



St. Elias Community School

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August 30, 2018

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year ahead! We hope all our families have had an enjoyable summer vacation and we look forward to hearing of the memorable events.

There are many exciting additions to our staff this year. We welcome Hillary Gladish as a teacher in the Grade 1/2 class, and Bryce Voogd as a teacher in the Grade 6/7 class. We also welcome a YNTEP Student Teacher, Colin Abbott. We are very happy to have you all on our team this year.

We are excited to welcome a few new students this year as well. New additions to our school in K4 are Avery, Grace, Hayley, Norman, Patience, Taylor, Barrett and Emma. New to our Kindergarten class we have Thylia, and Tasin. In Gr. 1 we have Rose, In Gr. 4 we have Ulysse. In Gr. 9 we have Ashia and Shakina, in Gr.10 we have Salome and in Gr. 11 we have Nadaya. Welcome to you all, we hope you enjoy your experience here at SECS.

Please know that parents are welcome to drop into the school or to make appointments with their child's teachers to discuss student achievement, ask questions or share concerns. Staff are always available to discuss student progress with parents. Student success is our main priority. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 3 – Labour Day – No School
- Sept. 4 – Classes resume
- Sept. 5 – Meet & Greet BBQ
- Sept. 7 – PD Day. No school this day.
- Sept. 10 – K4 students start class at 1:05pm.
- Sept. 10 to 14 – REM, Gr.10-12
- Sept. 24 – Challenge Day, Gr. 8-12
- Sept. 26 – SECS Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 27 & 28 – YTA Conference, no school these days.

K4 Student Start Date:

The K4 students will have their first day of school on Monday September 10, 2018. K4 class starts at 1:05 and goes to 3:15 Monday to Thursday each week. There is no school for K4 on Fridays.

Professional Development Day for Teachers:

Friday Sept. 7, 2018 is a Professional Development Day for teachers at SECS. We are hosting staff from Klwane Lake School and Nelnah Bessie John School in an ASPEN Training day. There is no school for students this day.

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

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club has not yet started. We will send home a notice to inform parents and students of the start date for the St. Elias Community School Council Breakfast Club as soon we know. Please stay tuned!

Lunch Hour at S.E.C.S

St. Elias School’s lunch room is a busy place at lunch hour. The noon hour lunch program is for students from out of town and bus students. We currently have close to 30 bus and out of town students staying for lunch on a daily basis.

Students who live in town go home for lunch. We understand, on occasion, parents who live in town are not able to provide lunch due to work schedules or absences. We ask on these occasions that parents please notify the school in advance to have their child added to the lunchroom list for that day, and send a lunch with their child.

We encourage parents to send lunches that do not require cooking preparation. Two microwaves are available to reheat meals, but food requiring longer time to cook tie up the microwaves. Thank you for your cooperation.



Nut Free School:

A reminder to parents that SECS is a nut free school. We ask that snacks and lunches you send for your student or the classroom do not contain nuts or nut products. Thank you for your understanding.

SECS Community Gathering:

Students and their parents are invited to attend our annual Meet & Greet BBQ Wednesday Sept. 5th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm on the playground at the school. Please bring your potlatch bags and join us for this always fun event!

2018-2019 Bell Schedule:

Here is our Bell Schedule for parent information:

BELL SCHEDULE: 2018 – 2019 School Year					
First bell to enter school rings at 8:20 a.m.					
Morning:	Begin	End	Afternoon:	Begin	End
Period 1	8:30	9:10	<i>LUNCH</i>	12:05	1:05
Period 2	9:10	9:50	Period 6	1:05	1:50
<i>RECESS</i>	9:50	10:05	Period 7	1:50	2:30
Period 3	10:05	10:45	Period 8	2:30	3:15
Period 4	10:45	11:25			
Period 5	11:25	12:05			



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Violence Threat Risk Assessment Notification to Parents

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The safety of our children is a top priority for everyone. The tragedies that have occurred where students commit violent acts against other students and educators in Canada and in the United States have caused government officials, educators, parents, students and other community members to assess how we make our schools and communities safe for our children and students.

Public Schools Branch staff members have been involved in an intensive safety training program with our community partners, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Yukon Department of Health and Social Services, Yukon Department of Justice, and Yukon College. From what we have learned in this training we know that student acts of violence are not random; individuals do not suddenly 'snap' and commit serious acts of violence. In cases where serious acts of violence have occurred there have been many indicators and escalating signs that these individuals are on a path to commit serious harm to themselves or others. The training has helped our professionals to recognize these signs, assess them, and put in place interventions to support and reduce the level of risk. Together with our community partners, Public Schools Branch has developed a plan to respond to situations in which students may be demonstrating behaviours that pose a risk to themselves or others.

