



Christ the King Elementary School

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Thankful

Good and gracious God,

This time of year we think of all the things we should be thankful for.

We take a moment today to give thanks for the blessings you have given us.

*Thank you for our friends, our families, for laughter, for sunshine, for the gentle rains,
and the beautiful skies.*

May we always see the blessings in our lives and take time to appreciate them.

Amen.

School Council Election on October 5!

CKES has been fortunate to have a very supportive and helpful school council. School council plays a role in governance of CKES and ensures the voices of families and the wider community are represented in our school. As we head into the election of a new school council, I'd like to sincerely thank the members of our present council: Melissa Yu-Schott, Kathleen Coventry, Andrea Lefebvre, Shanna Epp, and Gina Macleod. THANK YOU for your service!

The following people have put forth their names to run for the next school council: Melissa Yu-Schott, Paul Murchison, Joy Dornian, Gina Macleod, Amy Ryder, and Carrie Ariss. Please see the following link to read summaries of why these people have chosen to run, what skills or experiences make them suitable for the position, and what they hope to accomplish in this role:

[School Council Candidates INFO](#)

To vote, there are two options:

- Come to the school on October 5, anytime between 3:00 – 8:00pm to vote in-person;
OR
- Pick up a mail-in ballot beforehand from our school office and give it directly to our returning officer, Paul Nemeth. His phone number is: 334-2776.

Stoplight System for Evaluating Children's Illness:

Yukon's Chief Medical Office has distributed a "Stoplight" guide for parents to help the decision-making process about whether a child can go to school or not when showing specific

symptoms. The guide does not quite match our school's previous interpretation, but we are now following the Stoplight approach. Of note: if a child has a fever/chills, a cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, he/she cannot come to school and Covid testing is strongly recommended. If you choose not to get tested, the child must stay home for 10 days. CKES administration and staff want students here as often as possible – we want full participation! Please do your best to practice and model hand hygiene, keep to your bubble groups and be prudent in public gatherings so that we remain as healthy as possible!

Please access the Stoplight guide on our website for details about other symptoms and how parents and school must respond. Thank you for your cooperation!

Welcome to our new Learning Assistance Teacher and our new French Monitrice

In our last Chronicle, I mentioned that Ms. Gartner was moving away to NS to be closer to family. We have hired Mr. Christian Berneche as her replacement. Mr. Berneche brings a positive energy, expertise in numeracy instruction, and 25+ years of experience to our team. He is a welcome addition and I'm sure students who work with Mr. Berneche will enjoy their learning time!

We have also been assigned a full-time French Monitrice to help out in all French classes. Her name is Ariane Houle, from Quebec. Welcome Ariane!

Important Dates for October:

Oct. 2 – PD Day for teachers – no school for students

Oct. 6 – Thanksgiving Celebration in classrooms; led by the Grade 2 classes

- *The Cereal Box food drive continues until Oct. 9!*

Oct. 8 – Fire Drill #2 and "From the Ground Up" order pickup!

Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving Day holiday! ☺

Oct. 19 - 23 – An informal communication of learning to parents/guardians will be sent home by teachers during this week. Please check your child's backpack!

Here is the link to our school calendar on our website: <http://cke.yukonschools.ca/monthly-calendar.html>

Gratitude:

We are blessed with staff who contribute above and beyond each day of the school year! We have appreciation for the many daily, in-the-moment positive interactions staff have with students. We are also thankful for the following people:

- To our community for the support given for our Terry Fox Walk
- Terry Fox run organizers: Ms. O. Burns and Ms. Aasman
- Grade 7 Volleyball coaches: Mr. Billingsley and Ms. Floyd

- From the Ground Up fundraising organizers: Ms. Gillard, Ms. Harper, and Ms. A. Burns
- Cereal Box Food Drive organizers: Ms. Cooper and Ms. Den Ouden
- To Students: Thank you for continuing to demonstrate the 3 R's in your daily habits. Respect, responsibility, and reaching out are the best way to show our Wolverine spirit!
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We wish you a happy, meaningful Thanksgiving!

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

Bonus!: Here are a couple of photos to demonstrate our core competencies at work:

Grade 2B used their senses to explore the build on their classmates’ ideas:



Grade 7A considered their personal and cultural identity by pasting puzzle pieces of their personal attributes into a picture of Yukon:



Please see the message below, included on behalf of Vanier Catholic Secondary School Council.

Dear CKES families:

In February, it was revealed that Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche and a member of the family after which our school is named, is the subject of credible accusations of sexual abuse of women.

Following these revelations, school council committed itself to engaging in a process of gathering input from our school and wider community. This consultation process was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Now, council is ready to begin this process.

An online survey has been developed to gather input and will remain open until October 9th.

To find out more and complete the survey, please head to <https://www.vcss.ca/vanier-name-survey.html>

The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and we thank everyone who responds.

For further information, please contact:

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