



JOURNAL NEWS

ÉCOLE WHITEHORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We speak, we care, we grow, I belong

Fall (maybe even winter) is in the air!

Hello ÉWES Families,

We have had another busy start to our school year. Recently, we welcomed Mme Élie Archambault (grade 4-5), Mme Julianne Girouard (EA grade 3), Mme Céline Roy (Francisation) and Mme Marie-Chloe Tessier (literacy and numeracy teacher in primary grades) to our EWES team. Bienvenue and welcome.

Communicating Student Progress

We are sending home our Pre-conference Progress Checklist this week. This will help support deeper conversations during the Teacher-led Conferences coming up on November 2-3. Please be sure to sign up using **School Appointments.com** to reserve your conference time with your child's classroom teacher. If your child is also seeing one of our Learning Assistance Teachers for extra support, you are encouraged to book times to visit this staff as well.

Fall Assessments

Classroom teachers have been monitoring student academic progress. Kindergarten students have been administering the Early Years Evaluation and the Boehm to screen early developmental skills. Grades K-2 have been assessed on phonemic awareness, and early reading skills. All grades are being assessed on reading in English and French. Grades 4 & 7 are completing the Foundational Skills Assessment (Literacy and Numeracy). These assessments help inform our teaching, identify areas of need and provide benchmark data. Ask your child's teacher how your child is doing.

Professional Dev't Day

October 27th ~ No School

Hallowe'en:

Tuesday October 31st -
Pizza Lunch and Costumes

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Thursday, November 2
(afterschool and evening)
and Friday November 3 all day - No Classes

Remembrance

Day: Monday, November
13th - No School

Pizza Day:

Pizza Lunch - Thursday,
November 23; 90s Theme

Professional Dev't

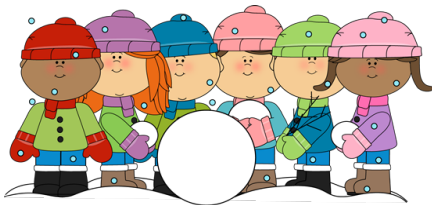
Day: Friday, Nov. 24th ~
No School

School Calendar

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

Scholastics Book Fair

A book fair will be held in Room 11 during the week of the parent-teacher conferences. Please come down and check out all the books, in English and French; books make wonderful gifts for the holidays.



Cold Weather Policy

Please dress your child appropriately for playing outside. Students will be outside until -30 (with the windchill) a number of times each day. The recesses are very necessary

to get our students ready to learn by running and shaking the sillies out but students need to stay warm. Parents, please make sure that students wear boots (feet get cold in sneakers!), mitts (not wee gloves), snowsuits and face protection. The wind is bitter and always seems to blow on our playground. Be prepared. Check out our Cold Weather Policy posted on our website at: <https://www.whitehorseelementary.com/policies-guidelines>



National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 29th at ÉWES

Students gathered for an assembly to learn about the impact of residential schools on students, survivors and their families with a story, With our Orange Hearts by Phyllis Webstad. Our windows facing 4th Avenue were bright with orange shirts; small t-shirts had pictures and words of hope. We wanted to make a visual impact for passers-by.



Terry Fox Run

Thank you to parents, who came out and joined us for our annual Terry Fox Run this year on Friday, September 15th. Most of our students ran to Rotary Park and back (if not a few times). The weather was on our side and we had a wonderful event.



ÉWES School Council:

Laura Lang, Sarah Gallina, Donna-Marie Haughton, Ron Davis, Alisha McLean, Johanna Havelaar, and Sheila Merkley make up your council.

The school council usually meets on the third Monday of every month.
The next meeting will be held on a different time: November 27th at 6:30pm.
Zoom links are send out the day of the meeting.

All are welcome.



Yes it is influenza (flu) time....

