



# St. Elias Community School

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Dear St. Elias Families,

We hope this newsletter finds our families healthy and doing well during this time of change. We miss seeing and interacting with our students on a daily basis and look so forward to the time when we can meet and be together.

While these are uncertain times we believe that it can also be a time of resilience by prioritizing our connections and relationships. Thank you to our parents for all your hard work and efforts in supporting your children during this time. Thank you for working with us by taking our phone calls, responding to emails, helping with Zoom sessions and schedules. Thank you for motivating and encouraging your children to stay on track with learning each week. Thank you for letting us know what is working, what isn't and how we can adjust and support. We know this is a big task on top of already "very full plates".

Please continue to reach out to any school staff as needed. We are here to support, instruct and encourage our students in their learning and we appreciate your support and involvement. Our ongoing vision for our families is that they take care of themselves first and foremost, do what you can, when you can, to support your children's learning. Your effort, time and energy are greatly appreciated by all of us!

Thank you to all our students who are working hard and doing their very best to stay focused and on track during this remote learning time. Our teachers are sharing wonderful stories of how students are connecting and sharing their learning these past few weeks. Some of you find it easy to share learning over the phone with your teacher, some are turning completed work in at the school each week, some are emailing and texting!! All of these methods work! Find the way that works best for you and keep sending the assignments and demonstration of your learning into us! Your teachers and EAs are here to support, guide and encourage you... let us know how we can help! Continue to reach out!

Together, we will get through this remote learning time!

### **Professional Development Day:**

Tomorrow SECS staff will be engaged in some professional development sessions during different times throughout the day. Some teachers will be less accessible than normal. If parents and students have troubles reaching teachers, please call the office and staff will return your call.

### **Victoria Day Holiday:**

A reminder to parents and students that Monday May 18, 2020 is the Victoria Day holiday. Enjoy the long weekend and take time enjoying this lovely weather together as a family.

### **Grad Class of 2020 Parade:**

Yukon Schools have been asked to delay all formal graduation ceremonies and events until our current situation changes and the Chief Medical Officer gives permission for large event gathering to occur. While we are saddened by this news, we are currently in the planning stages to informally honor our graduates and celebrate their

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### **Upcoming Events:**

May 15 – SECS staff Professional Development day

May 18- Victoria Day holiday

May 21 – Family Package Day

May 22 – Virtual SECS Forestry Trail Run @ 1pm.

May 27 – Grad Class of 2020 Parade – 2pm

May 28 – Last day to hand in completed assignments

June 1 – SECS Awards Announcement

accomplishments in graduating this year. **We are very excited and please to invite the whole community to celebrate the Graduating Class of 2020 by attending a Grad Parade on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 2:00p.m.** The parade will follow a similar format to our Canada Day Parade route. Community members will be required to physically distance themselves along the parade route. Information regarding plans for the parade and the parade route will be posted next week. **Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this very special event!**

#### **Lost and Found Items:**

Are you children missing running shoes, boots, gym gear, lunch kits or other personal belongings?? Over the next three Thursdays (weather dependent) we will have Lost and Found tables set up out front of the school (grassy area in front of the school). Tables will be set up on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> as well. When you stop by to pick up packages or are driving by the school, please take a minute to have a look and collect any of your child/youth's belongings.

#### **End of Year Assessment and Reporting:**

May is a busy month for teachers with assessing and preparing final report cards for our students. All St. Elias students will receive formal written report cards on June 5<sup>th</sup> which is our last day of school. Student learning and assignments that are being submitted during this remote learning time are being assessed and incorporated in our final year summaries.

We appreciate all the work that our families and students are doing to demonstrate learning during this time. There are many creative ways that this is being done; through work being dropped off at the school, by pictures and emails, through phone calls and text messaging with students. Well done everyone! We encourage our students to continue in their studies and submitting their evidence of learning to their teachers. **Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>** will be the last day for students to hand in / submit learning assignments and activities to their teachers, in order for this information to be included in the end of year report cards.

#### **SEC Awards Ceremonies:**

Similar to our Graduation situation, St. Elias School is not able to hold our annual awards ceremonies for both elementary and high-school. We do know that once we are allowed to return to normal school procedures we will be hosting these very special celebrations to honor our students and their achievement.

St. Elias staff are finalizing the selection of recipients for many of our annual high-school awards. We plan on announcing the recipients of these awards on Monday June 1, 2020. Student recipients and their families will be notified by the school administration. Everyone is invited to watch for announcements in our school newsletter, posters around town, and our school webpage starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will be holding a Student Achievement Recognition Feast once we return to normal procedures at school.

#### **K4 Registration:**

St. Elias Community School is preparing for next year's registration for all K4 students. We invite parents of children turning 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2020 to contact the school to begin the K4 Registration process for the 2020-2021 school year. Please call Shawn Allen at the school to have a registration package emailed to you, or to arrange to pick up a registration package. Please spread the word if you know of families who have children eligible for attending our K4 program.

#### **SECS Forestry Trail Run Goes Virtual!**

In lieu of our traditional SECS Forestry Trail Run that sees kids running through our Forestry trails, **we are having a virtual SECS Forestry Trail Run next Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 1:00pm.** St. Elias staff are encouraging all our students to get outside for 15-30 minutes of physical activity. We would love for our students to be wearing our school colors as they run. Students and families who do participate, please send us some photos at [shawn.allen@gov.yk.ca](mailto:shawn.allen@gov.yk.ca) to post on our school website.