



St. Elias Community School

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Terry Fox Run:

“A Great Big Thank You” to the students, staff, parents and community members who participated in our Terry Fox Run event at the end of September. Through your amazing generosity, we raised \$801.66 this year! Way to go everyone!

Halloween Carnival:

This year’s School / Community Halloween Carnival will be held the afternoon of **Monday October 31, 2016** in the gym. Students are invited to come dressed in their costumes and participate in all the fun activities starting at 1:00pm.

K4 / Kindergarten students will attend their regular morning class from 8:31 – 10:30am. All K4-Kg students are invited to attend the Halloween Carnival with a parent.

We look forward to sharing this afternoon with our parents and community. Don’t miss the annual Jello Eating Contest set for 2:40pm. See you there!

First Nations Art History Presentation:

Dr. Ukjese Van Kampen has researched Yukon First Nations’ anthropology and history, and teaches how these areas influence Yukon First Nations art, including beading patterns. Dr. Van Kampen will be giving presentations of his research and facilitating copper paint art workshops for grade 5 to 8 students on **Monday October 17 and Tuesday October 18, 2016.**

Internet & Digital Citizenship / Cyber Bullying Information Sessions:

This **Wednesday October 19, 2016** BYTE Empowering Youth organization will be offering a series of workshops for grades 6-12 students at our school. In these interactive sessions students will learn what Digital Citizenship and Cyber Bullying is, explore the differences between positive / negative, fun / mean messages, and what to do when you see cyber bullying taking place.

We are also offering a Parent Session! Parents are invited to an evening Information Session on **Oct. 19, 2016 at 5:30 to 7:30pm** at the school. This session will equip parents in supporting their youth in using social media, more about digital citizenship, privacy settings, cyber bullying, blocking, digital footprints and online trends. All parents are welcome to attend.

Dentist Visits:

Dr. Sammy Hachem will be visiting the school to complete dental procedures on the following three days: **Friday Oct. 21, Tuesday Oct. 25, & Friday Oct. 28, 2016.** If the Dental Therapists have sent a dental permission form for your child / youth, please sign and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Parental consent is needed for youth / children to be seen by Dr. Hachem.

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Upcoming Events:

Oct. 19 –Internet Safety Workshops

Oct. 19 – Internet Safety Parent Info Session 5:30 – 7:30pm

Oct. 25 – Health & Safety Fair

Oct. 31 – SECS Halloween Carnival 1:00-3:00pm

Nov. 1 to 3 – Gr. 8-12 mid-term exams

Nov. 8 – High-School Report Cards sent home

Nov. 8 – Grad photo day

Nov. 9 – Individual and class photo day

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day

SECS / School Council Safety Fair:

On **Tuesday October 25, 2016** St. Elias Community School Council and SECS are sponsoring a Health and Safety Fair for students, parents and the community. The Safety Fair will be held in the gym from 9:30am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm. There will be many exciting presentations and activities focused on health and safety. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of fun and learning.

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. Be seen and be safe everyone!

Interim Reports – Gr. 8 to 12:

Interim Reports for grade 8-12 were sent home last week with our students. Please take this opportunity to review the reports with your child and talk about their progress and steps for further success. If you have any questions please feel free to contact high-school staff at the school.

Midterm Exams:

First Semester midterm exams for Gr. 8-12 students will occur **Tuesday November 1, 2016 to Thursday November 3, 2016**. These assessments are completed during regular class time. If you have questions regarding your student's progress, please contact their subject teacher at the school.

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.

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. Payment for family photos is made directly to Ron Wilson at the time of the appointment.

Classroom and Individual Photos will be taken Wednesday Nov. 9. A school photo package order form will be sent home next 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 no later than Friday Nov. 4, 2016. Cheques can 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.**

Scent Sensitivities:

We would like to send out a reminder to parents, students and visitors to our school that because of scent allergies we are a scent free school. We ask that you not wear perfumes or strongly scented products into the school to minimize allergic reactions. Thank you for your consideration.