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# CKES SCHOOL COUNCIL

## 2013-2014 School Council Members

Your School Council consists of 5 elected parents and an appointed Secretary/Treasurer.

Monica Lauer (Co-Chair)	667-7399
Paula Stoker (Co-Chair)	633-2724
Andy Muir	633-2827
Mark Shumelda	633-2849
Joanne Organ	633-3586

Our goal is to enhance our students learning through the cooperative efforts of parents, students, educators, parish members, government and others in the Community.

Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the CKES staffroom. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Welcome Joanne!

*We would like to welcome our new Secretary/Treasurer, Joanne Organ to the CKES School Council. Joanne brings to the table, years of experience working with finances and volunteer Boards, and she has 2 children that attend CKES. We are grateful that she has stepped forward to be part of our Council, and look forward to working with her on Council initiatives.*

*We are still looking for one more Council member to fill a vacancy - if you are interested, please call us or email [ckescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ckescouncil@gmail.com).*



Andy Muir, Paula Stoker, Monica Lauer, Joanne Organ & Mark Shumelda



## Philippine Typhoon Relief Fundraising

Council would like to thank everyone for their most generous donations over the past two weeks toward the Philippine Typhoon Relief Fund. As of Friday, Nov. 29, CKES had collected approximately \$6,500.00 with more donations still arriving. Council donated \$500 of our fundraising monies toward the Relief Fund, and Bishop Gordon will also contribute \$2,500 to our school's Relief efforts (not included in the \$6,500). We are so very blessed to have such caring and generous students, parents, staff and school community.

**Thank you so much!**



### *2013 C.K.E.S. Craft Fair*

Monica Lauer, Paula Stoker & Joanne Organ at the front table display of the Craft Fair.

To aid the school's ability to host community events and fundraisers, Council purchased 65 6-foot tables in October from our fundraising monies. The tables have already been put to good use at the Craft Fair and Vanier's Science Fair.

# ❄ Christmas Craft Fair ❄

*The 6th Annual C.K.E.S. Christmas Craft Fair was held on Saturday, November 9 in the school gymnasium. This event was organized by the School Council in order to raise money toward our landscaping plan for the school grounds. It was a very successful day, with all tables booked and 52 vendors taking part, C.K.E.S. mosaic card sales and a concession run by the Grade seven students and parents. The Fair was well attended and raised over \$2,000 for the school. Vendors all said they were pleased with the Fair and look forward to attending next year!*

## *Thanks to the Craft Fair Volunteers*

C.K.E.S. School Council would like to sincerely thank the many volunteers that helped make the Fair possible:

Keira Howard & family  
Sherri Hennings & family  
Shumelda family  
Muir family

Organ family  
Lauer family  
Stoker family  
Delaney Arrell  
Mr. Miller & Ms. Hlady  
Grade 7 Parents & students



## *RPAY Action Grant*

CKES Council's application was recently approved, and we have received a Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon (RPAY) Action Grant for \$500. The money is to be used to increase opportunities for physical activity for children during the school day. The school will use the money to purchase Badminton nets, badminton rackets and an equipment storage cart.

## *Christmas Celebration*

Our Christmas Celebration will be on Thursday, December 19, 2013. There will be 2 shows again this year, one at 1:30pm and one at 7:00pm.

Each student has already received two (2) passes for their family to attend the celebration in the evening. Extra passes may be available starting on December 2nd. The same celebration will be performed

in the afternoon as well, and will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

In past years, concerns were brought forward by parents to the Fire Marshall about the number of people who were in attendance. The number of people at the evening celebration is now limited.

If families do not need all the passes given to them, *please* return passes to the school so they can be available for other families to access.

We are always pleased that everyone is so supportive of this special event and that it is so well attended, but we do need to address the safety requirements.

**Due to this safety issue, if passes are lost, we cannot replace them.** Your name will have to go on the wait-list for more tickets if they become available. **Please remember to bring your passes to the celebration - you can not get in without them!**

Thank you for your understanding.



