



St. Elias Community School

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Happy New Year Everyone!!

We are into the swing of a great 2015 at St. Elias Community School. January is proving to be a very full month with great learning opportunities and events in store for students and staff. Stop in any time and experience firsthand the exciting things that are happening. As we begin a New Year, I would like to extend a very special thank you to our parents and our community for the continued support and assistance with school programs and initiatives.

School Council Update:

A warm welcome and congratulations to Danielle Drummond on her appointment to the SECS School Council. We look forward to working with you on the ongoing support of our students.

A thank you to the SECS School Council for the very successful Silent Auction held in December. Thank you for your hard work in this endeavor.

Also we wish to thank the many parents, community members and businesses who donated items for the Silent Auction. Please accept our appreciation for your ongoing support to St. Elias Community School.

Cross Country Ski Program at St. Elias:

St. Elias grade 1-6 students will have opportunity to participate in our after school Cross Country Ski Club over the next few months. On Mondays starting Jan. 19th the club will be taking students to ski on the Forestry Trails with Ms. Buck, Ms. Cooper and Ms. Cheetham.

Semester 1 Exams:

The last day of Semester One at St. Elias Community School is **Friday January 16th, 2015**. Our Semester Two classes begin on **Monday January 19th, 2015**. High School exams will take place **Wednesday January 14th – Friday January 16th, 2015**. (See Exam Schedule attached to this newsletter).

During SECS Exam days, students in Gr. 8-12 are required to attend all schedule Tutorials and Assignment Completion Sessions to ensure their courses are fully completed by Jan. 16th, 2015.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 12 to 16 – Kids in the Kitchen for Ages 6-9.
- Jan. 14-16 – Semester 1 Exams.
- Jan. 14 – Wednesday Yoga for students during lunch hour and after school.
- Jan. 17 – Soccer Toonie Tournament in Whitehorse.
- Jan. 19 – Cross Country Ski Club meets after school.
- Jan. 19 to 23 – Kids in the Kitchen for ages 9-12.
- Jan. 19 – Parents Cooking Session for Kids in the Kitchen.
- Jan. 29 – Play for Literacy Night 6:30pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome!
- Feb. 5 & 6 – Polar Games in Whitehorse. Grade 6 attending.

Kids in the Kitchen starts next week!!

Students in Grades 1-4 will be Monday to Friday, January 12-16.

Students in Grades 5-7 will be Monday to Friday, January 19-23.

The sessions will start immediately after school and be done by 4:45pm.

Kids in the Kitchen will be hosting a Parent Session on Monday the 19th from 6:30-8:30pm in the school kitchen. We will share ideas on encouraging kids to join us in the kitchen and learn some techniques to create easy and healthy meals kids will enjoy! Please email Courtney at cequinn100@gmail.com or call 335-2258 if you would like to participate. Happy Cooking!

Yoga sessions start soon!

Ms. Buck will be starting the student Yoga program on Wednesday January 14th. Grade 1-7 students interested in Yoga should bring a lunch and meet on the stage for Yoga during the lunch hour. High-School students are invited to meet on the stage right after school. Remember to wear comfortable clothing that allows for easy movement. For more information, please contact Ms. Buck at the school.

Soccer Toonie Tournament:

The annual Soccer Toonie Tournament will be held January 17th in Whitehorse at the Games Center and possibly Yukon College. Our students are scheduled to play approximately three games on Saturday, January 17th. We have three teams signed up for the games. U7 (Grade 1,2,3), U9 (Grade 4,5), and U11 (Grade 6 and 7). If you have any questions, please contact Cindi Cowie at the school.

Literacy Week:

January 26th – 30th is Literacy Week at St. Elias Community School. There are many exciting events being planned for the week. More information will be provided soon. In the mean-while, mark your calendars as St. Elias School will be hosting a **Play For Literacy Event Thursday Jan. 29th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the school gym**. Please bring your family and join us for an evening of board and word games that encourage literacy fun! Plan to make this a family and community event!!!

Grade 4 and Grade 7 Assessments:

Over the next 4 weeks, students in grade 4 and 7 will be preparing for and completing the Foundation Skills Assessment. The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is a set of reading, writing and numeracy tests administered each winter to Yukon and BC students in grades 4 and 7.

FSA does not measure student's ability to memorize specific facts; it measures reading, writing and math problem-solving skills that students have gained during several years of learning. Some of the questions are easy and some are more challenging. Students answer the multiple choice questions on the computer and do their written work in a booklet that goes home to parents by March 31st, along with the student's overall assessment results.

FSA provides a "snapshot" of how well students are doing. Results help answer important questions such as:

- Are all students learning vital skills they will need in school and in life?
- Is student achievement improving over time?
- Are there any trends in student performance at the school, territorial levels?
- How are specific groups of students doing?

For more information, please contact Ms. Mann, Ms. Cheetham or Ms. Robinson-Collin at the school.

Grade 8 to 12 Exam Schedule – January 2015

Wednesday, January 14th

9:00 a.m.

