical Literacy Sessions:

Melanie Tait from Sport Yukon will be leading Physical Literacy sessions to SECS students during PE classes on **Monday April 15, 2019**. Physical Literacy is the development of fundamental movement and sport skills necessary to build confidence and competence for moving in a wide range of situations.

Resume Writing Workshop:

CAFN and SECS are sponsoring a Resume writing workshop for Gr. 10-12 students from 12:05 – 1:00 on **Tuesday April 16, 2019**. Students can create a resume for distribution for summer employment. Lunch will be provided.

Ukrainian Egg Decorating:

Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating is a very popular activity for our students and the community. The evening session is **Wednesday April 17, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** in the Gr. 6/7 classroom. **For the evening session, any students in Gr. 3 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.

Easter Weekend Holiday:

A reminder to students and parents that Easter weekend is **Friday April 19th, Monday April 22nd**. There is no school these days.

SECS Wrestling Club:

The SECS Wrestling team has been practicing lots and learning new skills and techniques. They will be travelling to Holy Family Elementary School in Whitehorse on **Wednesday April 24, 2019** to participate in a Wrestling Tournament. Consent forms will be sent home soon. Good Luck SECS Wrestlers!

Yukon Skills Canada – Gr. 8:

The Gr. 8 Career Education class will be attending the Yukon Skills Canada Competition in Whitehorse on **Thursday April 25, 2019**. This event will expose our Career Ed 8 students to many different skill trades in action. There may also be a jobsite visit for students. Field Trip consent forms will be sent home soon.

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Language Proficiency Index:

On **April 25, 2019** students in Gr. 11/12 will write the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) assessment. The LPI is an English assessment that universities and colleges use as reference when students are applying to post-secondary institutions. Our Gr. 11/12 students will write the LPI starting at 9:00am and have 3 hours to complete.

D.A.R.T. & School Wide Write Assessments:

Students of St. Elias Community School will be completing the DART Reading Assessment and the School Wide Write over the next month. These assessments and the results provide understanding of our students strengths in the area of literacy learning, and provide direction for staff in our instructional planning for the next school year. If you have any questions regarding the DART or School Wide Write please feel free to contact us.

K-4 Registration:

St. Elias Community School is preparing for next year's registration for all K-4 students. We invite parents of children turning 4 years old by Dec. 31st, 2019 to contact the school to begin the **K-4 Registration** process for 2019-2020. All K-4 students and families will be invited to attend a K-4 Orientation Session in late May. Please look for posters around town and further information to come.

Secondaire en Spectacle:

On April 29, 2019, French 8-12 students will be attending a French talent show with many other high school French students. SECS students will be performing a flash mob. We are looking forward to this fun event.

SECS / Community Feast:

Mark your calendars! SECS invites the community to a Feast on **Tuesday April 30, 2019** to celebrate this year's cultural activities at St. Elias School. Each year we are honored to host this wonderful event and spend time with the Elders and Community members that contribute to the cultural richness in our school and community. Stay tuned for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!