



St. Elias Community School

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What a busy month February has been! Here is a snapshot of upcoming events for students and parents.

Congratulations to the Haines Junction Jr. Rangers students for their 1st Place win at the Territorial shooting competition this past weekend! As the winning team, they will now be going to Newfoundland to represent the Yukon in the National Jr. Rangers shooting competition. What an accomplishment!

We would also like to congratulate hockey players that played in the tournament in Dawson City this past weekend. Team Skookum was undefeated in 5 games, and brought home the Gold! Way to go team!!

Stikine Science Fair:

On Saturday February 18th, Ethny, Lydia, Keona, Drake, and Piper participated in the Yukon/Stikine Regional Science Fair, held at Yukon College. Throughout the day, these students had the opportunity to present their learning to the general public, as well as participating in a variety of activities where they learned about the anatomy, behavior, and care of North American raptors. Congratulation to Ethny, Lydia, Keona, Drake and Piper for proudly representing St. Elias Community School!

K-4 Orientation and 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, 2017 to contact the school to begin the **K-4 Registration** process for 2017-2018. All K-4 students and families will be invited to attend a K-4 Orientation Session. More information to follow.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 20 to 23 – Rabbit Snaring sessions.
- Feb. 23 – SECS Spelling Bee 2:00pm.
- Feb. 24 – Heritage Day holiday. No classes this day.
- Mar. 4 – Exchange Trip Bazaar Sale at the school.
- Mar. 6 – Gr. 8-12 Interim Reports sent home.
- Mar. 8 – Grad PastaNight Fundraiser.
- Mar. 9 – SECS Winter Carnival.
- Mar. 9 – Elementary Report Cards sent home.
- Mar. 10 & 11 – NWTel Soccer Tournament.
- Mar. 20 to 24 – Spring Break.

Welcome to Jansen in Kindergarten!

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Elders in the School Activities:

SECS is celebrating Elders in the School with a series of cultural activities with CAFN staff and Elders. Last week students learned to use fish scale to make art projects on antler bone. This week students are learning to make and set rabbit snares, and how to skin a rabbit. Next week, students will be setting nets and ice fishing. Consent forms are being sent home with more details for these events.

To wrap up the celebrations, we are planning an Elders Appreciation Lunch to happen early in March. Please watch for more details about this feast.

SECS Spelling Bee:

Students will be competing in our school's Spelling Bee on **Thursday February 23, 2017 at 2:00pm**. The top two spellers in each class will compete against Zoe, our reigning champion. You are welcome to join us. This promises to be an exciting event.

Heritage Day Holiday:

A reminder to parents that **Friday February 24th** is Heritage Day holiday. There are no classes that day. Students return to classes on Monday February 27th, 2017.

SECS Bazaar:

Students involved in our school exchange trip are excited to be planning activities to support their travel plans with students from Elmvale Ontario. On **Saturday March 4, 2017**, the exchange students will be hosting a Bazaar Sale in the school gym for the community. Tables are \$10 each, if you would like to reserve a table, please contact Ms. O'Rourke at the school.

Grad Fundraisers:

The 2017 Grad class has been busy hosting and planning fundraising events for their Grad ceremonies to be held in June. Here are few of the upcoming events to make note of:

- Fever Reliever Concession – Grads will be at the 1016 Fever Reliever Winter Rendezvous event on **Saturday Feb. 25th** running a concession booth. The Grads will have hot dogs, hamburgers and hot chocolate for sale. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the day.
- "Fever the Frog" Raffle Tickets – Tickets are currently being sold for a giant green "Fever the Frog" stuffy. Students can purchase a \$2 ticket during morning. Tickets will also be on sale for this large stuffy at the 1016 Fever Reliever Winter Rendezvous event on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to buy as many tickets as you like! The lucky winner will be drawn Saturday Feb. 25, 2017.
- Grad Pasta Night – Grads will be hosting a Pasta Night on **March 8, 2017**. They will be calling community members to take orders in the near future. You can also call the school if you would like to place an order.