



ÉCOLE WHITEHORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We speak, we care, we grow, I belong

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new kindergarten students, new Grade 6 Late French Immersion students and students, who are new to École Whitehorse Elementary.

We have new staff and returning staff. Please join me in welcoming **new staff**: John Duclos (LAT), Annie Michaud (Gr. 2), Balkacem Taieb (Gr 7) & Jamayca Whalen (Gr. 6 LFI); **new Educational Assistants**: Maricon Corpus & Patty O'Brien; **returning staff**: Caroline Beaumier (LAT), Julie Bourdeau (LAT) & Kat Lacroix-Kent (K) and **new administration team**: Vice Principals ~ Val Long and Lorraine Taillefer.

Our School Growth Plan focuses on structured literacy, math and French oral language competencies. We recognize that the COVID experience has been challenging and we aim to address this. In the classroom and through professional development, we are strengthening our approach to reading acquisition in both languages, following a systematic and sequential approach to reading and spelling, increasing decodable texts in both English and French and reviewing practices in every grade. We have a strong history of proactive reading intervention, which will continue. A new French math program, Mathology will be in most of the classrooms and we will continue to support staff with the implementation of the best practices in second language acquisition.

Our **Communicating Student Learning Plan** aims to ensure both parents and students are involved in the assessment and reporting process. Our plan includes: frequent, specific and descriptive feedback, a snap-shot of learning checklist (Oct.), teacher-led and student-led conferences (Nov. and March respectively), portfolios (May) and two report cards (Dec. and June). 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 22nd @ 8:25

Labour Day:

September 4th
No School

National Truth and Reconciliation Day/Orange Shirt Day @ EWES:

September 29

Pizza Day:

Pizza Lunch - September 29th

National Truth and Reconciliation Day:

October 2nd
No School

Thanksgiving:

October 9th
No School

PD Day:

October 27th
No School

School Calendar

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

We have two recesses in the morning and at lunch:

Recess I: Kindergarten, Grades 1, 6 & 7

Recess II: Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5

Bell Schedule:



- 8:05 - Outdoor Supervision Starts
- 8:25 - Morning Bell
- 10:05 - 10:25 - Recess I
- 10:35 - 10:55 - Recess II
- 12:05 - 12:30 - Recess I / Lunch for Group II
- 12:30-12:55 - Recess II/ Lunch for Group I
- 3:07 Dismissal Bell
- 3:20 Outdoor Supervision Ends when last bus leaves

Please pick up your child promptly. We cannot provide supervision/child care after 3:20.



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, backpacks ... everything! We find that almost everyone shops at the same stores, which means everyone wears the same boots and outdoor clothing. We sent away bags of unclaimed lost and found items last year, let's try to keep lost items to a minimum.

Parking and Buses at ÉWES



A reminder that the 'Drop Off Zone,' the lane to the right as you pull into the parking lot from 4th Avenue, is for a quick 'kiss and good-bye hug.' You **MAY NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE UNATTENDED** in this lane. Fire vehicles require safe access at all times. If you would like to accompany your child inside the school, please use the parking spaces or parking on 3d and Black Street. Please do not use our neighbour's parking lot at the Independent Story.

The parking lot is **ONE WAY** - you may enter the lot off of 4th Avenue and Exit on 3d only.

Please register your child to ride the bus at: <https://yukon.ca/en/annual-school-bus-registration>

Parents, we need your assistance!

The office gets many last minutes calls each day requesting that a child be ready, dressed and in the office for a specific time for an appointment. This is very challenging for the office staff to manage with 480+ students in the building. We ask that parents let teachers know of any appointments in advance, but to also arrive early enough to help get your child ready for the appointment. Come into the office and we will direct you to the classroom. Thank you for your support.

Absent? Late? Please let the office know. We want to make sure everyone arrives to school safely. Email ewesattendance@yukon.ca or send a note to Anne ~ Anne.harrison@yukon.ca

We are aware that we live in an era of immediate communication - texts, cell phones, emails. Please know that teachers spend most of their day teaching; they cannot answer texts or calls until breaks in the day and emails are often answered at the end of each day. Please be patient and ask your child's classroom teacher the best way to get ahold of them and when to expect a reply.



Weather in the Yukon is changing. It snows and it rains. Yukon kids are usually well prepared for the cold but we also need to be prepared for the rain. Yes, we go outside for recess regardless of the precipitation. So please dress for the weather. Our cold weather policy can be found our website. We do go outside until it is -30 so dress warmly. Let's get some fresh air and head outside!

ÉWES School Council:

The school council meets on the third Monday of every month at the school. Everyone is welcome. This years' school council, Laura Lang, Sarah Gallina, Donna-Marie Haughton, Ron Davis, Alisha McLean, and Johanna Havelaar, wishes everyone a great school year.



Covid is unfortunately still circulating. We do not have mask requirements this year; however, we continue to ask you to be vigilant, keep sick students at home. If your child still has symptoms but no fever and feels like returning to school, please provide a mask to keep others safe. Thank you for your continued support.

