



St. Elias Community School

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The last few weeks of school are always a very busy time for staff, students and parents. Here are a few reminders of activities taking place over the next few weeks.

Thank you to everyone that was able to join us for our annual Feast on April 30th. The food was delicious and plentiful. We are very appreciative of the people who support SECS students and staff throughout the year. For those who could make it and those who could not, our heartfelt thanks goes out to you all.

Yukon/Stikine Heritage Fair Results:

May 2nd marked the end of Heritage Fair season at SECS. It was a success thanks to the many volunteers that lent their expertise. Specific artists who assisted the 6/7 students in preparation for the big day include Marty Ritchie and Susan Knight - thank you very much for sharing your time and talent. Judges that came forward to engage the students and offer helpful feedback were Brent Liddle, Travis Bernard, Birch Howard, Elaine Hulburt, Jolene Billwiller, Andrew Lawrence, Leisa Robinson-Collin, John Fingland and Andy Hall. Thank you for your time, insight, and encouragement. The students benefited from your comments and their interactions with you.

At our local Haines Junction Heritage Fair, our top three winners were: Alia, Keona, and Ethny. Honourable mentions included Jorja, Mitehos, and Elisha. At the Territorial Heritage Fair in Whitehorse, Alia took home two prizes including the "People's Choice Award" and the "Best Graphic Design Award". All the 6/7 students created unique displays that honoured their person of study and should be proud of their hard work.

Upcoming Events:

- May 17: Clare Ness Musical Performance, Kg – Gr.3 2:00pm.
- May 17: Gr. 4/5 field trip to Wildlife Preserve.
- May 17: Earth Science 11 field trip to Arctic Institute.
- May 20: Victoria Day holiday.
- May 21: Gr. 4/5 field trip to Kathleen Lake.
- May 22: Gr. 2/3 field trip to Beringia Center.
- May 22: John McPhail Soccer Sessions in PE.
- May 22: K4 Orientation, 1:30 – 3:00pm
- May 23: Gr. 4/5 St. Elias Lake Hike field trip.
- May 23: High-school Awards and Cap & Gown Ceremony, 7:00pm.
- May 24: SECS/Community Forestry Trail Run.
- May 28: Elementary Awards Ceremony, 6:30pm
- May 29 to Jun.4: High-school Final Exams.
- May 30: 2019 Graduation Ceremony.
- June 5: SECS Spring Concert.
- June 6: SECS Field Day.
- June 7: Last Day of School, dismissal is at 1:45pm.

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Claire Ness Musical Performance:

Singer-Songwriter, Actor, Clown and Circus Teacher Claire Ness will be at SECS at 2:00pm on **Friday May 17, 2019** to give a musical performance to the Kg – Gr.3 classes.

Gr. 4/5 Class Field Trips:

Ms. Burton and the Gr. 4/5 class has 3 field trips scheduled over the next week. Consent forms have been sent home, please have them signed and returned as soon as possible. Please note the dates below:

Friday May 17: Yukon Wildlife Preserve. Please have warm clothing and lunch, snacks and water bottle that day.

Tuesday May 21: Kathleen Lake clean up and BBQ. Parks Canada will provide the lunch, please dress for the weather.

Thursday May 23: St. Elias Lake Hike. Please dress for hiking with sturdy shoes/boots, and lots of snacks and lunches.

Earth Science 11 Field Trip:

On **Friday May 17, 2019** Mr. Eleniak and the Earth Science 11 students will visit the Arctic Institute at Silver City on Kluane Lake to learn about weather patterns and geology. Students will return to the school by 3:00pm.

Victoria Day Holiday:

A reminder to parents and students that **Monday May 20, 2019** is the Victoria Day holiday. There is no school that day.

K4 Orientation and 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. 31st, 2019 to contact the school to begin the K4 Registration process for the 2019-2020 school year. Our K4 Orientation Sessions will be held on **Wednesday May 22, 2019**, from 1:30 – 3:00pm. Please contact the school to confirm your K4 orientation session.

