



St. Elias Community School

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As we sprint into March we would like to share with you some of the exciting things that have occurred and are approaching for students, staff, parents and the community.

Elders in the School Activities:

During the month of February students enjoyed a very busy few weeks participating in many interesting and fun cultural activities with SECS staff, CAFN elders and citizens.

Thank you to CAFN staff and elder Rosalie Washington for teaching students how to create fish scale art. Students enjoyed this project, and created some beautiful works of art. Thank you to Chris Williams for the donation of antlers for this project.

Also a big shout out to CAFN Municipal Department for opening Klukshu and getting it ready for us. Thanks to Harry Smith and Dixie Smeeton for your expertise and time with ice-fishing.

A special thank you to Michael Beattie for your time and expertise in demonstrating Rabbit Snaring at the Parks farm and around the school property, and ice fishing at Klukshu with our students and staff. We all greatly appreciated the opportunity to learn and interact with CAFN in these fun activities. Thank you also to Ms. Workman, Ms. Chiblow and the St. Elias Cultural Committee members for their time and efforts coordinating these activities.

To wrap up the cultural activities, we held a Feast celebrating our Elders / Seniors. Thank you to the many people who came and brought a delicious dish to share. We are thankful and blessed to have such wonderful community support for all the programming at St. Elias School.

SECS / Community Bazaar:

Congratulations to Ms. O'Rourke and our Exchange students for hosting a successful and fun bazaar on Saturday! Thank you to everyone who rented a table and attended the bazaar.

High School Interim Reports:

High school Interim reports for Semester Two students in Gr. 8-12 are being sent home today. Please watch for these progress reports, and call the school if you do not receive a copy from your Youth. This is a great time to review academic progress with your youth and ways of supporting learning and success in the weeks leading up to mid-term exams (April 3 to 5, 2017).

Elementary Report Cards:

Report Cards for K4-Gr.7 will be sent home on **Thursday March 9, 2017**. Please take this opportunity to review the report card with your child and discuss their achievements and future learning goals for the next term. If you have any questions or would like additional copies, we invite you to call the school.

Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 6 – High-school Interim Reports sent home.
- Mar. 8 – Grad Pasta Night.
- Mar. 9 – Elementary Report Cards sent home.
- Mar. 9 – Winter Carnival for K4 – Gr.7 and French 8/9.
- Mar.11 & 12 – NWTel Soccer Championships.
- Mar. 20 to 24 – Spring Break.
- Mar. 27 – Classes resume.
- Apr. 3 to 5 – Highschool Semester II Midterm Exams.
- Apr. 11 – High-school Report Cards sent home.
- Apr. 12 – K4 to Gr. 12 Student Led Conferences.

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Student Led Conferences:

St. Elias Community School Student – Led Conferences for all students and parents from K4 –Gr.12 is **Wednesday April 12, 2017**. Please mark your calendars, and watch for the individual family conference schedules that will be mailed home.

There will be no regularly scheduled school for Grades K4 -12 students on this day.

"Carnaval d'hiver" - Winter Carnival:

On **Thursday, March 9, 2017**, St. Elias Community School will be having our annual Winter Carnival from 1:00 to 3:00 PM for students in K4 to Gr.7. French 8/9 students will be assisting with the Carnival. This afternoon will be spent mostly outdoors. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor conditions (snow pants, coats, hats, mitts, etc.)

Parents, feel free to participate along with any younger brothers or sisters. We hope to see you there!

Please Note: With Winter Carnival on **Thursday, Mar. 9, 2017** all K4 and Kg students will attend the afternoon session. There will be no K4/Kg session in the morning.

Grad Pasta Night:

Our Grads will be hosting a Pasta Night this week on **Wednesday March 8, 2017** to raise funds for their graduation ceremony. They are making two types of Pasta, Chicken Alfredo or Beef Tomatoe Rotini.

Student Council Water Bottles:

Student Council is selling water bottles with a special logo created by Marley in grade 5. They will sell water bottles every Wednesday at recess. There are 2 kinds of water bottles, both 21 ounces and both in a beautiful blue. One is a twist top for \$10 and the other has a flip top for \$12. Purchase your water bottles Wednesday! Thank you for your support!



Northwestel Soccer Championships.

Please mark these dates: March 10th, 11th and 12th, 2017.

The Northwestel Soccer Championships in Whitehorse is fast approaching. All games will be played in the evening on **Friday, March 10th**, and during the day on **Saturday, March 11th** and **Sunday morning, March 12th**. All games will be done by 1:00pm on Sunday, March 12th. We will be playing Futsal, indoor soccer, using lines, not walls, to stop the ball. Futsal is a quick game, and there is more ball control, which in turn equals a safer playing environment. The players at St. Elias have been learning Futsal since last year. This tournament is a fun event for our Haines Junction players to play at the Canada Games Center in Whitehorse. All games will be at CGC!!

Transportation, accommodation and care for your child is the parent/guardian's responsibility (not the coaches). A schedule for the Tournament will be sent home in the next day or so.

All players must bring to each game:

- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Shorts
- ✓ Long socks and shin pads
- ✓ Running shoes that won't fall off
- ✓ Snack
- ✓ A great attitude!

If you have any questions contact Cindi Cowie at school or Martin Jahr.

French Artist:

On **March 17, 2017**, Francoise Roche will be with us to offer French cultural activities and an art project. Mrs. La Roche will work with our Gr. 5/6, 6/7 and 8/9 students. We look forward to this event.