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With the longer days of spring approaching, we have many exciting things happening at SECS that we would like to share with you.

“Cabane à sucre” – Winter Carnival:

Merci Beaucoup to Ms. O'Rourke and Yukon Education French Monitor Nicolas Brayant for coordinating a yummy treat yesterday. The sun was shining, the syrup was flowing, and everyone had a wonderful day. Thank you also goes out to our high-school french student helpers for making the event a success.

Dental Therapist Visit:

A Dental Therapist from Yukon Children's Dental Program will be at the school from March 5 to 14, 2018 completing check-ups and dental work with students. If you would like to make an appointment you can call the dental room directly at 634-7078, or leave a message at the school office 634-2231.

2018 W.I.S.E. Program Meeting – Date Changed:

The parent / student WISE information meeting has been changed to **7:00pm on Tuesday March 6, 2018**. Students currently in grade 9 that are interested in applying for next fall's WISE Program should come to this meeting with a parent / guardian in order to learn more about the program, the application process and responsibilities involved with being in the program. If you have any questions regarding the WISE Program, please feel free to contact Mr. Preto at the school.

Gr. 10 Social Studies Indian Residential School Unit:

SECS students in Gr. 10-12 have been studying an Indian Residential School Unit in Social Studies this year. On **Wednesday March 7, 2018** they will be participating in a Celebration and Action wrap up. Students and Staff will spend time with Elders creating individual projects and helping to host the CAFN Elders Lunch that day. Our thanks go out to the many CAFN members and Elders who have participated and added their wisdom, support and guidance to students and staff during this unit.

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Upcoming Events:

Mar.5 to 14 – Dental Therapist at school.

Mar.6 – WISE Parent / Student meeting at 7:00pm.

Mar.7 – Indian Residential School Social Studies Unit Celebration and Action for Gr.10 -12.

Mar.8 – Health Behaviours Survey for Gr.6-10.

Mar.9 – Kickin' Ash presentation for Gr.4-9.

Mar.12 – Alcohol and Drug Services Presentation for Gr.6-9.

Mar.15 to 23 – Spring Break.

Mar.28 – SECS/Community Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating night.

Welcome to our new students:
Ysa in Gr.5 and Justine in Gr.8!

Welcome back to returning
students Talis in Gr.1
and Freya in Gr.8

Health Behaviour Survey – Date Changed:

The Health Behaviour Survey to be completed by students in grades 6 to 10 has been rescheduled to **Thursday March 8, 2018**. If you do not want your child/youth to take this survey, please return the “do not grant permission” form that was sent home, to the school office. Please contact the school if you require a copy of this form.

Supporting Healthy Behaviours:

“Kickin’ Ash” Presentation: Shannon Jones from the Yukon Health Promotion Unit will be co-facilitating a “Kickin’ Ash” presentation with Marion Primozic (CAFN Health Promotions) and Meghann Willard (HJ Health Center) for students in Gr.4 to 9 on **Friday March 9, 2018**. “Kickin’ Ash” is a tobacco prevention program that offers students stats and facts on the effects of using tobacco and tobacco products.

Alcohol & Drug Use Prevention: Mark Nassiopoulos from Yukon Alcohol & Drug Services (ADS) will be facilitating a presentation on Alcohol and Drug Use prevention. Marion Primozic (CAFN Health Promotions) will also be present and supporting. This presentation will be held on **Monday March 12, 2018** for students in Gr.6-9.

Grad Pizza Night – Date Changed:

The Grad Pizza Night date has changed to **Tuesday March 13, 2018**. Pizza’s are selling for the very good price of \$25 and you have a choice of Hawaiian, Pepperoni, Deluxe or Vegetarian. The new deadline to order is Monday March 5, 2018!

The Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children Survey (HBSC)

To: Parents/guardians of students in Grades 6 - 10

On March 8, 2018, Yukon students in Grades 6 to 10 will be taking part in the Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children Survey (HBSC). The purpose of the survey is to gather information about young people in our territory on a variety of topics, so services and programs can be developed to help improve their lives.

Queen's University is doing this research across Canada. In Yukon, the Departments of Health and Social Services and Education sponsor the survey. The Yukon Bureau of Statistics (YBS) will visit classrooms to collect the data.

Attached you will find a passive consent form. This means you only need to fill out the form and return it to your child's school if you DO NOT want your child to take the survey.

Previous HBSC studies in Yukon revealed areas of concern about some of our young people, especially around substance use and mental health. The 2018 study will follow-up on the 2010 and 2014 studies and will be helpful in revealing trends.

- The survey is anonymous and confidential.
- Topics covered include nutrition, exercise, relationships, mental wellness, life at school, violence, substance use, and bullying.
- Reports from previous surveys can be found at www.hss.gov.yk.ca/health_behaviours.php

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