## School Seismic Evaluation



In 2010, following recommendations from the Auditor General, the Department of Highways and Public Works (HPW) began screening high priority public buildings for hazards. This began Phase 1 of a four phase Seismic Mitigation program. Eight schools, including Christ the King Elementary School, were identified by the screening as being at elevated seismic risk and required further study.

For Phase 2, HPW commissioned a detailed engineering report which was received in September. Since then, staff at HPW and Education have reviewed the report and prepared Phase 3. During this phase, Education will improve training to teachers, students and staff to ensure everybody knows exactly what to do in an earthquake. CKES already completes earthquake drills with its students, and a new earthquake guidebook will be distributed in the spring.

The Department of Education will also go through the school and identify non-structural risks which are of immediate concern (i.e. attach shelving to walls, etc.) and have this work undertaken shortly. This mediation work will happen on holidays, evenings and school closed days, in order to cause as little disruption to classes as possible.

Phase 4 will examine structural aspects of our school building and prepare plans for reducing any structural concerns.

At the School Council meeting on November 5, we met with Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Schools, who provided us with further information on this issue. Dr. Trask noted that the Whitehorse area is in the low area in terms of seismic zones and that the risk scenario is also low for our school.

If you have any questions related to this issue, please contact us by e-mail ([ckescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ckescouncil@gmail.com)), and we will relay your questions to the Department of Education.



## School Calendar Consultation

Yukon Education would like to establish a three year school calendar that covers the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years based on the parameters that were set in this year's school calendar. A three year school calendar will make the process more efficient and will provide greater long term certainty for planning purposes for School Councils, staff and for parents.

**Input is being sought from School Council and their school communities on the proposed school calendar, including the following issues:**

1. A three year school calendar
2. School start dates
3. Length of the Spring Break

Please note that the Christmas Break is set in the Education Act and occurs from December 21 to January 2.

The Yukon Teachers Association will be consulting separately with teaching staff on the school calendar.

Any comments you would like to submit can be provided through the survey on Yukon Education's website at: <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca>. If you wish to provide comments directly to CKES council, please drop off a letter at the school office or e-mail us at [ckescouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ckescouncil@gmail.com).

Please note that **the consultation period closes on January 17, 2014.**

## Christmas Celebration DVDs - Fundraiser Reminder

The evening Christmas Celebration on Dec. 19 will again be filmed and provided on DVD this year for anyone who wishes to purchase a copy. DVD order forms were recently sent home with student report cards. Cost is \$15 per DVD – it's a wonderful Christmas gift to send to family and friends!

If you wish to order a DVD, please complete and send in the order form with appropriate funds to the office. You can also order DVDs prior to the each of the two presentations of the Christmas celebrations on Dec 19. A table will be set up outside of the gym with Council members in attendance to take your order.

DVDs will be sent home with students on the last day of school prior to Christmas break (Dec 20).



### Mosaic Cards for sale

To help raise funds for the school landscaping project, the School

Council has Mosaic Cards for sale. The cards show a picture of the Mosaic located at the entrance of the school. This beautiful piece of artwork was designed and made locally with the help of staff and students of our school. The cards may be used for any occasion or for sending to family or friends at Christmas time.

The Mosaic Cards are \$2 each or 3 cards for \$5 and may be purchased from any school council member or school administration. Thank you for your support.

Mark your Calendars!

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**Friday, January 17, 2014**

**Movie and times to be announced.**

All students and their families are invited to attend. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

This event is a fundraiser hosted by the School Council with all proceeds going to the CKES Landscaping Fund.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**Please also support our newest school council fundraiser - Mabel's Labels!** These labels are amazing, and work on everything your child (and you) own - from shoes to lunch containers to schools supplies to backpacks and sports gear. They are machine washable, dishwasher and microwave safe and last a really long time. You order right from the CKES Mabel's Labels website (below) and products are shipped right to your door! A portion of every label sold comes back to CKES School Council for our landscaping plan.

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