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Dear CKES families,

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul." Psalm 23 1-3a

O God,

May we have loving and kind hearts.

May the peace and love of Christ rule our words and actions.

We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

February is Anti-Bullying Month!

Mrs. Boyd will be facilitating lessons about acts of kindness during her career classes this month. Wednesday, Feb. 24 is **Pink Shirt Day**, a national day to acknowledge how we all can stand up to bullying by focusing on empathy, compassion, and kindness. Please have discussions with your children about how to support others and build our own characters to be the best versions of ourselves in each moment.

Valentine's Day at School – February 12

It is appropriate that Valentine's Day falls in the month of February to compliment the anti-bullying theme. Because it falls on a Sunday, CKES will celebrate it on the previous Friday (the 12th). Students are welcome to bring Valentine friendship cards to their classmates on that day. Store-bought, packaged treats are also acceptable. However, we cannot allow home-made treats, due to Covid mitigations.

Operational Requirements

Thank you to all families and students for making efforts to remember to wear re-useable masks at school and on the bus. We appreciate everyone working together to remain safe and take care of our environment!

January Progress Reports – Feedback?

Our progress reports have been published to the Aspen website and families have been accessing the reports. We know there was a delay within Aspen for some reports and a few families had difficulties with gaining access. However, for the vast majority, the process seems to have gone smoothly. We see many advantages to sharing reports in this manner: it is a more secure method; it allows parents to have a digital record of all reports, which will accumulate over the years; and allows efficient and equitable access for families in split households. If you have feedback to give us regarding how we communicate about using Aspen for the June final report cards, we are eager to hear from you. Of course, families who do not have reliable internet access may always request a printed report from the teacher.

One piece of feedback was that there is no place to indicate if a parent/guardian would like to meet with the teacher. Feel free to email any teachers with whom you would like to speak. This option is always open to you – at anytime. Now that you have fresh information about your student's learning, it may prompt conversation. We also have student-led conferences scheduled for March 4, but please reach out now if you have questions.

Invitation to Zoom Session

Dr. Nikki Yee, the consultant leading the [Review of Inclusive and Special Education](#), is hosting a Zoom session for parents/guardians and students to share their experiences with these programs on **Thursday, February 4, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

This is not an information session on these programs. It is an opportunity for parents/guardians and students who have not already shared their experiences to share them directly with the consultant leading the review.

The link will be posted on Yukon.ca on February 3 the day before the session at: yukon.ca/en/engagements/review-inclusive-and-special-education-yukon.

I also encourage you to use the [feedback forms](#) found under [School Information > Parental Information](#) to communicate experiences directly with Nikki Yee. One form is for students to complete with parental support, and the other is for parents/guardians.

Gratitude

- To all teachers: thank you for your thoughtfulness and professionalism in completing student progress reports to share how learning is going with families
- To Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Yukon Education consultants: thank you for the technical learning and support provided to teachers and administration as we moved to digital reporting through Aspen
- To our Educational Assistants: thank you for giving special attention to our more vulnerable students, and being willing to be flexible in your approaches every day
- To our coaches: Mr. Billingsley, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Denault and Mr. White: thank you for volunteering your time at lunch and after school to coach basketball for our grade 7s

- To Mrs. Lackowicz and grade 7 students: thank you for facilitating our Read-a-thon. Monies raised will be donated to the Whitehorse Food Bank.
- To our students: thank you for reading so much during the two weeks of Read-a-thon! We hope this reading effort continues 😊 Also, thank you for being kind and considerate of others.

Dates of Note for February/March:

- Feb. 12 – Valentine’s Day classroom celebrations
- Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday celebration at 9:00am, in classrooms
- Feb. 22 – Fire Drill @ 2:45
- Feb. 23 – Lent celebration
- Feb. 24 – Pink Shirt Day!
- Feb. 26 – Heritage Day holiday – enjoy the long weekend!! 😊
- March 4 – Student-led Conferences
- March 5 – No School for CKES students
- March 15-26 – Spring Break

Drop-off Safety Concerns

PLEASE DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF AT THE GRADE 2/3 OR 4/5 SIDE OF THE SCHOOL. This driveway is not on school property. It is not meant to be used by the school staff or parents. Currently, it is very unsafe for students who are playing in that area in the mornings, and very difficult for supervisors to watch for cars and students.

Instead, please drop students off on the sidewalk of Nisutlin Drive between the driveway and the school bus lane. Students can walk along the sidewalk to the school entrance and then to their proper entryways. ***Snow has been cleared from the roadside to make this option more amenable.***

Parking and drop-off upgrades are planned for CKES this summer. We very much look forward to having more efficient and accessible parking at CKES in the future!

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