We wish to advise parents that we have adopted a protocol, which requires schools to undertake a threat assessment in all cases of students making threats to harm others. These threats may be physical, verbal or written, they may be gestures or messages posted on the Internet. The purpose of the Yukon Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol is to determine how best to support students considered at risk so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive to themselves or others.

The complete Yukon Education Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol is available at www.education.gov.yk.ca.

Parents can play an active role in keeping our schools safe by advising the school of any information communicated to them from their children concerning threatening behaviours that their children may have been subjected to, in or out of school, and continuously monitoring their children's use of the Internet and Internet chat lines.

This letter is intended to provide you with notice that all Yukon schools will respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for safe, healthy, and caring learning environments. Any threats or threat making behaviours will be taken seriously and assessed accordingly.

We are pleased to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and appreciate having the ongoing support of our community partners.

Sincerely
Maggie Mann, Principal
St. Elias Community School.

2018-2019 – SEMESTER ONE SCHEDULE

Kgtn.	Rm. 6	Monica Primozic	Learning Assistance: Eleanor Charlton
Gr. 1/2	Rm. 112	Hillary Gladish	E.A.S: Cindi Cowie, Christine Drinnan, Jina Kirk, Erika Miller,
Gr. 2/3	Rm. 111	Karmen Cheetham	Kim Oakley, Raven Padmos, Jenna Peterson, Martin Samis,
Gr. 4/5	Rm. 7	Selena Burton	Dianna Symanski, Isabelle Piché, Mishka Soter
Gr. 6/7	Rm. 8	Bryce Voogd	Reading Recovery/Gr.2 Math/Elementary PE: Lee Drummond
Counsellor:		Rosemary Buck	Southern Tutchone: Amanda Workman

1/ 8:30 – 9:10			2/ 9:10 – 9:50		
Math 8	MA	Rm.9	PE 8	MA	Gym
English 9/10	KS	Comp. Lab	English 9/10	KS	Comp. Lab
WISE 10	AP	Sci.Lab	WISE 10	AP	Sci.Lab
ADST 11/12	CO	Home Ec	ADST 11/12	CO	Home Ec
PE 4/5	SB	Gym	Southern Tutchone 5		Rm.1
			Southern Tutchone 4	AW	Rm.7
3/ 10:05 – 10:45			4/ 10:45 – 11:25		
Socials 8	CO	Rm.5	Socials 8	CO	Rm.5
Socials 9	KS	Rm.4	Socials 9	KS	Rm.4
WISE 10	AP	Sci.Lab	WISE 10	AP	Sci.Lab
Math 10-12	MA	Rm.9	Math 10-12	MA	Rm.9
Math 10-12	BE	Shop	Math 10-12	BE	Shop
PE Kg	MP	Gym	PE 1/2	LD	Gym
			Southern Tutchone Kg	AW	Rm.6
5/ 11:25 – 12:05			6/ 1:05 – 1:50		
French 8/9	CO	Rm.5	French 8/9	CO	Rm.5
Southern Tutchone 8/9		Rm.1	Southern Tutchone 8/9		Rm.1
Science 10	MA	Rm.9	Science 10	MA	Rm.9
WISE 10	AP	Sci.Lab	WISE 10	AP	Sci.Lab
Geography 12	KS	Rm.4	Geography 12	KS	Rm.4
YFN Studies 12	BE	Shop	YFN Studies 12	BE	Shop
PE 2/3	LD	Gym	PE 6/7	BV	Gym
			Southern Tutchone K4	AW	Rm.6
7/ 1:50 – 2:30			8/ 2:30 – 3:15		
English 8	KS	Rm.4	English 8	KS	Rm.8
PE 9/10	MA	Gym	PE 9/10	MA	Gym
WISE 10	AP	Sci.Lab	WISE 10	AP	Sci.Lab
Automotive 11/12	BE	Shop	Automotive 11/12	BE	Shop
French 6/7	CO	Rm.5	Southern Tutchone 1/2	AW	Rm.112
Southern Tutchone 6/7		Rm.1			
Southern Tutchone 2/3	AW	Rm.111			
TEACHERS:					
MA – Michael Allaway	BE – Brian Eleniak	AP – Andy Preto	BV – Bryce Voogd		
SB – Selena Burton	LD – Lee Drummond	MP – Monica Primozic	AW – Amanda Workman		
	CO – Cyndi O'Rourke	KS – Ken Symanski			