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Welcome February - Kindness Month

ÉWES will focus on committing **Random Acts of Kindness** throughout the month of February, culminating with **Pink Shirt Day (la journée du chandail rose),** our day to celebrate diversity and support inclusion, **on February 28th**. I have included a calendar of suggestions of daily acts of kindness for home. At school, we will share a kindness quote every morning, a French calendrier de la gentillesse will be used and inspiring quotes/ posters will fill our halls. Classrooms will be using the calendar to promote acts of kindness, encouraging students to share compliments and to help create supportive environments. St. Valentine's day falls in the middle of our Month of Kindness too.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop

Communicating Student Progress: Student Led Conferences - February 29th and March 1

The conferences in February are part of our Communicating Student Progress continuum. These conferences take place between the student, parent and teacher, providing an opportunity for parents to review their child's learning profile and progress, and to establish next steps and for students to be engaged in their own learning. These conferences will take place in person. Please watch for an invitation to sign up for an appointment through SchoolAppointments.com; this email invitation will be sent to you from the front office. In exceptional circumstances, a conference may be arranged via zoom. If you feel you need to meet over zoom, please contact your child's teacher directly (after the invitations have been sent out).

Polar Games - 6s:

February 7-8 Dance at Elijah Smith Elementary School

French Immersion Week: Feb 12th - 16th

St. Valentine's Grade 7 Dance, Friday February 16th @ ESES

Rendez-Vous Activity Day : Outdoor Activities and Sugar Shack Thursday, February 22nd

Heritage Day

No School Friday, February 23d

Student Led Conferences:

Thursday, February 29th (afterschool and evening) and Friday March 1 all day -No Classes

Pizza Day: No pizza lunch in February

School Calendar

https:// www.whitehorseelementary.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Leave a nice	Don't complain	Give someone a
				note in a	all day long	hug
				library book		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Help with a	Leave a nice	Give a	Smile at	Share your	Recyle, turn	Do someone
meal	note for your	compliment	everyone you	toys	off the lights,	else's chores
	teacher		see today		save on water	for them
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Clear snow off	Write a	Learn about a	Give someone a	Read a book	Give someone a	Thank a parent
someone's car	gratitude list	hero in Canadian	valentine card	about	compliment	
		history		friendship		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Water the	Say thank you	Make someone	Help someone	Read a book to	Give someone	Walk someone's
plants	to the	laugh	out	a sibling (or	encouragement	dog
	custodian			pet)		
25	26	27	28	29		
Be kind to	Let someone go	Say good	SHIRT DAY	Thank someone		PINK
yourself; get	ahead of you	morning/bonjour	Pink Shirt Day	unexpectedly		SHIRT
outdoors and		to everyone you	~ Celebrate			
have fun!		see	diversity and			transformer dominant days
			support			
			inclusion			

Kindness Calendar ~ Honour Pink Shirt Day February 2024



Here for the student-led 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 <u>everything</u>! 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.

School Council:

Laura Lang, Sarah Gallina, Donna-Marie Haughton, Alisha McLean, Johanna Havelaar, Gary Whittle 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 at a different time: Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30pm. Zoom links are sent out the day of the meeting. All are welcome.

ÉWES celebrates being French Immersion:

'La semaine de l'immersion' is from February 12-16th. Our monitrices de langue, Camille et Juliette will be animating activities in the classrooms throughout the week! On Friday, February 16th, we will be serving 'le petit dejeuner,' croissants with fruit. Bon appétit.

Students will participate in Rendez-vous Activities on February, 22 to celebrate our winter wonderland (albeit not very wintery right now!). Please put a star on your calendar and make sure your child is well dressed on this day. We will have the 'cabane à sucre' and fun activities led by our grade 7 students.





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

2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration starts February 1, 2024

Do you have a sibling who will be attending kindergarten at ÉWES next year (aged 5 by December 31, 2024)?

- Please contact Anne Harrison to reserve a spot

Registration for all kindergarten students must be completed online at <u>https://yukon.ca/register-child-school</u>



Registration opens on February 1st and closes on February 18th

Positions must be confirmed and accepted by February 27th