



ÉCOLE WHITEHORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We speak, we care, we grow, I belong

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new kindergarten students, Grade 6 Late French Immersion and students who are new to École Whitehorse Elementary.

We have new staff and returning staff. Please join me in welcoming the following new staff: Mme Nathalie Alphonse, Mme Hannah Bayoumi, Mme Amberly Doucette, M. Marc Fankhauser, Mme Ona Toews, and M. Chris Hine. We have Mme Chelsea Read, Mme Marie-Chloe Tessier, Mme Natasha, Mme Carolyne Duval, and Mme Janine Jewell returning to our staff.

A chill is in the early morning air (hopefully lowering the number of black flies), fireweed is high and cranberries are starting to fatten up, which means it is time to go back to school. We are looking forward to a more 'regular' year with extra-curricular activities, clubs and assemblies. I am excited about the new year with new faces and a renewed energy.

We will be continue to prioritize French oral language with a strong focus on language arts and numeracy. We recognize that the COVID years have been challenging and we aim to address this. We will be augmenting our math programs in grades 3-6 with Jump Math this year. We have in-services and support for our k-3 focusing on the Science of Reading and structured reading instruction in the classroom. Our intermediate staff will start the year with an in-service on ADHD and anxiety.

We will continue to improve our Communicating Student Learning Plan to ensure that parents and students are involved in the assessment and reporting process. We will accomplish this through frequent, specific and descriptive feedback, a snapshot-of-learning checklist, teacher-led and student-led conferences, portfolios and two report cards. We want parents and guardians to know what their child is learning, how they are progressing and where they are going in their learning. I look forward to another great year - thank you for joining us on this exciting journey.
Mme Sharon.

First Day of School:

August 22 @8:25

Labour Day:

No school

Pizza Day:

Pizza Lunch - Sept 23

Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters:

Tuesday Sept 27 @ EWES

Professional Development Day

September 28 & 29 - No School

National Truth and Reconciliation Day

September 30th - No school

School Calendar

<https://www.whitehorseelementary.com/>



Covid Considerations for 2022-2023

We are expecting new guidelines in the coming days. Masks will be recommended but not mandatory. We will continue to encourage good hand hygiene and hand sanitizing when entering classrooms. Students who are sick will be asked to stay home to keep everyone safe.

We will continue to have two recesses this year. This schedule is a positive outcome of Covid. With two recesses, we have less students on the playground, giving the students more space with less conflict or collisions. Recess I : kindergarten, grade 1, 6 & 7 and Recess II: grades 2, 3, 4, 5. Classroom teachers will continue to eat with their classes and supervision outside will be covered by ancillary staff and administration.

Bell Schedule:



Recess I : K, 1, 6 & 7. Recess II: 2, 3, 4, & 5

- 8:05 - Outdoor Supervision Starts
- 8:25 - Morning Bell
- 10:05 - Recess I
- 10:35 - Recess II
- 12:00 Recess I & Lunch for Group II
- 12:30 Recess II & Lunch for Group I
- 3:05 - Dismissal
- 3:25 Supervision Ends with last bus departure



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.



There is still time! Label all of your child's clothing... hats, mitts, coats, boots, shoes, t-shirts... We find that almost everyone shops at the same stores which means everyone wears the same boots and outdoor clothing.

Parking and Buses at ÉWES

A reminder that the “Drop Off Zone,” the lane to the right as you pull into our parking lot from 4th Avenue, is for a “kiss and goodbye hug.” You **MAY NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE UNATTENDED** in this lane. If you would like to accompany your child into the school, please use the parking lot, or use Third Ave or Black Street to park your car. Please do not use our neighbour’s parking lot at the Independent Store.

NO PARKING IS PERMITTED IN THE DROP OFF ZONE - Fire vehicles require safe access at all times.

Buses: Parents are reminded to register students for the buses at:

<https://yukon.ca/en/education-and-schools/kindergarten-grade-12/school-bus-and-other-student-transportation-options>

Parents, we need your assistance!

The office and teachers get many calls and emails each day requesting that their child be ready, dressed and in the office at a specific time for appointments. We ask that parents please let the classroom teachers know of any appointments in advance, but also, please arrive early enough to help get your child get ready for the appointment. Come into the office and we will direct you to the classroom. Thank you for your support.

You may notice....

We have a new look inside. We have a uniform colour throughout our school now. We look all shiny and ready to go for the new year. We are also excited about a 40th anniversary of French Immersion art project that will be unveiled in the coming days... It is going to be amazing!



No Dogs on School Property

Even the most behaved pooch can get overwhelmed when swarmed by dozens of well-intentioned, very excited students! We remind you that dogs are unpredictable around large crowds, especially squealing ones. It is not fair to the animal or to the child if someone gets bitten. We ask that you keep your pet on a leash outside the fenced yard.

