



# St. Elias Community School

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**January 2013**

## **Happy New Year Everyone!!**

I trust that each of you have had a very enjoyable Christmas break and that 2013 has treated you well so far! We are back into the swing of things at St. Elias Community School and look forward to the year ahead. 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.

## **Cross Country Ski Program at St. Elias:**

St. Elias students will have opportunity to participate in Cross Country Ski lessons and activities over the next few months. Beginning the week of Jan.21, Gr. 2-7 students will receive ski lessons during the day, led by Karrie Brown. The After-school ski club will be led by Lisa Preto. Ski equipment is being provided by Cross Country Yukon to supplement our resources. Please watch for more information to follow. If you have any questions you can contact Ms. Cheetham or Ms. Cooper at the school, 634-2231.

## **Yukon Winters:**

While we have been pretty spoiled this far, a reminder that with our Yukon winters comes the need for students to dress appropriately for extreme winter conditions. Even if students are staying inside for recess, they should wear warm clothing to ensure their warmth and safety to and from school or when traveling on the bus. Do you have extra mitts, scarves, toques, ski pants, to donate to the school? St. Elias Community School will gladly accept donations of warm winter gear to ensure kids enjoy their recess, skiing, skating and outdoor fun. Thank you!

## **Lunch Hour at St. Elias Community School**

St. Elias School's Lunch room is a "busy and happening" place! We are noticing an increase in the number of students staying for lunch on a regular basis. Just a reminder to our parents that in-town students are asked to go home for lunch. We understand that there are rare occasions when in-town students may need to stay for lunch. We ask parents to please call the school in advance. Thank you.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Jan.15 – 18: Mid-Term & Final Exams
- Jan.18: Bi-Cultural Program Elders Tea
- Jan.18: Last Day of Semester I  
Jan.21: First Day of Semester II
- Jan.21: After School Ski Club begins
- Jan.23: Gr. 6-12 Wednesdays after-school Badminton starts
- Jan.24: Thursdays Community Badminton starts
- Jan.24-25: Yukon Women in Trades and Technology Carpentry Workshops
- Jan.24: Play for Literacy Event
- Jan.28: High-School Report Cards sent home
- Jan.28-29: B.C. Provincial Exams for Gr. 10 & 12

Welcome to our newest student, Marlee in Grade 9!

### **St. Elias Community School – Bi-Cultural Program:**

As part of our Bi-Cultural Program, the Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2 and 3 classes are hosting an Elders Tea. Staff and Students are inviting Elders to our school for tea and treats. We are hosting the Elders Tea in the Library on **Friday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m.** We do need some help providing the treats so we are asking each student to bring in any of the following: a dozen of a dessert (squares, cookies), muffins, fruit, veggies, crackers and cheese or any other treat.

The students will be paired with an Elder to serve them as well as read a short story to them. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank-you, Ms. Primoic, Mr. Drummond and Ms. Cheetham

### **Semester One Draws to a Close:**

January 18, 2013 is the last day of Semester One at St. Elias Community School. Our Second Semester classes begin on Monday, January 21, 2013. High School Final Exams for semester one courses and Mid-term exams for all linear courses will take place **Tuesday, January 15 – Friday, January 18. (See Exam Schedule at the end of this newsletter).**

### **Play for Literacy Event:**

Sunday January 27 is Family Literacy Day!! To help celebrate this annual event St. Elias School and School Council is hosting a **Play For Literacy Event Thursday Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 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! School Council will be providing tasty snacks! Plan to make this a family and community event!!!

### **It's Badminton Time!**

Starting January 23, Badminton practice will begin in the school gym. Gr. 6-12 students will practice **Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4:30pm**, Open practice for the Community will be **Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30pm**. For more information, you can contact Mr. Allaway and Ms. Allison at the school. See you there!

### **Yukon Women in Trades and Technology Workshops:**

Yukon Women in Trades and Technology is offering a **FREE** two evening workshop on Carpentry to high-school girls and community adult women. The workshops will take place at the school on **January 24-25, 4:00 – 6:00pm**. To register please contact Maggie Mann at 634-2231, email [kim@yukonwitt.org](mailto:kim@yukonwitt.org) or call Yukon WITT at 667-4441. The deadline to register is Monday Jan. 21.

### **Scent Sensitivity:**

There are a number of staff and students at St. Elias School who are allergic to scents and perfumes. In consideration of these sensitivities, we respectfully ask that parents, visitors to our school, and students avoid use of strong perfumes and personal products. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Ballet and Dance Classes:**

A fantastic partnership with Yukon College is bringing Ballet / Dance Classes to St. Elias Community School and the Community of Haines Junction. Rebecca Reynolds, from Northern Lights School of Dance is offering the following dance classes within our PE classes and through after school programming every **Tuesday until the end of March**. Rebecca will be offering a variety of dance, movement, gymnastics and chorographic style classes in our PE blocks and we are looking forward to this new active fun!

After school classes began last Tuesday but you can still register and join the fun!!! We had an excellent response and lots of participants so join in!! Please stop by the school to complete a Yukon College registration form. The fee is \$30.00. After School Classes for ages 5-6 - 3:01-3:25; ages 7-12, 3:30-4:30; Teen Dance ages 13-18, 4:45-5:45; Sassy Dance – Adults 6:15-7:15.

## Grade 8 to 12 Exam Schedule – January 2013

Please note: No classes are scheduled for grades 8 through 12 on January 15 – 18. Students will use time between exams to attend supervised Study Sessions at school or study at home. High School students that are completing correspondence courses can receive instructional support as well.

All students are required to stay at least 1 hour in each exam session. Some exams may have longer minimum times.

B.C. Provincial Exam Tutorials for Grade 10 and 12 have been scheduled to prepare students for the writing of these exams in late January. Student attendance at these Tutorials is expected.

### Tuesday, January 15

8:45 a.m.

English 10 BCP Tutorial  
English 12 BCP Tutorial  
Study Hall

1:00 p.m.

Science 8  
English 9  
French 11/12  
Native Language 11/12  
Study Hall

### Wednesday, January 16

8:45 a.m.

English 8  
Shop 9/10  
Home Ec. 9/10  
English 12 BCP Tutorial  
Study Hall

1:00 p.m.

Math 8  
Math 10 BCP Tutorial  
Home Ec. 11/12  
Shop 11/12  
Study Hall

### Thursday, January 17

8:45 a.m.

Math 9  
Math 10  
English 11  
English 12 BCP Tutorial  
Study Hall

1:00 p.m.

Social Studies 8  
Planning 10  
Chemistry 11  
Social Justice 12  
Study Hall

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**Friday, January 18**

**8:45 a.m.**

**Math 10 BCP Tutorial  
Exam Make up Session**

**1:00 p.m.**

**English 10 BCP Tutorial  
Exam Make up Session**

**\*\* Semester II regular classes begin Monday, Jan 21st. \*\***

**British Columbia Provincial Exam Dates:**

**Math 10 – Monday, January 28 - 9:00 a.m.**

**English 12 – Monday, January 28 - 9:00 a.m.**

**English 10 – Tuesday, January 29 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Students writing the BC Provincial Exams are asked to arrive at school by 8:45 a.m.**