English 8/9 - Exam

Tutorials/Assignment Completion:

9-10:30 - Math 10-12

10:40- 12:00 - Planning 10

Science 11

S.J. 12

Social 10 and 11

1:00 p.m.

French 8/9 (mid-term)

Southern Tutchone 8/9 (mid-term)

Social Studies 10 - Exam

French 10 - Exam

Southern Tutchone 10-12 Exam

Tutorials / Assignment Completion:

1:00 – 2:00 - Math 10-12

Social Studies 11

2:00 – 3:00 - Planning 10

Family Studies 11

Social Justice 12

Social Studies 11

Thursday, January 15th

9:00 a.m.

Math 9 - Exam

Math 10 - Exam

Math 11 and 12 - Exam

Tutorial / Assignment Completion:

Planning 10

Family Studies 11

Social Justice 12

Science 11

1:00 p.m.

Science 8 - Exam

Science 11 - Exam

Tutorial /Assignment Completion

1:00-2:00 Math 10/11/12

2:00-3:00 Planning 10

Family Studies 11

Social Justice 12

Friday, January 16th

9:00 a.m.

Make Up Exams

**** **Grade 8-12 Assignment Completion Sessions******

**** Last day to submit SEM I assignments – 3:00 p.m. deadline

1:00 p.m.

Math 10 B.C. Prov. Exam on Monday, Feb 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Please be in the Computer Room at 8:45 a.m.

There will be scheduled after school study sessions/tutorials the weeks of Jan 19 and Jan 26th for Gr 10 students completing BC exams.

2014-2015 - SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE

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| Kgtn. Rm. 6 | Monica Primozic | Learning Assistant – S. Cooper, R. Buck, & Amber Urisch E.A.’s - Cindi Cowie, Christine Drinnan, Jina Kirk Raven Padmos, Martin Samis, Dianna Symanski Reading Recovery - Sherri Cooper Native Language - Vivian Smith, Doris Allen Counsellor – Rosemary Buck |
| Gr. 1/2 Rm. 112 | Lee Drummond | |
| Gr. 3/4 Rm. 111 | Karmen Cheetham | |
| Gr. 5/6 Rm. 7 | Selena Burton | |
| Gr. 6/7 Rm. 8 | Leisa Robinson-Collin | |

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| <p>1/ 8:31 – 9:10</p> <p>MATH 8 MA Rm. 9 SCIENCE 9 AP Sci. lab ENGLISH 10 & 12 KS Rm. 4 ENGLISH 11 & COMM 12 BE Shop PE 5/6 SB Gym</p> | <p>2/ 9:10 – 9:49</p> <p>MATH 8 MA Rm. 9 SCIENCE 9 AP Sci. lab ENGLISH 10 & 12 KS Rm. 4 ENGLISH 11 & COMM 12 BE Shop FRENCH 6/7 CO Rm. 5 S.TUTCHONE 6/7 VS Rm. 1</p> |
| <p>3/ 10:04 – 10:43</p> <p>MUSIC & DRAMA 8/9 KS Rm.4/Music Rm. WISE 9 - PE AP Gym SCIENCE 10 & PHYSICS 12 MA Rm. 9 EARTH SCIENCE 11 BE Shop FRENCH 5/6 CO Rm. 5 S. TUTCHONE 5/6 VS Rm. 1</p> | <p>4/ 10:43 – 11:23</p> <p>MUSIC & DRAMA 8/9 KS Rm. 4/Music Rm WISE 9 AP Sci. lab SCIENCE 10 & PHYSICS 12 MA Rm. 9 EARTH SCIENCE 11 BE Shop PE 6/7 LR Gym</p> |
| <p>5/ 11:23 – 12:03</p> <p>PE 8/9 MA Gym WISE 9 AP Sci. lab MUSIC 10-12 KS Music Rm ART 10-12 CO Art Rm</p> | <p>6/ 1:00 – 1:40</p> <p>FRENCH 8/9 CO Rm 5 S. TUTCHONE 8/9 VS Rm 1 WISE 9 AP Sci. lab PE 10-12 MA Gym SHOP 11-12 BE Shop</p> |
| <p>7/ 1:40 – 2:20</p> <p>SOCIAL STUDIES 8/9 CO Rm.5/Com Lab WISE 9 AP Sci Lab SOCIALS 10 & FNS 12 KS Rm. 4 SOCIAL STUDIES 11 RB Art Rm PE 1/2 MM Gym MATH 5 SB Rm. 7 MATH 6 BE Shop MATH 7 MA Rm. 9</p> | <p>8/ 2:20 – 3:00</p> <p>SOCIAL STUDIES 8/9 CO Rm 5 / Com Lab WISE 9 AP Sci. lab SOCIALS 10 & FNS 12 KS Rm. 4 SOCIAL STUDIES 11 RB Art Rm PE 3/4 MM Gym</p> |
| <p>TEACHERS:</p> <p>AP – Andy Preto CO – Cyndi O’Rourke MA – Michael Allaway VS – Vivian Smith BE – Brian Eleniak KS – Ken Symanski MM – Maggie Mann RB – Rosemary Buck</p> | |