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ÉCOLE WHITEHORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL We speak, we care, we grow, I belong

We've Been Busy!



We finally celebrated the 40th Anniversary of French Immersion in Whitehorse, which started in February, 1981. Artist Nathalie Parenteau's mural is a beautiful and joy filled representation of what French Immersion means to our students. Thanks to the generosity of the ÉWES School Council, Artists in the School, the Department of Education's French Cultural programs and our own Fundraising, we were able to fulfill our dream to see this art on our school.

To honour residential school survivors and their families, we planted a Garden of Dreams. Each heart is unique. We held an assembly, read *Stolen Words*, and planted our hearts to honour National Truth and Reconciliation Day.



Pizza Day:

Pizza Lunch - October 28 Hallowe'en Costumes

Hallowe'en:

October 31, NO COSTUMES & Nov. 1 NO CANDY thanks

Remembrance Day

Friday, November 11 - No school; Remembrance Day Assemblies @ EWES -November 10th am.

Pizza Day:

Pizza Lunch - November 25 PJ Day

Written Progress Reports:

Reports sent home on December 9

Pizza Day:

Pizza Lunch - December 16th Ugly Sweater Day

School Calendar

https:// www.whitehorseelementary. com/







Flesh and Bone Flash Mob!

It was a perfect 20 minutes in a day of ugly weather; 477 students gathered outside to sing and dance to Flesh and Bone, lead by their fearless music leader Mme Marie-Maude. Once the song concluded and the leaves were flying, the weather turned nasty! What fun. Thank you Mme Marie-Maude. Merci Austin for his artist representation of the day - captures the joy!



Mme Amberly's grade 6 class enjoys an afternoon of archery. All grade 6 & 7s classes participate in Outdoor Education every 3 weeks.



Bell Schedule: School starts at 8:24 and dismissal is at 3:06; two minutes were added for the Official Day of Mourning for Elizabeth

Allergy Alert

We have students with peanut/ tree nut allergies and sensitivity to scents. Send only nut-free foods to school. Thank you for your cooperation.





Tumble Books: Did you know you have access to French and English books, either to read or have them read aloud with Tumble Books?

https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/

User name: Yukon Password: Books

This week, I recommend: **Ish,** by Peter H. Reynolds.

Ish

Ramon loved to draw. Anytime. Anything. Anywhere.

Drawing is what Ramon does. It's what makes him happy. But in one split second, all that changes. A single reckless remark by Ramon's older brother, Leon, turns Ramon's carefree sketches into joyless struggles. Luckily for Ramon, though, his little sister, Marisol, sees the world differently. She opens his eyes to something a lot more valuable than getting things just "right." Combining the spareness of fable with the potency of parable, Peter Reynolds shines a bright beam of light on the need to kindle and tend our creative flames with care.

A creative spirit learns that thinking "ish-ly" is far more wonderful than "getting it right" in this gentle new fable from the creator of the award-winning picture book THE DOT.

Check it out @

https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/book.aspx?id=4702

Functional Skills Assessment:

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. We are conducting these assessments in our school now. Contact your child's classroom teacher if you would like details. Assessment administration will run **Oct. 3 - Nov. 10, 2022**.

Healthy Behaviours Assessment:

A research team centred at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario has been collecting information about the health and health behaviours of Canadian students in Grades 6-10 every four years for over 30 years as part of an international effort involving Canada and 50 other countries. The purpose of the research is to compare the health and health behaviours of adolescents across time and across countries and provinces/territories. This information is used to provide contemporary evidence about the health of our children, to support health promotion efforts in schools, communities and countries. The grade 6 & 7 classes will be completing the survey at EWES on Thursday, October 27. All students received information about the survey last week. If you have questions, please contact Mme Sharon for information.



Guess what? It **rains and snows** in the Yukon. While we are usually prepared for those cold days, we now have to plan for the wet ones. Yes, we have recess regardless of the precipitation. So please dress for all weather. Check out our cold weather policy on the website. Let's get some fresh air and head outside!

ÉWES School Council:

We have a new council for the next two years. Please join me in welcoming Laura Lang, Thane Phillips, Sarah Gallina, Donna-Marie Haughton, Ron Davis, Alisha McLean, Johanna Havelaar to the team.

The school council meets on the third Monday of every month. The next meeting will be held on November 21st at 6pm. All are welcome.

We would like to thank the School Council for their generous contribution to the mural project and for purchasing two much needed speakers for our school. Merci.

