



St. Elias Community School

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Important Announcements:



CAFN Jordan's Principle Food Program will start up this **Monday Sept. 11th** with full service of breakfast, snack and lunches for students.

Meet & Greet BBQ follow up:

Thank you everyone who was able to come out to our annual community Meet & Greet BBQ on Thursday. It was great to see our families and enjoy a meal. Thank goodness it didn't rain after all! As always, if you would like to know more about your child/youth's teachers or classes, feel free to call us.

CAFN Jordan's Principle Food Program:

The food program staff have started full food service for this year. Thank you to our parents for your patience while the program secured a working space (Frosty Freeze) and set up for the year. If you were signed up last year, you do not need to sign up again. If you are new to our school, you can request a sign up form any time.

Lunch Time Reminder:

Supervision of students during the lunch hour can be very challenging as we are short staffed. For those new families and a reminder for all our families, the expectation is that students who do not ride the bus will be going home for lunch each day. Students are welcome back to school at 12:30 to play outside on the playground until 1:00 when they are called back to classes.

If you will be working or away during the lunch hour you can call us at the school to have your child/youth stay for lunch. This will give us much needed time to make sure adequate supervision is in place.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday Sept. 13, 2023:

- Gr. 8-12 Canoeing at Pine Lake

Sept. 21 – 22, 2023

- National Geographic Outdoor Survival camp

Wednesday Sept 26, 2023:

- Terry Fox Run. 1:05pm from the muffin landmark

Sept. 27-28, 2023:

- **NEW DATE:** Sexual Health Education sessions

Thursday Sept 28, 2023:

- CAFN Career Fair

Friday Sept 29, 2023:

- Orange Shirt Day at SECS

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY!



Tuesday Oct. 3, 2023

for K4 – Gr.12

Reading Assessments:

Just a reminder to parents that students from Kindergarten to Gr.7 are currently participating in reading assessments with one-to-one support. They will be removed from the classroom to complete these assessments.

High School Canoeing – Sept. 13, 2023:

Students in Gr. 8-12 will be participating in an afternoon of canoeing at Pine Lake. Each student will have the opportunity to paddle in the CAFN traditional dugout canoe, and learn canoe skills in modern canoes with our certified teacher instructors, Mr. Surroca, Ms. Leger and Mr. Allaway. Please make sure that consent forms are signed and returned to the school, as this type of field trip will not be able to take phone in consent for liability and safety reasons.

Berry Picking Field Trip:

Students from the Kindergarten and Gr. 1/2 class will be going berry picking near the gun range on Sept. 14th, 2023. Students will be transported to and from the event in the school activity van. Please make sure students are dressed for the weather with warm clothing, boots, and coat.

Outdoor Survival Camp – Sept. 21 – 22, 2023:

Students in Gr. 4-10 will have the opportunity to participate in an outdoor survival camp experience with National Geographic star Hazen Audel. Students will be transported to Pine Lake by bus according to the following schedule:

- **Thur. Sept. 21** – Gr. 7 and 8 leave at 12:00 and return by 3:00pm.
- **Fri. Sept. 22** – K4 – Gr.3 students participate in activities in the school. Gr. 4 - 10 leave at 10:30am for Pine Lake and return by 3:00pm.

Consent forms will be sent home this Monday Sept. 11, 2023. Please make sure that consent forms are signed and returned to the school, as this type of field trip will not be able to take phone in consent for liability and safety reasons. Students should be dressed according to the weather with warm clothing, boots, rain gear. Please bring a bag lunch and snacks from home for the day as we will not be returning to the school for lunch.



ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN:

Lace up your sneakers and join us for the annual Terry Fox Run on **Tuesday Sept. 26th**. Meet at the muffin at 1:05pm.

Student Enrollment:

Registrations for new student enrolments can be picked up at the school office, or email Shawn Allen at shawn.allen@yukon.ca for an electronic copy of the enrolment forms.



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CAFN Career Fair:

Students in Gr. 4-12 will attend the CAFN Career Fair on Thursday Sept. 28, 2023. Students will walk to DaKu to view information booths from a variety of companies and organizations from Canada and Alaska.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

Monday Oct. 2nd is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Every year our school recognizes this day with Orange Shirt Day. We wear orange to recognize the legacy of the residential school system in Canada. This year, we will have Orange Shirt Day on Friday Sept. 29th. Remember to wear orange this day!



School Messenger Communication System:

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper sent home, Yukon Schools are using a computerized system of communication called School Messenger. This system uses contact information from the ASPEN student tracking system.

St. Elias Community School will be using School Messenger on a regular basis to email notices of upcoming scheduled events, newsletters, food program updates, and information that you will need to know about. We will continue to send home important paper documents such as student reports, field trip consent forms, and anything that requires a signature.

To facilitate accurate and complete communication, we have sent home a quick update form on Friday, to get all families' contact information up to date. We are attaching the form to this newsletter as well to ensure you get a copy.

Please take the time to fill out the form and return it to your classroom teacher or to the office by the end of September. In future if you have a change in phone number or address, please update the school as soon as possible so that these messages will continue to get to you.

