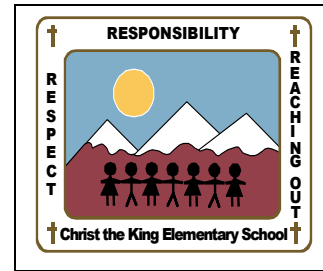


January 2024 CKES Chronicle

Kwäk'än zhra

(northern lights 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,

Happy Epiphany!



Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us; That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen.

Epiphany, which marks the end of the Christmas season, is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on January 6th and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men, or Three Kings, who visited Jesus. Epiphany means 'revelation' and both the visit of the Wise Men and Jesus' Baptism are times when Jesus was 'revealed' to be very important. May we keep the joy of Christ's coming in our hearts this month!

Christmas Concert Gratitude

The Christmas concert was a wonderful event! Thank you to the students and staff who put so much effort into helping us all celebrate and feel the magic of the season!

Cold Weather Policy: -30 cut-off in effect.

It's wonderful to see students coming to school so well prepared for the cold weather. We sometimes can't recognize them, as they are so bundled up! Thank you!

* Please label children's outdoor clothing! Labelling outdoor gear will be a huge help in reducing our lost and found pile!

** Supervision at school begins at 8:15am. Even on cold days, students should not be entering the school before this time, as teachers are preparing for the day and are not on duty. Please keep your child(ren) with you until 8:15. Thank you!

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!

School Bus Behaviours and Consequences

Recently, we have received an increase in reports from Standard Bus about student behaviours. Here are the School Bus Expectations all students must follow:

- 1) Follow the instructions of the bus driver at all times
- 2) Remain seated at all times
- 3) No fighting, bullying, or teasing
- 4) No eating or drinking
- 5) Heads, hands, arms, etc. must remain inside the bus at all times
- 6) No swearing
- 7) No smoking (or vaping)
- 8) No yelling, screaming or unnecessary noise

When a driver notices that these rules are not being followed, they will complete a bus report and send it to the school. Upon receipt, Mme. Monique or Ms. Gallant will speak with the student and plan for next steps. Parents may be informed, depending upon the severity of the offense.

Standard Bus has a policy that after 3 bus reports, students may have a 5-day suspension from riding the bus. After this consequence, students may return to taking the bus each day. Hopefully, the student's behaviours will improve.

Sexual Abuse Prevention Conversation Guide

At all times, we strive to ensure schools are safe places for students and staff. We also want to support families in ensuring students are safe. Please see the attached guide, **"How to Talk to Kids about Personal Safety and Sexual Abuse."** This guide has

practical advice and age-appropriate conversation starters. We hope it will be helpful to all families!

Afternoon STEM Clubs by Youth Moving Mountains from Yukon U

Please see the attached poster. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The Youth Moving Mountains group is offering free afterschool programming in various locations for grades 1-7, on a weekly basis from 3:30 – 5:30pm.

Important Dates for January - February:

- Monday, January 8 – We welcomed students back to school!
- Friday, January 19 – Yukon Education PD Day for staff – no school for students.
- Wednesday, January 24 - Christian Unity Celebration prepared by grade 5 – held in classrooms.
- Friday January 26 – Grade 5 progress reports go home (Intensive French and Compressed English programs)

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

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

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
3. To make school payments, you may send cash, cheque, or e-transfer to 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