Communicating Student Progress:

Thank you families for your participation in our Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you were unable to attend so any reason, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. This is a first opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps.

From our School Counsellors:

School Counsellors are available for consultation and support to children and families in our school community. Our counsellors Mme. Angela and Mme. Kat work in classrooms to support social-emotional aspects of the curriculum for all students, and can meet individually with children to help with specific needs. Don't hesitate to contact our counsellors at the school directly at either angela.clark@yukon.ca or Katherine.roberts@yukon.ca



Yukon First Nations Education Directorate, YFNED is able to support First Nations students and families in many different ways. YFNED is continuing to support snacks and lunches in the school and can support learning needs of students on an individual and classroom basis. We are working with YFNED to develop collaborative programming that reflects First Nations ways of learning for all students in our school community. Please reach out to Olive Morland our YFNED Advocate if you would like to learn more about some of the ways that YFNED could support your child/family member at olive.morland@yfned.ca, or contact Olive through the YFNED office at 667.6962.

YFNED Nutrition Support

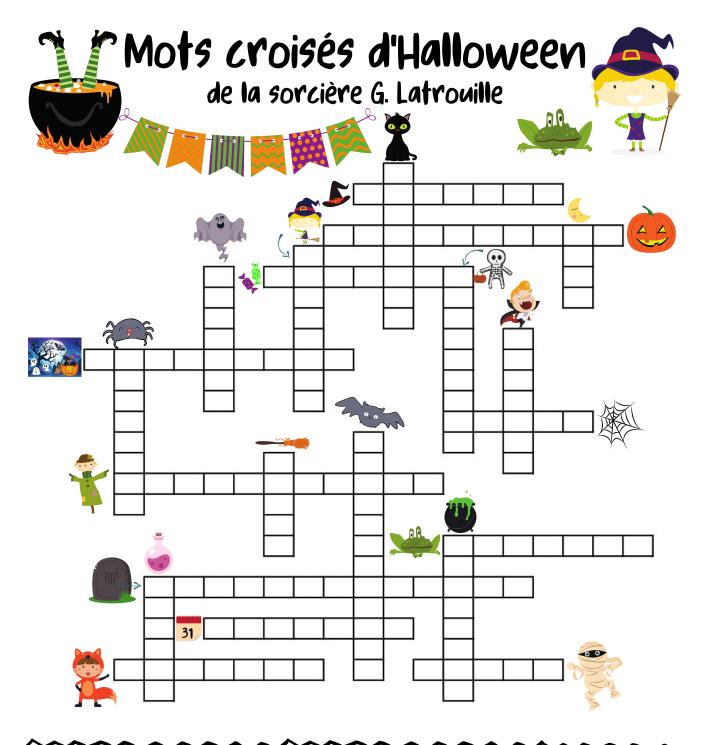
If there are any First Nations families in the school community that would like to pick up a pre-prepared dinner on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, or have a bi-weekly grocery bag delivery please contact olive.morland@yfned.ca or Mme. Kat for further information.

Hallowe'en at EWES: Friday, October 28th is Pizza Lunch Day. We invite students to come dressed in their Halloween costumes for the day. Please take care - leave weapons at home and make sure that the masques are kindergarten friendly. Monday, October 31 - no costumes please.

- Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and lowflying brooms.
- Provide yourself or the children with a flashlight to see better and to be better seen.
- Have children plan their route and share it with you and the family.
- Remind children not to eat their treats and goodies until they are examined by an adult at home.
 And candy should not be eaten if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.



See Hallowe'en safety tips at <a href="https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/halloween-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/halloween-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/halloween-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips/halloween-certification/first-aid-tips-and-resources/first-aid-tips-



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www.blogueapart.com

Welcome to Your Child's ADHD Brain with Aaron Bailey Tuesday, October 25 at 6pm at the Beringia Centre or via zoom



Join Aaron Bailey (aaronbailey.ca) as he provides a glimpse into his life as a person living with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), a Learning Disability (LD), Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) and depression.

Aaron speaks candidly about his multiple disabilities and provides insight into how your child might be feeling too!

Parents and Guardians will leave with a better understanding of what ADHD actually is, how it makes your child feel and how you can begin to implement pragmatic strategies – together!

Join us either in person at the Beringia Centre (free of charge, light refreshments provided) or via zoom (register in

advance: https://us02web.zoom.us/.../tZYldOmppjqgH9NZOcyea9sujSTHG...)