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Dear CKES families,

In the Catholic faith, April brings to us the sorrow of the last supper and the crucifixion of Jesus, but it also gives us His resurrection and new life! Here is a simple, wise prayer from Pope Francis:

“Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.” – Pope Francis, 2020

The Truth of Truth and Reconciliation

CKES School Council has prepared another “Fact Check” for families regarding Yukon First Nations lands and languages. Please see the attachment and click on the embedded links for more information. We were very pleased to see how Pope Francis received the delegation of Inuit, Metis and First Nation residential school survivors last week and made a commitment to coming to Canada to formally apologize for injustices done to these people. It is a hopeful step forward for the truth and reconciliation movement!

Activity Fees – An Explanation

Every year, we endeavour to provide rich learning experiences for our students. Some of the most memorable experiences happen during field trips.

The cost of such trips is shared between families and the school. An in-town round trip bus costs \$186.10 and anything out-of-town is at least \$279.15. Then, there are potential fees for activities during the trip. Currently, the school is paying for class trips to “facilitated” experiences and we ask families to help with the cost for trips that are directly teacher-led.

To make things more efficient, we’ve asked families to pay an Activity Fee of \$50.00 per child. This fee is to cover the costs mentioned above. Some activities, like swimming and ski lessons, are not included in the fee as they are above and beyond the regular field trips a class takes.

If you are able to pay the fee and have not yet done so, please send cash or cheque to CKES. You may also e-transfer to cke-fin@yukon.ca. Please indicate payment is for the activity fee, which child it is for, and what class he/she is in. Thank you!

Our School Survey

In the coming weeks, students in grades 4-7 will participate in a Yukon-wide survey about their school experiences. Completely anonymous, the survey is an opportunity for students to give their voice to how they think things are going at school. School staff will view the results and consider how we can respond to the information it provides. We consider it a valuable tool to inform how we are doing as a school community.

School Council Elections

Elections are coming up very soon! CKES council is made up of 5 people. Please consider your capacity and interest in being part of the team that helps govern our school!

Nominations will be open April 11-21. Packages are available at electionsyukon.ca. Voting will take place at CKES at the following dates and times: April 27, 3-6pm April 30, 1-4pm May 2, 3-8pm

Who can vote: any Canadian citizen who is also:

- a parent/guardian of students at CKES; OR
- who is a registered member of Sacred Heart Parish

“Hats on for Ukraine!” Day – A Fundraiser

Wednesday, April 13 will be “Hats on for Ukraine Day.” This means students can donate \$2.00 to help Ukraine and in return, get to wear a hat in school all day. It is a special treat and will be fun to see the variety of hats people will wear! We will support efforts in Ukraine by donating the money to the Red Cross to use to help victims of the war. This idea came from a student who has family currently living in Ukraine. Let’s support all families there by bringing a toonie and wearing a fun hat on Wednesday the 13th!

Important Dates for April

- April 11 – Grade 6/7 HPV immunizations, by parent/guardian consent only
- April 12 – in-class Lent Celebration, hosted by grade 4
- April 13 – Hats On Day for Ukraine!
- April 15-18 – Easter holiday – have a wonderful break and rejoice in the glory of God and all things made new!
- April 28 – final fire drill of the school year!
- May 2 – PD Day for all Whitehorse schools – no school for students

Here is the link to our school calendars on our website:

Monthly: <http://cke.yukonschools.ca/monthly-calendar.html>

Yearly: <http://cke.yukonschools.ca/yearly-calendar.html>

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call.

Sincerely,
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“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” - St. Francis of Assisi