Merci & Thank you.



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!

First Day of School is on Monday, August 22 at 8:25.

Students will be asked to line up at the bell; there is a 5 minute warning bell before our official start bell. Tables will be set up out front to assist students who don't know which class they will be attending. School starts at 8:25 and dismissal is at 3:05.

Front Lawn: 4C, 5A, 6s, 7s line up behind the appropriate cones on the front lawn. These classes will be met by their teacher and enter through the front door.

Soccer Field: Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4A & B and 5B line up in the soccer field behind their class tag on the fence (1A, 1B etc.). There will be teachers to help students find the right line up.

Kindergarten students will be invited directly into the school during their staggered start to school and once regular classes starts, k students will line up behind the appropriate cone in the primary yard where their teachers will meet them.

Dismissal:

Bus students will line up behind their cone in the soccer field. We ask that students line up and stay in their lines while we sort out arrival order and other routines. After a time, when students are familiar with the bus routines, students on later buses may play.

Primary students, who are picked up by parents/guardians or day cares are asked to line up in the green space at the front of the primary yard and **intermediate students** are asked to gather around the four-square court on the parking lot side of the yard.

Always remind your child of your after school plans. If you have a tricky schedule that changes frequently, luggage tags with interchangeable, different coloured cards (with names) will help or tie a coloured ribbon when your child goes to dad's house, and a different colour when they go to mom's for example. (Let the classroom teacher know your system so they can help remind your child).

Staff 2022-2023

		Room	
French Immersion Classroom Teachers			
TBA : Mme Nicola Dietz (Temporary)	Kindergarten	5	KA
Mme Lucille Gauthier	Kindergarten	6	KB
Mme Nathalie Alphonse	Kindergarten	7	KC
Mme Cynthia Malenfant	Kindergarten	11	KD
Mme Katie Akers	Grade 1	112	1A
Mme Inès Receveaux	Grade 1	113	1B
Mme Chelsea Read/Carolyne Duval	Grade 1	114	1C
Mme Marie-Chloé Tessier	Grade 2	109	2A
TBA: Mme Line Pelletier (Temporary)/ M. Jordan Lincez	Grade 2	110	2B
Mme Hannah Bayoumi	Grade 2	111	2C
TBA: Mme Kerrie Paterson (Temporary)	Grade 3/4	212	3/4A
Mme Val Bussièrès/Carolyne Duval	Grade 3	211	3B
Mme Juliette Houllier	Grade 3	210	3C
Mme Danielle Lang	Grade 4	214	4B
Mme Janine Jewell/Carolyne Duval	Grade 4	209	4C
M. Gabriel Regimbald	Grade 5	208	5A
Mme Sarah Johnson	Grade 5	213	5B
Mme Natasha Nancekivell / TBA: Angela Clark (Temp)	Grade 6	201	6A
Mme Amberly Doucette	Grade 6	204	6B
Marc Fankhauser	Grade 6/7	205	6/7C
TBA: Mme Sophie Brisebois (Temporary)	LFI 6	207	6LFI
M. Cam Brown	Grade 7	100	7A
Mme Jenn Bruemmer	Grade 7	200	7B
Mme Lorianne LeBlanc	LFI 7	202	7LFI

We are still hiring at ÉWES. We hope to have a staffing complete very shorting but in the interim, we appreciate our staff's flexibility. Mmes Nicola, Line, Kerrie, Sophie, Val Long and Angela will be supporting homerooms and filling vacancies.

Ancillary and Support Staff:

Mme Sharon MacCoubrey	Principal
Mme Céline Roy	VP
Mme Jamie Jacobsen	Administrative Assistant
Mme Anne Harrison	Front Office Staff
Mme Kat Roberts	Counsellor
Mme Angela Clark	Counsellor
Mme Val Long	Teacher Mentor/ School Support
Mme Raquel Arguelles Rosel	Library Clerk
Mme Kerrie Paterson	Learning Assistant
Mme Nicole Dietz	Learning Assistant
Mme Sophie Brisebois	Learning Assistant
M. Dan Girouard	Physical Education/Outdoor Education

Mme Isabel Beauregard

Physical Education

Mme Noli Eastmure
Mme Becca MacCulloch
Mme Sabrina Bouayad
Mme Line Pelletier

Southern Tutchone Language Teacher
Music & Movement, Teacher-Librarian
Art Teacher
French Language Support

Educational Assistants

Mme Manon Bourassa
Mme Josée Carbonneau
M. René Drysdelle
M. Gordon Fortin,
M. Didier Gascuel
Mme Malorie Gendreau
M. Chris Hine
Mme Jennifer Lafrenière
Mme Ona Toews-Cardona
Mme Jessica Woodhouse