



What's Up DVG?

(parent and student newsletter)

December 2015

Save the Date!

Dec 2: lockdown drill

Dec 4: Town potluck dinner at Rec, 6-8 pm

Dec 5: Kids Christmas Party at Rec, ages 0-12 at 11 am—2 pm

Dec 7-9: Superintendent Bill Bennett visit

Dec 7: School Council Meeting, 7 pm in staff room

Dec 9: The Nightmare Before Christmas—school play, performed by DVG Drama club, 6:30 pm in gym

Dec 10: Vaccinations in school 8:20-9:00 am (medical room)

Dec 12: Staff Christmas party

Tuesday Dec 15: Christmas Caroling, 6:30 pm starting at the school boot room.

Wednesday Dec 16: School Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm, gym

Dec 18: last day of classes before Christmas Break. 2:15 early dismissal

January 4: Start of classes for 2016



Principal's Blog

'Tis the Season of Light and Joy, so despite it being a bit early: I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and happy any other holidays too. Speaking of holiday cheer, are you interested in going **Christmas caroling**? Weather permitting, we will be leaving from the school at 6:30 pm on Tuesday December 15 by DVG bus. We'll carol a couple places around town. If you want a specific address or corner caroled, we are making a list so please let us know in the office. All students and families are welcome to attend. Students in Grades 3 and below must be accompanied by a parent or someone to care for them. Please bring a flashlight and dress warm. Students who are unaccompanied by a parent will need permission to ride the bus.

December is always busy around a school. Not to be missed this month are two large performances one week apart. These are the **Nightmare Before Christmas** and the annual **DVG Christmas Concert**. Please see the advertisement on the next page for more information. These are sure to be amazing and we'd love to see everyone come out!

Please note that Nurse Matt will be in the school doing **vaccinations** of students and staff on the morning of Dec 10th. Please call the Health Center at

994-4444 if you would like to arrange for your child to be vaccinated.

Also, somewhere along the way, my wires got crossed on the Spring Break dates. Some documents sent home (like the Student Manual) have March 7-11 as the week off, while other documents and calendars say March 14-18. Oops! My apologies for the confusion over the dates and any inconvenience that might have brought you. Please mark your calendars that **Spring Break is March 14-18**. Let's hope for good weather!

On top of that, many of you are still accessing the old DVG website (which is the one you get when you Google DVG), which is no longer supported or maintained by Yukon Education. The new website is

<http://dvg.yukonschools.ca>

However, the student manual on this site also needs to be updated with the correct Spring Break dates too. I'm waiting for Yukon Education to do this. I can't wait to get control over the website so I can make my own changes!

Take care everyone!

- Angela Magon

School Play:

The Nightmare Before Christmas

DVG Drama Club invites community members to join us for the children's production of The Nightmare Before Christmas on Wednesday December 9 at 6:30 pm. Admission is by donation to the school fine arts program and will include a beverage and baking. Donations of musical instruments would be gladly received instead of cash.



Storage shed—will have a peaked roof

Food drive!



The School Christmas Concert

DVG staff and students invite everyone to come to our annual school Christmas Concert. The show will feature music, singing, a scene from the school play, a student film, and dancing students. The concert is 6:30 pm on Wednesday Dec 16th. There will also be a Christmas hamper to accept food donations for Faro individuals in need.

At the concert, we will be auctioning off a large storage shed (8x8 with double doors) made by our grade 12 woodworking students. We've had an offer of \$800 already, but this shed is worth double that. Proceeds will go to grad and our school trades program.



There are several Faro families and individuals who struggle to put nutritious meals on the table. Holidays, in particular, are difficult as there are increased expectations to provide. If you have any non-perishable food items you can spare to donate, we have a collection box in the school front boot room. We will also collect donations at our public events.

Ms. Fitzpatrick will be running occasional crafting sessions after school leading up to Christmas holidays. She will send notices home when these will occur.



Destination Imagination Club will be starting up with Ms. Berglund. This club is for students interested in science, drama, engineering and creative problem solving. First meeting for interested students in Grades 3-12 is at lunch on Dec 2nd.

Concerned Over a Family Member's Alcohol or Drug Use?

Did you know Ross River and Faro have a Community Addiction Worker? Sandy Schmidt travels to Ross River / Faro every 2 weeks to provide prevention activities, community-based support, referrals to live in addiction treatment centers, counseling and aftercare support.

If you are trying to stay sober, living with someone who is struggling with drinking or using drugs or a grandparent / family member trying to help the children you care about understand and cope with their parents addiction she's here to help to support you and your family.

Call or text Sandy at 867-334-7063 or toll free at 1-855-667-5777 all contacts are confidential.

ADS working with you in your community to support change and recovery. Please call us if you need us...

A Strong School Start

School starts officially at 8:43 am. This is the time that students need to be in their classes, boots and coats off, ready to learn. That means that in reality, school starts before 8:43. The average child will take 5 minutes to get in the door, put their outside stuff in their locker and get into their classroom, so they need to be here no later than 8:38. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 typically arrive around 8:30 am (supervision begins at 8:20), which gives them a few minutes to socialize in the boot room before being allowed to go to their lockers and classrooms at 8:38. Students in Grades 6-12 can proceed directly to their classes to get settled at their own pace.

If a child is even a couple minutes late to class, they miss valuable instructions, activities and learning. This can make a child feel anxious, out of place, and unsettled. It also makes it difficult on the teacher and other students who have to re-explain or stop what they are doing to accommodate the late comer.

Please have your child come to school no later than 8:38.

CATS Counseling:
Child and Adolescent Therapeutic Services

Has your child suffered a traumatic event in his/her life? Is your child struggling to learn coping or social skills? Would your child benefit from someone to coach them in making healthy choices and life decisions? If so, email our CATS counselor, Stacey.Maclean@gov.yk.ca to arrange to have her talk to your child.

Christmas Morning 'Wife Saver' Recipe

Who wants to cook on Christmas morning? Not I! Here is a recipe that I've relied on for many years that is sure to please your family and can be mostly prepared the night before Christmas.

Ingredients:

- 10 slices bread (white preferable)
- 16 slices bacon, Canadian bacon or ham
- grated Cheddar cheese
- 6 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1/2 a minced onion
- Suggested veggies: sliced or diced bell pepper (red and/or green), tomatoes (roma or sundried)
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 dash hot sauce
- 3 cups milk

Topping (optional)

- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup crushed corn flakes cereal

Preparation Instructions

1. Butter a 9x13-inch baking dish or casserole dish. Cut and fit slices of bread to fit over entire bottom of dish.
2. Cover bread with slices of bacon or meat of your choice (or omit for a vegetarian dish) and sharp Cheddar cheese. Cover with remaining slices of bread to completely cover meat and cheese.
3. Place chopped veggies on top.
4. Whisk eggs with salt and black pepper in a bowl. Whisk mustard, Worcestershire sauce, and hot sauce into eggs. Whisk in milk until egg mixture is smoothly combined. Pour egg mixture evenly over the casserole. Cover the dish and refrigerate overnight.
5. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
6. Optional topping: Pour melted butter evenly over the casserole and sprinkle corn flake crumbs over the top.
7. Bake in the preheated oven until set and lightly browned, about 1 hour. Let casserole stand for 10 minutes before serving.