



St. Elias Community School

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September and now October are proving to be incredibly busy months at S.E.C.S with some amazing events happening K4 – 12. There are many new projects happening in our classrooms that focus on student learning and student success. We have an awesome staff – both old and new, and we look forward to working with your children and you to make this a wonderful year in school.

Yukon Schools Procedure for Surveillance of Communicable Diseases in School Settings

School observation of communicable diseases such as influenza-like-illness and stomach flu, is important for gathering information on disease occurrence in the general population as well as understanding events occurring in a particular school.

Reporting significant communicable diseases and high absenteeism rates is a responsibility of the Department of Education (as to an Agreement between Health and Social Services and Education, September 1st, 2010). Yukon Schools have been provided with forms entitled “Yukon School Surveillance Reporting Tool”. If on any given day, our absenteeism is higher than usual due to illness (i.e. 5-10% or higher), the school is required to complete the report form and provide it to the Haines Junction Health Centre.

Part of the reporting includes the school providing up to 4 student names and parent contact information. Either the Health Centre or Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) will call the affected persons to obtain more information about the illness. St. Elias Community School will endeavor to contact parents at the time of reporting. However, if you would rather the school not submit your student’s name or contact information to the Health Centre, please contact the school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 23rd -25th – High School Cultural Camp.
- Sept. 25th – Gr. 4-7 Cultural Camp.
- Sept. 26th – Terry Fox Run 1:00pm at the Muffin.
- Sept. 27th -28th – Gr. 9-12 Volleyball Team attends the Jr. Volleyball Tournament in Whitehorse.
- Sept. 30th – High School Challenge Day.
- Oct. 4th - Kg to Gr.3 Cultural visit to DaKu Cultural Center, 9:00am to 12:00pm.
- Oct. 7th -18th – Dental Therapist in the School.
- Oct. 29th – 30th – Photo Days at St. Elias School.

St. Elias Community School Culture Camp Reminder

On September 23rd – 25th, students and staff in Grades 8 -12 are attending a three day Culture Camp at Klukshu. Cultural activities will include setting rabbit traps; traditional preparation, drying and smoking of Moose meat, a stick gambling games, traditional medicine plant talks, and other cultural related activities.

We will be leaving from the school first thing Monday morning and returning by the end of the school day on Wednesday Sept. 25th. Should you have any questions about this trip, feel free to contact Mr. Will Jones, Mr. Brian Eleniak or Ms. Maggie Mann at the S.E.C.S. at 634-2231.

The Elementary Grades 4-7 will have their Cultural Camp day on Wednesday Sept. 25th. They will also be spending the day at Klukshu, and will be leaving the school first thing in the morning on the 25th.

The Kindergarten to Gr.3 classes will be participating in cultural activities at the Daku Culture Center on Friday October 4th. More information will be sent home regarding this event.

Terry Fox Run

Dust off your running shoes and join us for the annual Terry Fox Run this **Thursday Sept. 26th**. We will meet at the Muffin at 1:10pm with a 1:15pm start time. Donations are accepted at the school and we are trying to beat our total funds raised last year, \$724.91. We look forward to seeing you at this worthwhile community event.

Volleyball Tournament

The S.E.C.S. high school volleyball team will be competing in the Early Bird volleyball tournaments in Whitehorse on **Friday Sept. 27th – Saturday Sept. 28th**. The team will leave the school at 2:00pm on the 27th and return at 4:30pm on the 28th. Team players should have their \$30 uniform deposit and permission forms submitted to the Coach, Ms. O'Rourke, prior to the event.

Challenge Day

St. Elias Community School and our School Council are very pleased to announce that Challenge Day will be held on **Monday, Sept. 30th, 2013**. Challenge Day is an educational program that supplements our school and community efforts to increase self esteem, help shift dangerous peer pressure to positive pressure and reduce the acceptability of teasing, bullying, oppression and all forms of violence. Our High School students from Grade 8 – 12 along with staff, community resource people and facilitators from Challenge Day will participate in a day long interactive program that provides our teens and adults with tools to model diversity awareness, create connections and build community. Student Invitation and permission slips have been provided to all high school students, so please watch for these. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Liu or Ms. Mann at the school.

Dental Therapist Visit in October

The dental therapist will be at St. Elias School from **October 7-18, 2013**. At this time Jennifer Kay will be preparing children enrolled in the program for dental exams. Dental exams will be on October 16, 2013. If you would like to contact the Jennifer while she is here, you can call the dental room at 634-7078, or the school office at 634-2231.

Cellphone Policy:

Just a reminder that our School Cell Phone Policy requires all cell phones to be turned off and not used in the school at any time. Cell phone use is limited to outside the school building. Please take some time and review this policy with your youth. St. Elias staff appreciates your support with this.