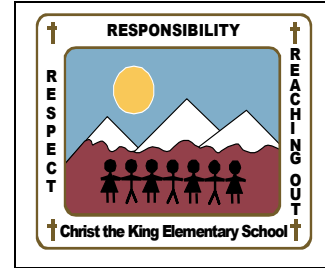


## February 2024 CKES Chronicle

**Thây zhra** (eagle month in Southern Tutchone)

We are blessed to live, work, pray, and play on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation and the Ta'an Kwach' an Council.



Dear Christ the King students and families,



February is a month of love. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate not only Valentine's Day, but also Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. God showed his great love for us through the sacrifice of his son, Jesus. May we also act out of love this month and be reminded of how we, too, can have courage, faith, and show mercy to ourselves and others.

### **100s Day on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>!**

The primary classes celebrated 100 days of school on Monday, Feb. 5. The primary wing participated in various fun 100-day themed activities throughout the afternoon. We hope all students enjoyed gaining a deeper understanding of numbers up to 100!

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Online registration is now open for kindergarten classes for the 2024-25 school year. At Catholic schools, siblings and Catholic students get priority for registration, but the process must still be completed! Here is the link to begin the registration process: <https://yukon.ca/register-child-school#register-your-child-for-kindergarten> Please

### *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.  
We praise you for being *our* God  
Be with us in the light and in the  
darkness.  
Watch over us and help us to grow  
in love.  
Loving God,  
we place our lives in your holy  
hands.

Amen.

share this information with families you know who may have students interested in joining our K classes at CKES next year!

### **Read-a-thon Success!**

Congratulations to our students and staff! We've had our most successful read-a-thon ever and surpassed the goal of 90 000 minutes read within ten days. In fact, we've read over 100 000 minutes! This is fantastic for our CKES Wolverines! Thanks to Ms. Burns for spear-heading the challenge and keeping track of these amazing numbers! Way to go, CKES Wolverines! We are excited to have such happy readers in our school!

### **February 14 – a busy day!**

**Valentine's Day** – teachers may be sending home information about classroom celebrations for Valentine's Day. If you are sending Valentines, please ensure each student in the class receives one.

**Ash Wednesday Celebration @ 9:00am** – Fr. Slawek will join us for a prayer and blessing of the ashes over the intercom, then classrooms will have their own liturgical celebration where teachers will sprinkle ashes on the heads of students. This is to symbolize that in our humanness, we sometimes fail and can turn to God for help. It also marks the beginning of Lent.

### **Student-led Conferences**

Please note that these important conferences will take place on Thursday, Feb. 22. A separate letter will go home on Friday to explain the value of these conferences and how/when to book appointments with your child's teacher(s).

### **Important Dates for February - March:**

Monday, Feb. 5 –	100s Day!
Wednesday, Feb. 14 –	Ash Wednesday Celebration @ 9:00am + Valentine's Day
Wednesday, Feb. 21 –	Pizza Lunch for those who have placed orders! Money raised will help pay for grade 7 hoodies.
Thursday, Feb. 22 -	Student-led Conference Day – NO SCHOOL, except by appointments + Bake Sale!
Friday, Feb. 23 -	Heritage Day Holiday – Happy Rendezvous!
Wednesday, Feb. 28 -	Classroom Lent Celebration / <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>
Thursday, Feb. 29 -	Fire Drill at 2:40pm

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

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

### **Repeat: Call Out for Wool Blankets**

CKES is looking for donations of 100% wool blankets. We keep these blankets in emergency bins near each entrance in case of cold weather emergency evacuations. A wool blanket makes a big difference when students and staff need to be outside without proper outdoor clothing.

FYI, if we cannot re-enter the building in a timely manner, we will evacuate to the Saint Francis of Assisi School gym. Families would be notified asap if this were ever to occur. A wool blanket on the walk to SFA or while waiting outside will make a big difference for a child!

### **Cold Weather Days**

CKES uses the Environment Canada app, for Riverdale, Yukon when we look at temperatures. At -30 including wind chill, students will be inside for recesses. We appreciate that families always ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather – cold, snow, rain, and/or wind!

### **Please Remember**

1. We are a scent-free and a peanut free school – no scents nor peanut products are permitted.
2. To make attendance notices, please call the school at 667-3527 or send an email to [christtheking@yukon.ca](mailto:christtheking@yukon.ca)
3. To make school payments, you may send cash, cheque, or e-transfer to [cke-fin@yukon.ca](mailto:cke-fin@yukon.ca). If sending an e-transfer, please be explicit in the note section about the student name, homeroom, and purpose of the payment.
4. **The land on the south side of our school, near the grade 2/3, 4/5 doors, belongs to a local First Nation. It is not to be used for parking or the drop-off/pick-up of students. Please use our new parking lot for these purposes. ALSO, the drop-off spots in our parking lot loop are for quick drop-offs/pick-us only. Please do not park there for long periods of time.**
5. The [CEAY website](#) is a good place to find information regarding Catholic Education in the Yukon. Check it out!

Shàw níthän, (thank you in Southern Tutchone)

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***