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Spring is in the air with longer days and warmer temperatures coming. As we gear up for a busy spring at SECS, we would like to share a few important school dates and events with you.

Congratulations to SECS Teams!

A big shout out and congratulations to coaches Mr. Soter, Ms. Symanski and the Senior Boys Basketball team for their stellar performance at the Championships Mar. 2-3, 2018. Our boys played fantastically to achieve the title of 2018 YSAA Rural Champions and were strong ambassadors for our school, our community and First Nations. Thank you to our coaches for their time and dedication to the team and to Mr. Samis for being willing to drive and chaperon.

Way to go to our SECS Hand-games players and coaches for a great tournament in Whitehorse on Mar. 13, 2018. Our team played very well and placed second in the tournament. Thank you to Ms. Workman, Ms. Chiblow and Mr. Samis for helping with this event.

Gr.10-12 Southern Tutchone class field trip:

On **Wednesday Mar. 28, 2018** students in Ms. Allison's Gr. 10-12 Southern Tutchone class will travel to McIntyre Creek near Whitehorse to learn how to scan the landscape for animal habitat, and to collect Eagle feathers for cultural projects in the classroom.

Ukrainian Egg Decorating:

Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating is a very popular activity for our students and the community. Our annual evening session is **Wednesday Mar. 28, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:30 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.

Gr.8 Science class field trip:

On **Thursday Mar. 29, 2018** the Gr.8 Science class will join the Alsek Renewable Resource Council, CAFN Heritage, Lands and Resources staff and an EDI Biologist to pull whitefish nets at Pine Lake, take tissue samples and discuss contaminants in Yukon waterways.

Upcoming Events:

- Mar.28 – School/Community Ukrainian Egg decorating @ 6:00pm to 8:30pm.
- Mar.29 – Recognition of Aboriginal Languages Day, Special Assembly at 2:30pm.
- Mar.30 – Good Friday, no school this day.
- Apr.2 – Easter Monday, no school this day.
- Apr.4 to 6 – High-school Semester II mid-term exams written.
- Apr.10 – High-school Report Cards sent home.
- Apr.12 – Student Led Conference day, no regular classes.
- Apr.18 – SECS Heritage Fair 1:00 – 3:00pm.
- Apr.27 – YE Curriculum Re-design PD Day, no school this day.
- Welcome to Margaret in Kg, Ysa in Gr.5 and Justine in Gr.8.
- Welcome back to Freya in Gr.8 and Kendrick in Gr.3!

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Celebration of Language.

Thursday Mar. 29, 2018 is a special day at SECS. On this day we recognize Aboriginal Languages Day which is on Saturday Mar. 31, 2018. Students and staff will participate in language games and activities throughout the day.

You are invited to join us as we gather on **Thursday Mar. 29, 2018** for a **Special Assembly at 2:30pm** in the school gym to celebrate aboriginal languages and culture.

Easter Long Weekend:

A reminder to parents and students that **SECS school is closed Friday Mar.30 and Monday Apr.2, 2018** for the Easter weekend. We return to regular classes on Tuesday Apr. 3, 2018. Have a great long weekend!

Mid Term Exams & Report Cards:

Gr. 8-12 Semester II mid-term exams will be written from **Apr. 4 to 6, 2018** during regular classes.

High-school reports cards will be sent home on **Tuesday Apr. 10, 2018**. This is a good opportunity to review your youth's progress with them for this term. If you have any questions regarding these report cards or would like additional copies, we welcome you to call that course teacher at the school.

Student Led Conferences:

St. Elias Community School will be holding **Student – Led Conferences** for all students and parents in **Grades K4 – Gr.12 on Thursday Apr. 12, 2018. There will be no regularly scheduled school for Grades K4 -12 students on this day.** Schedule Interview times for Student Led Conferences will be mailed home this week. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding your family's conference schedule. We look forward to seeing you at this celebration of learning event!

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 **Wednesday April 18, 2018 from 1:00 – 3:00pm.** Mark your calendars and don't miss this special celebration.