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Dear CKES families,

Welcome to 2021! This week marked the liturgical time of Epiphany, when the wise men deliver gifts to the baby Jesus, and his human father, Joseph, experiences a dream from God. May we all be open to gifts of the spirit, made possible by God's blessing. Here is a prayer to share with your family:

Thank you, Lord,  
For this wonderful and amazing blessing of **today**,  
For your **word of hope** which gives us strength,  
For your **love** that makes our life meaningful,  
For your **peace** that gives us comfort,  
For your **grace** that renews and restores our life. We give you **praise**, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Operational Requirements

A friendly reminder that all students in grades 4 to 7 must have a mask to wear in public spaces within the school building. Students who ride the bus to and from school, ages 5 and up, are required to wear a mask and all students are required to wear one during field trips both on the bus and in public spaces outside of the school. The school has purchased some disposable masks for students to use when they forget theirs at home, but it is very much preferred for students to have their own personal, re-useable masks that they keep at school. Thank you for your help with these requirements.

You can view our operational plan on our school website. Our main mitigations involve keeping to class cohorts, proper hand hygiene, and the wearing of masks. The "Safe Six" are the best things we can do to keep our community healthy, including staying home when sick.

## January Progress Reports

Staff are working hard to prepare progress reports, to be shared with parents on January 29. This year, we are trying a new system. We will be sharing the reports via a digital platform, called Aspen. Aspen is the student information system that Yukon Education uses to record and track all official student data.

In the final week of January, parents/guardians will receive an email with a login and temporary password. At that point, parents/guardians can log in and create their own password. Detailed instructions will be provided with that email.

For families without internet access, a printed progress report will be available. Please contact your child's teacher to advise us if this is necessary.

## **Christmas Celebration: “A Gift to the World”**

Although very different from past years, our Christmas celebration was a success! The Facebook event page reached over 4000 people, and had 465 “play clicks.” More than 100 people left positive comments, with many grandparents and other relatives very pleased to be able to see it. Looking to the future, this format may meld itself with the traditional in-person celebrations that we hope to return to in 2021-2022. Again, thanks to CKES staff and students for their hard work and commitment to honouring and celebrating the birth of Jesus!

## **RCMP “White Hatter” Presentations**

On January 26<sup>th</sup> students in grades 4-7 will be viewing White Hatter presentations regarding digital literacy and online safety. Parents/guardians are also invited to view a presentation at 7:00pm on January 25. A link to this online presentation will be sent to the CKES community that week. Here’s a link to the website if you’d like more information: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/>

## **Personal Technology Use at School**

This note is a reminder that cell phones and other personal digital devices are not permitted at school. If a student needs to have one for before or after-school use, the device must be kept in student backpacks during the day. All staff have the responsibility to confiscate devices for the day if they are used inappropriately.

## **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. The driveway was plowed after our last large snowfall by mistake – we have asked that it not be plowed in the future. 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.

FYI, 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!

## **Important Dates for January**

- Jan. 4 – We welcomed staff and students back to school 😊.
- Jan. 15 – PD Day for all Whitehorse schools – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Jan. 19 – Christian Unity celebration in classrooms, prepared by Kindergarten.
- Jan. 19 – Read-a-thon begins!
- Jan. 21 – School Council meeting at 7:30pm in the school library.
- Jan. 29 – Progress reports and Core Competency Self-Assessments will be available for parents to view online.

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 smiles, the fist-bumps, and cheerful waves and greetings that students and staff share each day;
- For the extra care and attention staff give to students when needed;
- For the support of, and team-work with, our parent community;
- For our school council and the planned summer parking lot / drop-off upgrades 😊

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***