



St. Elias Community School

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We are sending out this quick note to update parents on a few important items.

Flag Day Celebration a Success!

We would like to thank The Honorable Mr. Doug Phillips and Mr. Al Lucier for joining us Monday Feb. 16th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Canadian flag. Their interactive presentation was enjoyed by the students and staff.

Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Spelling Bee:

Congratulations to Brooklyn Miller and Psalm Clunies-Ross for winning the SECS Spelling Bee, and earning the opportunity of representing our school in the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Spelling Bee in Whitehorse on Friday Feb. 20th! We're cheering for you!!

St. Elias Snowshoe Club:

The SECS Snowshoe Club for Gr. 1-4 will be starting up on Thursday February 26th, and will run every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00pm. Parents can send nut free snacks with your child that day. Please help your child remember to wear all their outdoor winter gear. Please contact Ms. Cooper at the school if you have any questions.

Cultural Day Update:

The Gr. 8/9 Southern Tutchone students had the opportunity to go to Burwash Landing for a Cultural Day of Learning this week with Kluane First Nation. Students learned about setting nets under the ice, had demonstrations of sewing with porcupine quills and birch bark basket making, and learned about the different dialects and knowledge of Kluane First Nation traditions. They caught a 26lb Lake Trout, and everyone went home with fish to cook for supper. Students had a great time, and want to say thank you to Mary Jane Johnson and Sherri Atlin from Kluane First Nation for all the help. Kwanischis to Ms. Vivian, Ms. Benjamin and Mr. Samis for making the trip possible.

Wrestling Club:

Any students that are interested in wrestling should add their names to the sign-up sheet posted across from room 9. Watch for further information about this club. You can contact Mr. Allaway at the school if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 20 – Heritage Day holiday
- Feb. 20 – Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Spelling Bee
- Feb. 26 – Gr. 1-4 Snowshoe Club starts
- Feb. 26 – Blood Ties / CAFN HIV/Aids workshop
- Feb. 27 – Jamberries for Gr. 1/2
- Mar. 5 – Winter Carnival

Welcome to Blake!

Please turn over...

Canada Winter Games Update:

Congratulations to Michael Ritchie who is competing in the Canada Winter Games. Michael has achieved 2 personal best times in speed skating already, and competes Wednesday and Friday of this week. Go Michael Go!

HIV/AIDS Presentation – Gr. 8 to 12:

On February 26th students in Gr. 8-12 will have opportunity to attend a 1hr 15min workshop on HIV/AIDS presented by Blood Ties 4 Directions Center and CAFN staff. The session will speak on Safe Sex practices that reduce the risk of acquiring sexually transmitted infections such as HIV/AIDS.

A parent information and consent form is being sent home with students today. We are asking parents to sign and have the form returned to school if they wish for their youth to attend the workshop. Please call Ms. Mann if you have questions or require more information.