



St. Elias Community School

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It's that time of year when the days get longer and the sun feels warmer. We've had a few glimpses of spring on the way, and this has brought smiles and energy to the students and staff.

Grade 4/5 Science Fair Results:

This year is a great year for science in the Gr. 4/5 class. Students presented some amazing displays of science learning to the community, and 5 students went on to present at the Yukon Stikine Regional Science Fair. Congratulations to Kaia, Layla, Grace, Sophie and Kaila. You were great representatives of our school! 1st place in Gr.4 was Layla, and 1st place in Gr. 5 was Kaila. Grace was 2nd place in Gr.5, and everyone did a fantastic job!

A great big thank you to Ms. Burton for her commitment to this learning event and to the many EAs, tutors and teaching staff who supported the Gr 4/5 students over the past few weeks!

Northwestel Soccer Tournament:

Congratulations to all our soccer players, staff coaches and parents involved in the Northwestel Soccer Tournament last weekend in Whitehorse. The Gr. 5-6 Girls team won a gold medal, and the high-school boys and girls came home with silver!! There were 52 Haines Junction youth involved this weekend! Thank you to the staff, parents and community members who support our very active Soccer teams.

The Book Fair is Back!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the school library **March 4-6th from 12:05 – 1:05, and after school from 3:15 – 4:30.** It will also be open **Saturday March 7th from 12:00 – 3:00pm.** Come and see all the great books and learning materials available from Scholastic!

Elementary Hand Games Tournament:

St. Elias School, with support from CAFN, will be hosting the Elementary Schools Hand Games Tournament here on **Friday March 6th.** Teams from Whitehorse schools will be here to participate in a day of fun and friendly competition. Thank you to Ms. Workman and John Fingland for coordinating this exciting event.

Upcoming Events:

Mar. 4 to 7 – Scholastic Book Fair.

Mar. 6 – Elementary Hand Games Tournament at SECS.

Mar. 6 – Gr. 8-12 Informal Reports sent home.

Mar. 10 – SECS Ski Club at Mt. Mac.

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Mar. 12 – WISE Information Session at 7:00pm.

Mar. 12 to 13 – Vaping information sessions for Gr. 4-12.

Mar. 12 – Cabane à Sucre Winter Carnival for K4 and Gr. 1-7.

Mar. 16 to 27 – Spring Break. Classes in session Mar. 30th.

Mar. 31 – School/Community Feast at 12:00 noon.

**Welcome to new student
Ryder in K4!**

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Dental Therapist:

Dental Therapist Kendra Corriveau is here this week and next week to provide dental care to students. Dental Hygienist Io Demers will be here March 30th to April 3rd. The phone in the dental office is no longer connected. If you would like to reach the Dental office in the school, you can call **1-800-661-0408 Ext. 8360** and they will connect you to the children's dental program staff at our school.

Socials 10 Indian Residential School Unit:

Students in Gr.10 will starting their Indian Residential School Unit with Ms. O'Rourke this week. Tomorrow they will participate in the Blanket Exercise. Throughout the unit, CAFN Elders, community members and staff will support activities that focus on the history and effects of Residential Schools in the Yukon.

SECS Ski Club Field Trip:

On **Tuesday March 10th** the SECS Ski Club will be travelling to Mt. Mac to spend the day on the Cross-country ski trails there. Ski Club students have brought home consent and medical forms that need to be signed and returned to the school by Monday March 9th. Students will need to be at the school by 7:45am to leave at 8:00am in the school activity van.

Communicating Student Learning:

St. Elias teachers have been very busy preparing Informal Progress reports to communicate student learning and achievement for students and parents. High-school Gr. 8-12 Informal Progress reports will be sent home **March 6th**. Informal Reports for elementary students in **K4 to Gr.7** will be sent home on **Tuesday March 10th**. If you have any questions regarding these reports, please contact your child's teacher at the school. Student Led Conferences will take place in late April. If you would like to set up a parent/teacher interview, please contact the school and it will be arranged.

W.I.S.E. Information Session:

SECS will be holding an information session for parents and students currently in Gr.9, that are interested in applying for the next offering of the SECS WISE program. The meeting will be held on **Thursday March 12th at 7:00pm** in the science room.

Vaping Information Sessions:

On **Thursday and Friday March 12-13th**, Emily Bradbury (Yukon Health Promotions), Marion Primozic (CAFN Health Promotions) and Laura MacDonald (HJ Health Nurse) will be at St. Elias School to facilitate information sessions on the dangers and health consequences associated with vaping with students in Gr. 4-12.

Cabane a Sucre Winter Carnival:

Thursday March 12th during the morning, St. Elias School will be celebrating Cabane à Sucre Winter Carnival for K4 and Gr. 1-7. Part of the day will be spent outdoors, so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor conditions (snow pants, coats, mitts, etc).

Spring Break:

A reminder that SECS will be on Spring Break from **Monday March 16th to Friday March 27th**. Classes resume on Monday March 30th.

School/Community Feast:

Tuesday March 31st is National Aboriginal Languages Day. SECS will be celebrating with language activities throughout the day and a School/Community Feast at 12:00 noon. Please mark your calendar and watch for more information on this always tasty event!

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8	9	10 Elementary Informal Rpts sent home.	11	12 - Cabane a Sucre Vaping Sessions Gr. 4-12	13 Water Presentation for Gr. 2 and Gr. 4/5	14
15	16 SPRING BREAK	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 SPRING BREAK	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Back to school! High-school Mid-term Assessments	31 School/Community Feast! Nat't Ab. Lang Day	Apr. 1	2 All City Jazz Band Performance	3	4