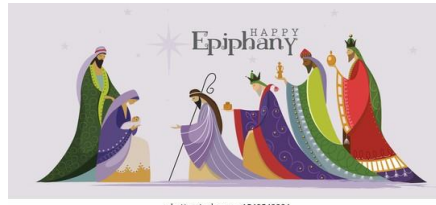


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Dear CKES families,

Epiphany is the celebration of the Magi, or wise men, visiting the baby Jesus. After this visit, the Magi spread the word that Jesus had been born. Their role in the story of Christ cannot be underestimated. As Covid and cold weather affect our lives, let us follow the example of the Magi as we pray:

Enlighten Us

O Jesus Christ our King,
your sign to the Magi was a bright shining star.
Enlighten us by your grace,
and fill us with all wisdom
and spiritual understanding;
grant this because of your goodness,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
whose kingdom and dominion
endure through all ages.
Amen.

Operational Plan Update

Schools continue to respond to the Covid pandemic through our operational plans. Currently, the highly contagious Omicron variant is the main concern. We will do our best to ensure students wash their hands, wear masks, and keep to their grade cohorts as much as possible. **It is imperative that students stay home when sick. The best defense against serious illness is to be vaccinated.**

To book an appointment for children aged 5 to 11 go to: yukon.ca/en/appointments#appointments-for-children-age-5-to-11

As Covid becomes more endemic, families need to be prepared for a variety of scenarios. For example, groups of students and staff may be asked to isolate on sudden notice. Another possibility is that we may not have enough healthy staff to fully operate for a short period of time. If this occurs, the school will be open for children of essential workers or students with special needs only. Families will be notified via email if any of these situations arise. Hopefully, we will stay in session!

NOTE: Teachers are not expected to support both remote learning and face-to-face learning. If a student needs to be home from school for an extended period of time, please do communicate with the teacher. Some simple arrangements may be made, but teachers cannot be responsible for remote learning while schools are in session.

Reminder: Cold Weather Policy

All students are expected to go outside for recesses except on days when there are extreme weather conditions (greater than -30 degrees Celsius including wind chill). Please remind children to dress appropriately for Yukon winters (coat, snow pants, boots, hats, mitts, and scarves) so that they can enjoy the time outdoors.

Communicating Student Learning

We will be sending formal progress reports home on February 4. 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 be printed and sent home with students.

Important Dates for January

- Jan. 17 – PD Day – no school for students
- Jan. 18 – In-school Christian Unity celebration (within classrooms)
- February 4 – Progress reports go home

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

This Chronicle, let's devote our gratitude to those essential workers who must be present with those who are unwell, as well as to those people who support our workers. May God bless and guide them through these more difficult days.

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