



ÉCOLE WHITEHORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We speak, we care, we grow, I belong

Happy Holidays!

Hello ÉWES Families,

It has been quite a first term! We have had many successes and many absences! We are finally closer to being fully staffed in January. We welcome **M. Jordan Lincez** back and sincerely thank Mme **Line Pelletier** for teaching this wonderful bunch of grade 2 students over the fall. **M. Tyson Snelling** will be joining us in Grade 6 Late French Immersion; merci to **Mme Sophie Brisebois** and **Mme Val Long** for teaching this group of students, who are new to ÉWES and so well integrated with our school population. **Mme Patty O'Brien** has taken over one of our kindergarten classes; bienvenue Patty! Merci to **Mme Angela Clark** for teaching Grade 6 two afternoons a week this term. We are presently hiring Educational Assistants and another ancillary staff member.

Written Progress Reports have been sent home. Questions about your child's progress should be directed to the classroom teacher.

EWES families are invited to our first ever Family Winter Sledding event this Wednesday from 3-6 pm at Shipyard's Park in Whitehorse. Please bring your sleds, skates and helmets. We have arranged for the City to staff a fire and open the Slim's Building to warm up; The Gravy Train will provide hot chocolate and our own Mme Marie-Maude will be the DJ for the event. This will be a fun event - come one, come all! Please note that this is not a school supervised event. Students must come with an adult.

Mme MacCulloch and Mme Marie-Maude will be presenting **L'histoire de la Laine des moutons** on Monday and Tuesday in the Activity Room. Seating is limited but parents of the participants are welcome. Performances: **Monday: 11:30 - Class KA** (Mme Nathalie Millette); **12:30 Class KB** (Mme Lucille); **Tuesday 11:30 Class KC** (Mme Patty) and **12:30 class KD** (Mme Cynthia). Contact your child's teacher if you have questions.

I wish you all a restful holiday break & Happy New Year; I look forward to seeing everyone on January 3rd when we return. Sharon MacCoubrey

Pizza Day:

Pizza Lunch - December
16 Ugly Sweater Day

Family Sledding

Wednesday
December 14 - 3-6
pm Bring
your family, sled,
skates, helmet and a
smile! We will bring a
warming fire, hot
chocolate and holiday
cheer!

Holidays:

December 17 - January
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First Day Back

January 3 at 8:24

Professional Dev't Day:

January 16th
No School

Pizza Day:

Pizza Lunch - January 27.
Fantasy Theme

School Calendar

[https://
www.whitehorseelementary.ca](https://www.whitehorseelementary.ca)

Communicating Student Progress

Written Progress Reports were sent home on December 9th. This report communicates students' progress in most subjects to December. The teachers' comments focused on French/English Language Arts and Mathematics. In some instances, you may find a comment that suggests that due to absences your child's progress was not assessed in a particular subject. If your child was away due to illness or other reasons, they may have missed a unit, series of lessons or maybe missed the final assessment in that unit. Without evidence of learning (a completed assignment, quiz, test or presentation), the teachers were unable to assign a performance indicator. Your child has more time to complete units or demonstrate their learning in the coming months. In the term comments, teachers made observations about your child's learning, areas of strengths and stretches and next steps.

If you have concerns, please contact your classroom teacher about your child's progress report.

A season for giving...

WE are asking students and families to give to the Food Bank. We will be accepting donations to our local food bank all week. Please send in non-perishable items for families in need. **What is most needed:**

Canned food

- Soups
- Vegetables
- Tomato sauce
- Fruit
- Meat/fish (tuna, chicken, ham)
- Canned Beans

Beverages

- Coffee (ground),
- Tea (herbal, regular)

Dry Goods

- Pasta
- Mac and Cheese
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal, hot or cold (large)
- Granola Bars
- Soda crackers
- Sugar,
- Flour

Other Items:

- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons)
- Toilet paper
- Diapers
- Soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, razors, shampoo
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Stuff we don't use:

- Homemade foods
- Opened items
- Expired items
- Items containing alcohol

**We are also accepting socks and toques for
CBC's Sock Drive/Whitehorse Outreach Van!
Clean new socks only please.**

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 December 12th at 6pm.

All are welcome.

A note from our Council:

Dear EWES Parents and Guardians,

The City of Whitehorse Christmas lights are up and the darkness is settling in. Temperatures are dropping, snow is on the ground. This can be a wonderful time of the year for reflection and renewal as a New Year approaches. For some in our EWES community, this can also be a difficult time. With this in mind EWES School Council would like to extend a Christmas reflection.

Madame Sharon, Madame Celine, teachers, students, and parents- we have found our way through some significant trials these past few years. They have been hard. The tenacity and dedication of our teachers and leaders have ensured our children have continued to learn and be loved. Creativity and music has not stopped. Academics, while challenging to keep up with at times, are re-finding the footing we strive for in our bi-lingual learners. Teachers- your ingenuity, commitment and hard work to keep our children learning is seen and experienced by us every day. Parents- you continue to do your very best to support your children's attendance, even with the ongoing flus, while participating as volunteers to ensure events can go ahead. Thank you to you all.

And so as your School Council we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and wish that 2023 will be good for you and your loved ones.

In gratitude for our school community,
Laura Lang
Chair, EWES School Council

A note from the principal's desk:

On behalf of the students and staff at École Whitehorse, we would like to thank the council for their on-going support. Council members are currently on committees supporting the School Growth Plan, Transportation and the New Building Project as well as meeting monthly. They have helped fund the school's new mural, teacher appreciation events and the purchase of two new portable speakers.

We sincerely thank you for all that you do! Merci and happy holidays!

Sharon MacCoubrey

Hello Whitehorse Schools!

We are excited to be sharing this update about a March break camp for children ages 7-11 happening in Porter Creek! Rivers to Ridges will be running a camp March 13-17 and March 20-24. Please forward these details to families and support outdoor education in the Yukon!

To register or to find more information, please visit the following link. Registration opens December 6th, 2022.

<https://www.riverstoridges.org/march-camps.html>



DLURA MARCH BREAK CAMP

Mar. 13-17 and 20-24 | 8:45 - 4:15
Ages 7-10 | Meet @ The Guild Hall

Outdoors, all day, creating
empathy, awareness & community!

Registration opens on
Tue. Dec. 6 @ 9 am

5 DAYS \$415
+ TAXES

The poster features a photograph of children in winter gear playing in a snowy forest. A circular logo with a mountain and river is overlaid on the photo. Text boxes provide dates, times, location, and registration information.



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: **Spare Dog Parts**, by Alison Hughes

Spare Dog Parts

A stumpy tail, mismatched paws, a long, drooly snout and the biggest dog heart that ever beat. In a celebration of what makes a pet unique, a little girl imagines how an odd assortment of parts combine to make the perfect dog.

Check it out @

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/book.aspx?id=7383>

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

A huge thank you to our YFNED partners for supporting us throughout the year. Shawn'ithan!



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.



Attention, Attention! The school will be closed over the break. **The office will not be staffed**; no one will be able to get in over this time. Please be sure to check if your child has snow pants, mitts, boots, helmet or anything else you may need over the break. On that note, the lost and found is filled to the brim. Please drop by this week (maybe on the way to sledding?) to see if your child is missing clothing items.



Looking for the Cold Weather Policy? Other policies?
Check out our website at:

<https://www.whitehorseelementary.com/policies-guidelines>