



# Journal News

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new kindergarten, Grade 6 Late French Immersion and all students new to École Whitehorse Elementary.

We have new staff this year as well. Please join me in welcoming the following staff: Mme Cynthia Malenfant, kindergarten; Mme Ines Receveaux, Grade 1, Mme Juliette Houllier, Grade 3/4, Mme Lorianne Leblanc, Grade 7 Late French Immersion, M Gilbert Goulet, Grade 7, Grade 6/7 TBA, Eloise Dion -Lafortune, EA.

A chill is in the early morning air, the fireweed is high and the raspberries are ready to pick; it must be time to return to school. So let us say - Welcome back! Our new, returning and continuing staff make École Whitehorse Elementary an engaging, dynamic and energetic place to learn. We are the largest elementary school and the only single stream French Immersion school in the Yukon with 466 students - that makes us a big school with a big heart!

We will be prioritizing French oral language, literacy, numeracy, social emotional development and mental health this year. We will continue to improve our Communicating Student Learning plan to ensure parents and students are involved in the assessment and reporting of progress. We will accomplish this through frequent, specific and descriptive feedback, a snapshot of learning checklist, teacher led and student led conferences, portfolios and 2 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 and thank you for joining us on this exciting journey.  
Mme Sharon

### Dates to Remember

**Monday, August 23**  
First Day of School

**Monday, Sept 6**  
Labour Day  
No School

**Friday, September 24**  
Pizza Day

**Thursday, Sept 30**  
Orange Shirt Day  
Every Child Matters

**Monday, October 11**  
Remembrance Day  
No School

**Thursday, October 21**  
Teacher-led  
Conferences  
No Classes

**Friday October 22**  
PD day  
No School

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## Covid Considerations 2021-2022

A new operating plan for this school year has been drafted in collaboration with the Department of Education and the recommendations from the Chief Medical Officer for the Yukon. It will be shared shortly. I am so very pleased to start this school year with some health measures in place to keep us safe but with many Covid restrictions relaxed to create a more 'normal' classroom environment.

We will require everyone, k-7 and all adults, to wear masks in the common spaces (halls, stairwells, foyer and buses) but within the classroom, masks will not be required. Hand sanitization will continue when entering the building and at the entrance to every classroom. Grades 4-7 will line-up on the front lawn and Grades k-3 will line-up on the soccer field to enter the school but students will be invited to play until the bell.

We will have two recesses this year. Recess I - K, grades 1, 6 & 7 and Recess II, grades 2, 3, 4, & 5. This allows us to keep the numbers to half on the playground but permits students to see and play with same-grade peers during the breaks. Classroom teachers will continue to eat with their classes and supervision will be covered by ancillary staff and administration.

**Masks: please send your child with a reusable mask with their name clearly marked on the item.** We will provide lanyards to help students stay organized. Masks are required for halls, stairwells and buses. Reusable masks will drastically reduce our environmental



### Bell Schedule:

**Recess I - K, 1, 6 & 7 Recess II - 2, 3, 4 & 5**

8:05	Outside Supervision begins
8:25	Classes begin
10:05	Recess I
10:35	Recess II
12:00	Recess I & Lunch for Group II;
12:30	Recess II & Lunch Group I
3:05	Dismissal



### Allergy Alert!

Please note that ÉWES is a Peanut, Tree Nut and Perfume Free School.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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, 3d Ave or Black Street to park your car.

### **No Parking is Permitted in the Drop Off Zone - Fire Vehicles Require Safe Access at all Times.**

Buses: Masks are required to ride the bus. Parents are reminded to register students for the buses at <https://yukon.ca/en/annual-school-bus-registration>. Students will have assigned seats and tags will be required to ride the bus.

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**Parents, we need your help!** The office and teachers get many calls and emails each day asking for children to be ready, dressed and in the office at a specific time for appointments.

We ask that parents please let classroom teachers know of any appointments in advance but come early enough to help get your child ready for the appointment. Come into the office with a mask and we will direct you to the classroom. We appreciate your understanding.

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## Volunteers Needed

Would you like to be a volunteer? We are looking for a Breakfast for Learning Coordinator and for daily volunteers. The coordinator schedules volunteers and keeps up with the shopping needs for the program. The daily volunteers are asked to come in once a week to serve simple breakfasts and make sandwiches for our lunch program. If you would like help out, we would really appreciate it. Contact Anne in the front office ASAP. 667-8083

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## NO Dogs on School Property

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter. You are reminded that dogs are unpredictable around large crowds, especially excited, squealing children. It is not faire to the animal or the child, if a child gets accidentally bit. At the end of the day, if you come with your pet, please wait outside the fenced yard. Thank you.



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## Sick? What do I do?

This year, we will ask that parents and guardians continue to monitor their children for symptoms before sending them to school everyday.

### Most common symptoms:

fever  
dry cough  
tiredness

### Less common symptoms:

aches and pains  
sore throat  
Diarrhea  
conjunctivitis  
headache  
loss of taste or smell  
a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes

### Serious symptoms:

difficulty breathing or shortness of breath  
chest pain or pressure  
loss of speech or movement

All students and staff should stay home and arrange for testing if they have symptoms, no matter how mild. To assess symptoms, parents and staff can use the Covid 19 self-assessment tool or contact a health care provider for additional guidance.