SECS High School Awards & Cap and Gown Ceremony:

A reminder that all parents and community members are invited to join us for our High School Awards and Graduation Cap & Gown Ceremony to be held **on Thursday May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the school gym. We look forward to seeing you at this special ceremony and thank you for your continued support of our high school students' academic growth and accomplishments. Please come celebrate with us!!

SECS Forestry Trail Run:

The annual SECS Forestry Trail Run is on the afternoon of **Friday May 24, 2019 at 1:00pm.** Students will travel to the Forestry Trail by the school bus. Students – please remember to wear sunscreen and a hat, and bring a bag lunch and a water bottle. Everyone is welcome to join us for this event, you can walk or run, and it's lots of fun!

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Elementary Awards Ceremony:

All Parents and community members are invited to attend the St. Elias K4 to Grade 7 Awards Ceremony **Tuesday May 28, 2019 at 6:30pm** in the school gym. It's time to celebrate the "awesomeness" of our K4 - Gr. 7 students along with their academic growth and accomplishments. We look forward to seeing you at the Awards Ceremony.

A supervised childcare room will be available at the school during the awards ceremony for pre-school and young siblings. Parents can enjoy and celebrate the ceremony with their students while the little ones are having fun of their own!

High School Final Exams:

Gr. 8-12 Final Exams are from **May 29 – June 4, 2019**. An exam schedule will be sent home soon. Gr. 8-12 students are expected to attend all scheduled exams and tutorial sessions. Please call the school if you have any questions.

St. Elias Community School Graduation Ceremony:

We invite the community to join us in celebrating this very important milestone for our Graduating class of 2019. The ceremony begins at **4:00pm on Thursday May 30, 2019** at the Convention Center.

Spring Concert:

The SECS annual Spring Concert is **Wednesday June 5, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. at the Convention Centre. Come on out and enjoy the show filled with amazing talent. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. Proceeds go towards future band activities and equipment. See you there!

SECS Field Day:

St. Elias School field day will be **Thursday June 6, 2019**. Student will be outside for the day, dress for the weather. More information will be sent home soon.

SECS / Community BBQ End of Year Celebration:

Friday June 7, 2019 is our last day of school and students will be dismissed at 1:45pm. Report Cards will be sent home with students at the end of the day.

All students, staff, parents and community members are invited to attend a **BBQ lunch at 12:00pm** on the last day of school. Come and celebrate with us!

School Vandalism:

As many of you are aware, there was an incident of vandalism at the school with some windows being broken. We have been working closely with Property Management, the RCMP, school staff, students and parents to learn more about the incident and repair the harm that was caused. We would like to thank Martin Eckervogt and Property Management staff for all their help in getting the school ready for Monday morning. We'd also like to thank our parents for their support, especially the Gr. 2/3 parents for keeping students home on Monday morning so we could make sure the classroom was clean and safe for their return. We have faith and confidence in the young adults in our community, and we look forward to closure of this incident. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Mann or Mr. Eleniak.

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May/June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
12	13	14	15	16	17 - Claire Ness performance. - Gr. 4/5 Wildlife Preserve. - Earth Sci. 11 to Arctic Inst.	18
19	20 VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY	21 Gr. 4/5 Kathleen Lake.	22 - Gr. 2/3 Beringia Center. - John McPhail Soccer sessions K4 Orientation.	23 - Gr. 4/5 St. Elias Hike. - High-school Awards, Cap & Gown.	24 SECS Forestry Trail run.	25
26	27	28 Elementary Awards Night.	29 High-school Exams.	30 High-school Exams. Graduation Ceremony.	31 High-school Exams.	June 1
2	3 High-school Exams.	4 High-school Exams.	5 SECS Spring Concert.	6 SECS Field Day.	7 Last day of School. Dismissal at 1:45pm. BBQ at 12:00!	8