



# St. Elias Community School

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## **A Successful REM week:**

Last week SECS had the great pleasure of hosting the 2017 Gr. 10-12 REM (Rural Experiential Model) program for 9 rural Yukon schools. We had a week of exciting learning activities and events that were made possible by many local businesses and visiting support people.

A special Thank You goes out to the following community members for their contributions to the week. A huge shout out to Bonnie Chambers for the 2 wonderful dinners she and her crew prepared. Donna, Noella, and the staff at the Village of Haines Junction for their assistance and use of the Convention Center facilities; CAFN staff for their participation, assistance and use of the Daku Culture Center facility throughout the week; 14 Acre Farms for catering and teaching Culinary Arts; Julie Bauer, Russel Osborne, Chuck Hume, Vivian Smith, Joan Graham and Sheila Kushniruk and Levi Graham for their assistance and support with REM sessions throughout the week. Thank you to St. Elias high-school staff who were session leaders throughout the week as well as providing evening sessions. It takes a community to host an event such as REM and collectively we rocked it! Well done everybody!

We would also like to thank students of St. Elias Community School for their warm and enthusiastic welcome to the visiting students, teachers, instructors and REM coordinators visiting our school. We are very proud of your excellent representation of our school community and Champagne & Aishihik First Nations.

## **Terry Fox Run:**

Join us for the annual Terry Fox Run this **Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017**. We will meet at the Muffin and be ready to start for 1:15pm. Donations are accepted at the school office. Our goal this year is to raise \$1,800.

Parent volunteers are invited to join our run with our elementary classes accompanying them along the route. Please let your classroom teacher know if you can help out. We look forward to seeing you at this worthwhile community event.

## **Orange Shirt Day, Every Child Matters**

This **Friday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** is National Orange Shirt Day to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remember those that didn't. We wear orange shirts in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. St. Elias staff and students are planning to fill the hallways and classrooms with orangeness. We invite parents to join in.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Sept. 28 – Terry Fox Run.

Sept. 29 – Orange Shirt Day.

Oct. 6 – Teachers Professional Development Day – no classes this day.

Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving Holiday.

Welcome to our new students,  
Laura in Gr.5 and Anthony in  
Gr.12!

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**St. Elias Community School Professional Development Day:**

With the introduction of the Yukon Education Curriculum Re-design, Yukon schools have been granted 5 Professional Development Days throughout the year to assist with the planning and implementation of changes associated with the new curriculum.

SECS Professional Development days for curriculum re-design work were identified and approved with the 2017-18 School Calendar. St. Elias staff will participate in professional development sessions on the following days.

1. Friday Oct.6, 2017
2. Friday Nov.10,
3. Friday Jan.19,
4. Monday Feb.26,
5. Friday Apr. 27, 2018

As noted above, **Friday October 6, 2017** is the first of our professional development days for staff. There is no school for students on this day.

**Yukon Children's Dental Program:**

Dental consent forms for the Yukon Children's Dental Program this year are being sent home today. Please fill out and sign this form and return it to your child's teacher or the school office. Once the dates that the Dental Therapist / Dentist will be visiting our school are set, we will notify parents.