



St. Elias Community School

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Winter is gently creeping up on us, with a lot of foggy mornings this year. With the return of darker mornings we would like to remind everyone that for student and public safety, youth or children should have reflective clothing or reflective materials on backpacks, bikes, and outerwear. Thank you to the School Council, who have provided great reflector lights for our students to use. Be seen and be safe everyone!

Parking Lot Safety:

If you are using the West end parking lot to pick up or drop off students, we ask that for the safety of Bus students you enter the lot from St. Elias Street and exit onto Bakke Street.

SECS School Photos:

On **Tuesday November 8, and Wednesday November 9, 2016** Wilson Studios will be here to take our school photos.

Grad photos will be taken on Tuesday Nov. 8 during the afternoon. Payment for Grad photos will not be taken at the time of the sitting. Grad/Parents will choose their photo package online and payment arrangements will be made with Wilson Studios. The W.I.S.E. Program students will also have their photos taken on Tuesday.

Family photo sittings will be scheduled for the evening of **Tuesday Nov. 8**. If you would like to have a family sitting, please contact Shawn at the school to book a time.

Classroom and Individual Photos will be taken Wednesday Nov. 9. A school photo package order form will be sent home this week. All individual and class photo orders must be pre-paid. Please be sure to send the order form and payment back to the office by **Monday Nov. 7, 2016**. Cheques must be made payable to WILSON STUDIOS.

K4 and Kindergarten photos will be taken in the morning of Nov. 9th, so we are asking that **ALL K4 and Kindergarten students attend school in the morning only on Wednesday Nov. 9, 2016**.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 8 – High-School report cards sent home.

Nov. 8 – Grad photos and WISE photos taken. Family sittings available this evening.

Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 2:10

Nov. 9 – Class and individual student photos taken.

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day holiday. School closed.

Nov. 17&18 – Gr. 6/7 Volleyball tournament.

Nov. 30 – Student Led Conferences, Kg-Gr.12

Welcome Back to Piper in Gr. 6!

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A reminder to parents that SECS is a nut free school. We ask that if you send Halloween candies for your student's snack, that they do not contain nuts or nut products. Thank you for your understanding

Health & Safety Fair:

St. Elias Community School would like to send out a great big thank you to the School Council for their support and partnership in coordinating the recent Health & Safety Fair held at the school. Thank you also to the presenters, the Haines Junction RCMP, Emergency Measures Services, Yukon Fire Marshalls, Mental Health, Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, Alcohol and Drug Services, and Cassandra Wheeler. Thank you to everyone who took part in the fair! It was a great day of fun and learning.

Bill Bestiole French Concert:

On **Tuesday Nov. 8th** students will enjoy an interactive musical presentation with Naturalist Bill Bestiole. Students will learn to recognize the TRUE nature of insects and other critters. With music and laughter, we tame our fears and learn to love these unknown creatures that we call insects!

In addition to all the fun, Bill Bestiole's show meets several interesting educational objectives:

- Empowering youth and highlighting their abilities
- Promoting youth and their capabilities
- Learning in a challenging environment
- Developing a sense of wonder and healthy fun
- Respecting nature and its living beings
- Being open to different cultures and customs

For more, check out Bill Bestiole's videos on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/130580514>

Remembrance Day:

SECS will be recognizing Remembrance Day in a school assembly on Wednesday Nov.9, 2016 at 2:10pm. Remembrance Day holiday is Friday November 11, 2016. School is closed on this day.

Report Cards:

Gr. 8-12 Reports Cards will be sent home on Tuesday Nov. 8, 2016. This is a good opportunity to review your youth's progress with them for this first term. If you have any questions regarding these report cards or would like additional copies, we welcome you to call that course's teacher at the school.

SECS Ski Club Kick-Off:

SECS Ski Club is planning to take a group of skiers on a fun day of skiing and games on the Whitehorse Ski trails on **Thursday, November 24, 2016**. Please see Mr. Allaway, Ms Cooper or Ms Buck if your child is interested. The deadline to register your child for this trip is Nov. 9, 2016. Permission forms will follow once you have registered your child.