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Dear CKES families,

Advent is a special time of yearning, hope, and joy as we await the coming of our Savior. It's a time to be open to God's revelations, to recognize God is with us, in Jesus, our Emmanuel. It is meant to be a peace-filled and joyous time, a time we set apart – to wait, listen, be silent, pray, and rejoice.

Advent Prayer

Be with us through this season of waiting, O Lord.

Allow us to pass through the gaudy
Holiday dazzle unspoiled so that we may find the wonderful
simplicity of your entrance into our world.

Though bells ring and lights flash,
Let us always recall that it was a star
And the waking of shepherds
That proclaimed your presence.

Let us find you still in the gentle things of life-
Good friends, little children, shared meals.

Be with us,
Lord, Jesus Christ, through this Advent season.

Christmas Celebration: "Follow the Star"

Our Christmas celebration is taking a new form this year! Our goal is to share the beautiful story of Jesus' birth. Because of covid mitigations, we have created a Christmas montage of music set to student choreography and a dramatic re-telling of the Christmas story. The various class acts will be filmed and then edited together to create a Christmas show. The show will be posted to our CKES Facebook page and the link shared with the parent community on Thursday, Dec. 16th. Students will also be able to watch it on that afternoon with their classmates. We hope this celebration fills everyone with a sense of awe and joy this season, and we invite families to watch "Follow the Star" together that evening or over the holidays.

Cold Weather Policy and Weather Station Update

All students are expected to go outside for recesses except on days when there are extreme weather conditions (-30 degrees Celsius including wind chill). Please remind children to dress

appropriately for Yukon winters (coat, snow pants, boots, hats, mitts, and scarves) so that they can enjoy the time outdoors.

The weather station will be installed soon ☺. Once it is up and running, our school website will have a link to see what the weather is like right here at CKES, at any time of day. We will then use this station to determine the temperature and wind chill here at school. Thank you to our school council for providing this cool feature!

Kick sleds! (with thanks to the Victoria Gold Attendance Initiative Fund)



CKES has purchased 24 kick sleds for use by all classes! The grade 6s and 7s had a training session with Anne from Kick Sled Revolution on Tuesday. They can now be ambassadors to help younger classes as needed. We look forward to using the kick sleds during PE and other classes this winter. *If any local family would like to put skidoo tracks in our back field or on the little trails nearby, please call the school! We will appreciate any hard-packed snow on which to use the kick sleds!*

Operational Plan Updates

As of December 1, any adult entering our school building must now show proof of vaccination. Please check in at the office and show our friendly staff there your vaccine passport if you need to come into the school. We will keep a list of folks so that you only have to do this once.

Our masking policy remains in effect and students are complying very well.

Just in case you haven't heard, there is a covid vaccine now available for children ages 5-11. To read more information on this vaccine: [Information for parents and guardians on the Pfizer vaccine for children aged 5 to 11](#)

To book an appointment for children aged 5 to 11 go to: yukon.ca/en/appointments#appointments-for-children-age-5-to-11

Dr. Kancir talks COVID-19 and schools

Dr. Kancir is the Medical Officer of Health in the Yukon that manages the public schools' portfolio. He's shared two videos explaining why schools are low-risk environments, and the importance of vaccination. Watch the videos below to learn more.

Dr. Kancir talks COVID-19 in schools: [Classroom safety](#)

Dr. Kancir talks COVID-19 in schools: [High schools vs. elementary schools](#)

Important Dates for December and January

- Dec. 7 and 14th – Posada @ 8:45
- Dec. 16 – Christmas Show viewing by classrooms and online!
- Dec. 13 – 17 Christmas Spirit Week:
 - “Monday: Mad about Plaid” – wear anything with plaid on it
 - “Tacky Tuesday” – wear your “ugly” Christmas sweater
 - “Santa’s Workshop Wednesday” – dress as one of Santa’s helpers; wear an elf hat or reindeer antlers
 - “Theatrical Thursday” – wear your best Christmas show outfit!
 - “Favorite Pajamas” – Pajama day!
** Wearing red or green or something festive is also welcome each day!
- Dec. 17 – last day of school before the holidays
- Jan. 4 – Return to school!

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>

Gratitude

- For the kindness staff and students have shown one another.
- For Anne from Kick Sled Revolution, and the grade 6s and 7s who can now help younger classes when using the kick sleds
- For our teachers and LATs who work with families to develop and maintain IEPs and SSPs.
- For our staff who have shown tremendous flexibility and professionalism
- For our parent community who have supported the health of our school and allowed us to make learning the focus
- For the birth of Jesus, that we might live by His example and draw strength from His messages of hope, peace, love and joy.

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