- Influenza (flu) is a respiratory infection caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs.
- Some people, such as young children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with certain health conditions, are at especially high risk of severe influenza illness.
- Most people recover from influenza in 7 to 10 days, while others may have severe symptoms that can result in hospitalization or death. In Canada, between 2,000 and 8,000 people die from influenza every year.
- Flu season generally runs from October to April. Due to the speed with which influenza viruses evolve, flu vaccines need to be continually updated to keep up with emerging strains of influenza viruses.
- Influenza is spread through respiratory droplets from an infected person coughing or sneezing.
- It can also be spread by touching contaminated surfaces or objects, and then touching your mouth, eyes or nose.
- Symptoms usually appear within 1 to 4 days and can include:
 - fever;
 - coughing; muscles pains;
 - chills; and
 - extreme fatigue.
- A person with influenza is also at higher risk of getting other infections, including pneumonia, an infection of the lungs.



Here for the parent-teacher conference? Check out our **Lost and Found**.... It is full. To make sure lost items find their owners, please put your child's name on everything! The boots, mitts and hats all look the same and are often all the same brand. Please make sure we can tell who owns them. Thank you for your help.

Duo Hoops Spectacle was held at the beginning of October. Classes were treated to a professional presentation, which included juggling, acrobats and jokes... all in French. Fun was had by all.



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: **Catch that Chicken by Angela Brooksbank**

Catch that Chicken!

Lami is the best chicken catcher in the whole village. Her sister may be speedy at spelling, her friend fast at braiding hair, and her brother brave with bulls, but when it comes to chickens, nobody is faster or braver than Lami. That is, until the day when Lami chases a little too fast, up the baobab tree, and reaches a little too far . . . ow! How can she catch chickens with an ankle that's puffed up like an angry lizard? Could it be, as Nana Nadia says, that quick thinking is more important than quick running? Award-winning author Atinuke celebrates Nigerian village life in a story vibrantly illustrated by Angela Brooksbank with a universal message at its heart.

Check it out @ <https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/book.aspx?id=7993>

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 information.

Outdoor Education:

Our outdoor education program provides opportunities for our grades 6 & 7 to get out on the land, try new sports and have longer physical education periods away from the school. As our school grounds are small, the students bus to other locales to enjoy the outdoors. So far this fall, students have been out orienteering, playing disc golf and tennis. They will soon be learning about Avalanche safety and how to make a shelter.





Hallowe'en is on Tuesday, October 31st at École Whitehorse Elementary School. Students are encouraged to come wearing their costumes. We will have a small parade for participating classes.

We would ask that the super scary masks stay at home as we have young students and we do not want to scare the youngest members of our school community. Weapons must stay at home.

On Wednesday morning, we will have some tired students. We would like to keep sweets to a minimum. One small sweet is a nice dessert after eating a nutritious lunch.



Just to make our Hallowe'en day that much more fun, we also have **Pizza Lunch**. We welcome volunteers to put together the pizza orders for each class and to deliver milk/pizza to the classrooms. Please come and join us if you are able at 11:30 in the activity room.

Pizza lunches are also a time to join your children for lunch. You are welcome.



From the Ground Up Fundraising has started; you should have received the envelope. This year, the program is selling Hinterland Flour Mill Breakfast and Baking Bundles. Each box includes Barley Brownie Mix, Yukon Barley Cereal and Barley Pancake/Waffle. Boxes cost \$30 with 40% of each box going to the school. We use this money to pay for field trips, buses, recess equipment and so much more.

Please consider supporting this school fundraiser. We appreciate your support. Envelopes are due on November 6th and products will be ready for pick up at the school on November 16th.

Professional Development Day - October 27th, 2023

Mme Shauna Nero is the coordinator of the Provincial Network of Teachers of French Programs in British Columbia in the Office of Francophone and Francophile Affairs at Simon Fraser University. She is also the French Program Coordinator for the Mission School Board. She has taught French Language Arts, Social Studies and Core French at the elementary and secondary levels.

She is here to help support our teachers to create authentic and actionable learning experiences to develop students' essential, cross-cultural and linguistic skills in French as a second language.

We are fortunate to have her here for two days, working with staff and students before the PD day on Friday.