



# St. Elias Community School

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**November 26, 2014**

This month is a busy month at St. Elias Community School. As December approaches and with all that comes with Christmas, we take time to stop and appreciate each other and this beautiful community we live in.

### **Student-Led Conferences:**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU to the Kindergarten to Grade 12 students, parents and guardians for attending our Student Led Conferences on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We had just over 90% participation. We would like our parents and guardians to know how much we appreciate and value your involvement and support with student achievement. The sense of pride and ownership of their learning demonstrated by our students during these conferences is so encouraging and exciting to see! It was a great day of sharing and learning together.

### **Volleyball Update:**

The Jr. Volleyball Team recently attended the Jr. Volleyball Championship tournament in Whitehorse. They competed against teams from around the Yukon, played well and showed great team spirit. They were excellent representatives of our school. A huge thank you to our Coaches Ms. O'Rourke and Ms. Symanski for making the trip a reality.

The Sr. Volleyball Team will be attending the Sr. Volleyball Championship games Nov. 27 & 28. The team will play Thursday night and Friday. Go Eagles Go!!

### **A Note from our St Elias School Council:**

The St. Elias School Council will be hosting a **Silent Auction** during the School Christmas Concert on **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. We are seeking donations for the Silent Auction. This can include new items, baking, gift certificates, work donations and any "gently" used items (to suggest a few). If you have something to donate, please contact **Jeannine St. Marie, Millie Joe, Catherine Allaway, Tracy Kane or Diane Strand**.

The proceeds of the Silent Auction go toward supporting projects and programming for the students attending St. Elias.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Nov. 27 – Gr. 10-12 Career Expo at Kwanlin Dun Center.
- Nov. 27 & 28 – Sr. Volleyball Championships.
- Nov. 28 – Jersey day at St. Elias School!
- Dec. 3 – Arctic Sports Inter-school Championships.
- Dec. 17 – SECS Band playing at the Kluane Lake School Christmas Concert.
- Dec. 18 – SECS Christmas Concert and Silent Auction.
- Dec. 22, 2014 to Jan. 2, 2015 Christmas Break
- Jan. 12-16 – Kids in the Kitchen for 6-9 year olds.
- Jan. 13 - High-School Exams this week.
- Jan. 19-23 – Kids in the Kitchen for 9-12 year olds.

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### **St. Elias Cultural Events:**

Last week our students in Gr.10-12 Southern Tutchone class had a great opportunity to set and snare rabbits with Ms. Vivian and Diane Benjamin as part of the cultural components of their course. Our students were excited on their successful outing and enjoyed learning how to skin, prepare and cook the rabbit meat during a cultural meal with fried bannock prepared by our Southern Tutchone students on Friday.

On Monday of this week the Gr. 8/9 Southern Tutchone and French students along with Ms. Smith, Ms. Allen, Ms. Benjamin, Ms. O'Rourke and our French consultant Catherine Boldec-Gagnon prepared more fried rabbit and delicious Indian Tacos. On Wednesday the group created mouthwatering crepes. Many thanks to our wonderful student chefs and to the many helpers over the past week to make these events possible.



### **Career Expo:**

Students in Grades 10 -12 will be attending the Career Expo at the Kwanlin Dun Culture Center on Thursday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. The Career Fair will offer valuable information and resources to help our students plan for careers and post-secondary learning options. Colleges and universities from western Canada will be available to meet with our students, as will potential employers who can answer questions regarding the labor market.

### **Christmas Break:**

Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> is our last day of school before the Christmas Break. The Christmas break is from Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. **Students and Staff return to school on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Kids in the Kitchen is Back!!!!**

We are excited to present KITK 2.0 for ages 6-12 in the New Year. This year we will run the program every day after school for a full week for each age group.

Ages 6-9: January 12-16

Ages 9-12: January 19-23

The program will run from 3:00pm - 4:45pm. If there are children participating in evening sports (hockey, dance etc.) please let Courtney Quinn know your schedule in advance as she will have the group make a healthy meal to share before practice on those days.

Courtney will also run a parent cooking class if there is a demonstrated interest. Sign-up sheets will be available in the school office after December 1st and must be returned before the school is closed for the Holidays, Dec. 19, 2014. Please call Courtney at 335-2258 if you have any questions. Happy Cooking!

### **Health and Safety Reminders:**

As winter is upon us, please be sure to send your children to school with appropriate winter gear. It is recommended for all students to have snow pants, winter jackets, winter boots, mitts, and hats for the duration of the winter months. This will ensure each student's safety and comfort during recess time this winter. Please help your child dress for Yukon winters!