First Day at School is on Tuesday, August 22nd at 8:25.

Kindergarten students have a staggered entry from August 22 - 24 with the first full day of classes on August 25th. Welcome.

Students will be asked to line up at the bell. School starts at 8:25 and dismissal is at 3:07. A table will be set up to help students find their classes if they don't already know. Classroom letters were sent out this past week and class supply lists are available from the office.

Front Lawn: Grades 4/5, 5s, 6s, and 7s line up behind the appropriate cone on the front lawn. These classes will be met by their teachers and enter through the front doors.

Soccer Field: Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 will line up on the soccer fields at their class tag attached to the fence (a cone will be placed for easy visibility on the first day). Teachers will help students find the right line up.

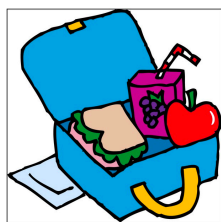
Kindergarten students will enter with their parents to the appropriate classes during the staggered entry.

Dismissal:

Bus students will line up behind their cone on the soccer field. We ask students to line up and stay in line until we sort out bus arrival order and other routines. When students are familiar with bus routines, students on later buses will be permitted to play. Please make sure the bus tag is attached to the bag.

Primary Students for pick up - kindergarten and grade 1 students will line up by the fishy fence for parent pick up; let teachers know about daycare pick up and arrange with the daycare for a pick up location at the end of the day (share this with the classroom teacher).

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 will help, tie a different ribbon for each different house, (blue for one house, grey for another) or write the days of the week on each bus tag (ex. Bus 20 Monday, Thursday and bus 35 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday). Please share your system with your child's classroom teacher. It is tricky getting everyone to the right spot at the end of everyday and your help is appreciated.



Our snack and lunch programs are not yet up and running. Please be sure to pack a nutritious snack (or two), lunch and send along a water bottle. Remember - no nuts (ground or tree nuts).

Staff 2023-2024

French Immersion Classroom Teachers

Teacher	Grade	Room	
Cynthia Malenfant	Kindergarten	5	KA
Lucille Gauthier	Kindergarten	6	KB
Kat Lacroix-Kent	Kindergarten	7	KC
Katie Akers	Grade 1	112	1A
Inès Receveaux	Grade 1	113	1B
Chelsea Read/Carolyne Duval	Grade 1	114	1C
Annie Michaud	Grade 2	109	2A
Jordan Lincez	Grade 2	110	2B
Hannah Bayoumi	Grade 2	111	2C
Juliette Houiller	Grade 3	210	3A
Val Bussi�eres/Carolyne Duval	Grade 3	211	3B
Chantal Emond	Grade 3	212	3C
TBA; Tyson Snelling (Temporary)	Grade 4/5	207	4/5A
Sarah Johnson	Grade 4	213	4B
Danielle Lang	Grade 4	214	4C
Gabriel Regimbald	Grade 5	208	5B
Janine Jewell/Carolyne Duval	Grade 5	209	5C
Natasha Nancekivell	Grade 6	201	6A
Amberly Doucette	Grade 6	205	6B
Jamayca Whalen	Grade 6 LFI	206	6FLI
Cameron Brown	Grade 7	100	7A
Jenn Bruemmer	Grade 7	200	7B
Balkacem Taieb	Grade 7	204	7C
Lorianne LeBlanc	Grade 7 LFI	202	7LFI

We are still hiring at  WES. We hope to have staffing complete very shortly but in the interim, we appreciate Tyson Snelling for filling in and supporting homerooms and filling this vacancy.

Ancillary and non-enrolling staff:

Sharon MacCoubrey	Principal
Val Long	Vice Principal & Teacher Mentor/School Support
Lorraine Taillefer	Vice Principal
Jamie Jacobsen	Administrative Assistant
Anne Harrison	Front Desk Staff
Angela Clark	Counsellor
Kat Roberts	Counsellor
Rhea Yergeau	Library Clerk

Marie-Maude Allard	Music
Becca Macculloch	Teacher/Librarian & Music and Movement
Sabrina Bouayad	Art and Design Teacher
Caroline Beaumier	Learning Assistance Teacher
Julie Bourdeau	Learning Assistance Teacher
John Duclos	Learning Assistance Teacher
Kerrie Paterson	Learning Assistance Teacher
Isabel Beauregard	Physical Education Teacher
Dan Girouard	Physical Education/ Outdoor Education Teacher

Educational Assistants:

Manon Bourassa
Maricon Corpus
Gordon Fortin
Didier Gascuel
Marine Gastard
Chris Hine
Jennifer Lafreniere
Patty O'Brien
Jessica Woodhouse

Teaching staff may be contacted by email using first name.last name@yesnet.yk.ca (e.g. billy.bishop@yesnet.yk.ca) Please note that staff do not have access to email until next week and new staff may not have access for another week or so. Front office staff, including Administration, office staff, counsellors may be reached at: first name.last name@yukon.ca