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Dear CKES families,

We're already in February! It's amazing how the year slips by. Let's now focus on what's really important:

Prayer for Love

Gracious God,

We thank You for the ability to love and be loved.
Continue to pour Your love into our hearts each day,
for it sustains us.

Forgive us for our failure to love;
for all those things we did today that caused pain
to another or to You, who we love above all things.
We praise and thank You for being the God of all people,
day after day and night after night.

Be with us in the light and in the darkness.
Loving God, watch over us and help us to grow in love.
Amen.

Communicating Student Learning

We will be sending formal progress reports home tomorrow! These reports will include proficiency evaluations for every subject taught, with detailed comments for literacy and numeracy. They will also include descriptions for how students are doing in regards to behaviours for success. The reports will also include information regarding students' core competency self-assessments.

March 3 will be student-led conferences. There will not be regular school on that day, and we are waiting to see if we can hold in-person conferences. More information regarding this day will come in mid-February. Please do mark your calendars that students will be home with you on that day, as well as on Friday, March 4, which is a non-instructional day for our staff.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for Whitehorse children opens February 14 at 9 a.m.

Kindergarten registration for Whitehorse children born in 2017 opens on Monday, February 14, 9 a.m. To register your child for Kindergarten, visit the Government of Yukon's website on Monday, February 14. The online form is available now, but cannot be submitted until the pre-registration date.

Registration link: <https://yukon.ca/en/register-child-school#register-your-child-for-kindergarten>

Parent info night: There will be a Kindergarten registration and Early French Immersion information night Wednesday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. online as a Zoom Webinar.

To join the meeting, you will need to click on the Zoom link that will be posted on the [Register your Child for Kindergarten Yukon.ca](#) page on Monday, February 7.

Truth and Reconciliation: Steps Forward

The CKES school council is helping our community to learn more about the truth regarding past treatment of First Nations people. Please see the attachment for information about the residential schools that were situated near the current site of CKES.

Covid Responses and Rapid Antigen Tests

CKES has approximately a 20-30% student absenteeism rate over the month of January. Our staff remain mostly healthy, but there are days when we need to adjust programming or teacher roles. We deeply appreciate the graciousness our staff shows in their willingness to ensure students have effective programming everyday.

We still have a small supply of rapid antigen tests available for families. If you wish to pick some up, please feel free to come to the office to ask. Please avoid the busy "bell" times right at the beginning and end of day.

Smart Devices – NOT welcome at school

Students at CKES are not permitted to have personal digital devices at school. Older students may have phones that they keep in their lockers during the day. Our concern is that some students are now coming with smart watches with texting, internet, or gaming ability. These are not permitted in classrooms. We need your support to ensure these technologies do not take away from students' learning experiences at school. Please speak to your children if they own such a device about where it needs to be stored during the school day. Thank you.

Staff Changes

Mrs. Jillian MacDonald, our music teacher, will be on leave until the end of the school year. We have been unable to find a music teacher to replace her, but fortunately Mr. Sean Charbonneau (Mr. C) will take over her courses. Mr. C has an extensive background teaching Applied Design, Skills, and Technology and so the learning focus of these classes will move toward more hands-on, project based work. We wish Mrs. MacDonald the best during her leave and are excited to see the new opportunities Mr. C will bring to our students.

CEAY is Looking for a New Executive Director

The Catholic Education Association of Yukon is advertising for a new Executive Director. Please see the attached job description and contract details if you have time and capacity for a part-time position!

Important Dates for February

- February 4 – Progress reports go home
- February 4 – 100s Day! Primary students will celebrate that we've reached the 100th day of school 😊
- February 22 – Fire Drill at 2:15, weather permitting

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

- To our most wonderful, gracious staff who have stepped up for extra or different duties when needed to keep our school running smoothly
- To our custodians, for their fine work keeping our school clean and healthy this year
- To our families, for being responsible when managing illness in order to keep everyone healthy
- To our students, for rising to our expectations and being strong ambassadors of respect, responsibility, and reaching out
- To Mr. Billingsley and Mr. Yu Schott, for coaching grade 7 basketball
- To our teachers for their fine work on our report cards in order to communicate student learning to families
- To Mrs. Hornby, who is the heart of our office and helps us everyday with a warm smile and positive spirit
- To God, who watches over us and blesses us everyday, if we take time to notice Him

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