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We would like to send a few important reminders and notices to our parents and students as we go into Spring Break.

Thank You for Your Participation:

SECS staff and administration would like to thank parents, guardians and most importantly our students for your participation at our Student Led Conferences on February 17, 2021. It was a great opportunity for students to share their learning successes and areas for growth through goal setting for the next term. Thank you for your ongoing support. It was an enjoyable day.

Gr. 4/5 Science Fair Results:

The Gr. 4/5 class worked very hard this term completing their science fair projects. Tuesday afternoon, the class displayed their work for a panel of ten community judges. Unfortunately, due to COVID protocols, this was a closed event. Despite having to accommodate various changes to our regular SECS Science Fair routine, the afternoon was a wonderful celebration of learning and science!

Congratulations Grades 4 and 5! The students are looking forward to sharing their learning with the community in the Spring, when the event can be shared out-of-doors.

Thank you to our community judges: Ken Anderson, Julie Bauer, Ellen Bielawski, Andy Hall, Andrew Lawrence, Brent Liddle, Jeffrey Peters, Leisa Robinson, Shawn Taylor, and Dave Weir for their participation and feedback!

High-School Informal Reports:

As we move towards Spring Break, our high-school staff are preparing informal reports for families. These informal reports will highlight some of the curricular and content standards being covered in the courses as well as student progress and next steps in learning. High-school Gr. 8-12 Informal Progress reports will be sent home Mar. 17, 2021. If you have any questions regarding these reports, please contact your youth's teacher at the school.

Upcoming Events:

Mar. 17 – Gr. 8-12 Informal Progress Reports sent home

Mar. 18 to 26 – Spring Break

Mar. 23 – The White Hatters: Internet Safety and Digital Literacy session for Parents.

Mar. 25 – The White Hatters: Online Sexual Predation and Exploitation session for Parents.

Mar. 31 – National Aboriginal Languages Day

Apr. 2 – Good Friday Holiday

Apr. 5 – Easter Monday Holiday

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A Message from the Haines Junction RCMP Detachment:

Whitehorse RCMP is proud to partner with The White Hatter to provide Yukon parents the opportunity to participate in two webinars.

The White Hatter is a company based out of Victoria, BC who specializes in Internet Safety presentations. In recent years, the RCMP have seen a drastic increase in child pornography, extortion and child luring type offences. Whitehorse RCMP believes that it is beneficial to provide parents with extra information on how to keep children safe online.

These webinars are free for participants and offered to all parents and caregivers, in the Yukon.

Internet Safety and Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers.

March 23rd, 2021, from 7PM to 9 PM:

LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/15b0r8iy>

PASSWORD: Yukonparents2021

Online Sexual Predation and Exploitation: What is the threat and what can caregivers do to help minimize the risks.

March 25th, 2021, from 7PM to 9PM:

LINK <https://app.sli.do/event/su6f1te6>

PASSWORD: Yukonparents2021

Spring Break Dates:

Thursday March 18, 2021 to Friday March 26, 2021 is our Spring Break.

We return to regular classes on Monday March 29, 2021.

Have a safe, healthy and relaxing Spring Break!

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A WEEK AT KATHLEEN LAKE FOR CULTURE CAMP

From March 1st to March 5th, our 6/7class ventured off to Kathleen Lake for a week full of fun and outdoor activities. Kathleen Lake was a great break from being cooped up in a classroom all day, every day.

Snow Caving is one of the fun things we got to experience. We split into three groups, working as a team, building three amazing snow caves. These snow caves were all built with team effort. This was a great activity that everyone enjoyed. Being outside and having a blast.

This trip we also got to learn about building fires. We were very lucky that Daniel, a Parks Canada employee, could come out to make this trip even better. Daniel taught us how to build proper fires and different ways you could stack the wood. After that we then split off into four teams and had a competition. We had such a great time!

With waist deep snow, snowshoes were a necessary component to wear during an expedition into the forest. Many students got a chance at the exhausting job of being the first one to break through the deep fluffy white snow, leading our class through a wonderful walk through the winter woods. No one lasted more than a few minutes breaking trail. Many students in our class hadn't snowshoed before but they loved it! Overall, it was a very enjoyable time.

Personally, we think that navigation is an important skill to pick up. Our class had the pleasure of being out in the sun in the National Park again with Daniel as our guide. Using a GPS, Daniel led us through a fun scavenger hunt. We found waypoints hidden across the Kathleen Lake area.

To add to it, we got to learn about bears and their natural habitat, fish in Kathleen Lake and how to clean a fish. These talks were a huge learning experience for our class and we are so happy that we got to come out here.

We would especially like to thank Parks Canada for their enthusiasm they brought to our culture camp and sharing their knowledge about the park with us.

We would also like to give a special shoutout to CAFN Land Guardians for helping us fish on their traditional territory. Thank you, to Levi and Mike, for teaching us how to catch lake trout!



By Ella Lawrence

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Dear SECS Community,

The grade 6/7 class would like to thank everyone who contributed to our recent culture camp. We spent five days at Kathleen lake participating in many fun activities.

One activity we enjoyed was ice fishing. We learned how to bait a hook, set lines and use an auger. It was always an exciting moment when the auger broke through the ice, water would quickly rise and flood the ice surrounding the hole. The kicksleds borrowed from the Youth Center were fantastic for getting around on the lake. We caught two lake trout and Ka'tx'o'kw showed us how to gut the fish. She told us how important it was to respect the fish we catch. Thank you Ka'tx'o'kw.

Another fun activity was cross country skiing. Andy Hall groomed and track set many trails for us. We particularly enjoyed a steep downhill from the campground to the day use area. Thank you Mr. Samis and Ms. Cowie for making skiing fun for everyone.

Special thank you to Cenjeya and Mary Ellen for providing us with delicious lunches every day.

Finally thank you to Mr. V for making it all possible. This was an awesome week that I am sure no 6/7 student will soon forget.

By Grace Allaway