For information on assessment and testing visit: <https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information>

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## Pizza Days are BACK!

Once a month, parents get a break and kids get PIZZA. You will be receiving an order form. You can select an individual pizza from four choices (including gluten free) and either a chocolate or white milk for a nominal fee. We will need parent volunteers on these days (usually the last day of the month at 11:30... yum!)

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## School Council :

Laura Lang, Thane Philips, Carly Carruthers, Sarah Gallina and Vanessa Thorson

Good day ÉWES parents and guardians. ÉWES School Council is looking to hire a secretary. Duties generally include agenda development, drafting of meeting minutes, email correspondence and monitoring, quarterly school newsletter, light book keeping, and some event preparation support. The time commitment does vary pending the month, though an average week is approximately five hours. We are seeking someone who is organized, timely, enthusiastic with strong communication skills. If you are interested in this position and would like to know more, please do send us an email at : [eweschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:eweschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

Next School Council meeting will be on September 14th at 6:30pm.  
You can contact School Council at [ewesschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ewesschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

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### Guess what? It now rains and snows in the Yukon!

While we are usually concerned with cold weather, now we have to think about rain! We will have recess regardless of the precipitation so please dress for the weather. Check out our cold weather policy the website too. Let's get some fresh air and have fun!

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**First Day? On August 23d,** students will be asked to line up at the bell.

Grades 5-7 will line up with their classes behind the appropriate cone on the front lawn. These classes will be met by their teacher and enter by the front door.

Kindergarten students will be invited directly into the school.

At the bell, Grades 1-3 will line up behind their class tag (attached to the fence: 1A, 2A, 3A etc.) in the soccer field. There will be teachers to help students find the right line-up.

Masks are required for all students. We invite parents to stay outside on this first day. There will be less congested times when parents will be invited to join their children in the school.  
Thank you.

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## Staff 2021-2022

### **French Immersion Classroom Teachers**

		<b>Room</b>
Mme Lauren McCarthy	Kindergarten	5
Mme Lucille Gauthier	Kindergarten	6
Mme Kat Lacroix-Kent	Kindergarten	7
Mme Cynthia Malenfant	Kindergarten	11
Mme Katie Akers	Grade 1	112
Mme Nicola Dietz/Isabel Beauregard	Grade 1	113
Mme Inés Receveaux	Grade 1	114
Mme Claire Reeves	Grade 2	109
Mme Élise Guillemette/Jordan Lincez	Grade 2	110
Mme Caroline Beaumier	Grade 2	111
Mme Valérie Bussières	Grade 3	211
Mme Sandrine Proulx	Grade 3	212
Mme Juliette Houllier	Grade 3/4	210
Mme Danielle Lang	Grade 4	214
Mme Sarah Johnson	Grade 4&5	213
M. Sylvain Theberge	Grade 5	209
M. Gabriel Regimbald	Grade 5	208
Mme Julie Bourdeau	Grade 6	204
Mme Jennifer Bruemmer	Grade 6	205
TBA/Mme Natasha Nancekivell	Grade 6&7	201
M. Cameron Brown	Grade 7	100
M. Gilbert Goulet	Grade 7	200

### **Late French Immersion**

M. Marc-André Chartrand/Isabel Beauregard	Grade 6 LFI	207
Mme Lorianne Leblanc	Grade 7 LFI	202

### **Ancillary and Support Staff**

Mme Sharon MacCoubrey	Principal	Office
Mme Céline Roy	Vice-Principal	Office
Mme Jamie Jacobsen	Administrative Assistant	Office
M. Anne Harrison	Administrative Assistant	Office
Mme Katherine Roberts	Counsellor	Office
Mme Angela Clark	Counsellor	Office
Mme Val Long	Teacher Mentor/School Support	Office
Fanny Saint Onge	Library Clerk	Library
Mme Michelle Baudry	Learning Assistant	10A
Mme Kerrie Paterson	Learning Assistant	10
Mme Sophie Brisebois	Learning Assistant	13
M. Daniel Girouard	P.E./Outdoor Learning	Gym
Mme Isabel Beauregard	P.E.	Gym
Mme Marie-Maude Allard	Music	Music Rm
Mme Noli Eastmure	Southern Tutchone	108
M. Jordan Lincez	Grade 2/Music/Information Technology	

Mme Sabrina Bouayad	Art and Design	12
Mme Line Pelletier	French Language Support	208B
Mme Anne-Sophie Berthelot	Educational Assistant	
Manon Bourrassa	Educational Assistant	
Mme Josée Carbonneau	Educational Assistant	
Mme Wendy Chisholm	Educational Assistant	
Mme Eloise Dion-Lafortune	Educational Assistant	
M. René Drysdelle	Educational Assistant	
Gordon Fortin	Educational Assistant	
M. Didier Gascuel	Educational Assistant	
Mme Malorie Gendreau	Educational Assistant	
Mme Jennifer Lafrenière	Educational Assistant	
M. Louis-Philippe Vidal	Educational Assistant	