



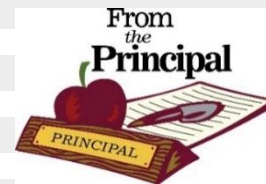
# February



## Del Van Gorder School Newsletter



- Feb 1: After School Floor hockey 3:15-4:15
- Feb 1-2: Polar Games in Whitehorse
- Feb 1-2: No morning bus run
- Feb 5: School Council meeting 6:30 (Staffroom)
- Feb 5: 8-12 Senior Basketball after school
- Feb 7: 4-7 Junior Basketball after school
- Feb 8: Ross River students demonstrating hand games.
- Feb 8: After school Floor hockey
- Feb 12: 8-12 Senior Basketball after school
- Feb 14: 4-7 Junior Basketball after school
- Feb 13: Pancake breakfast
- Feb 15: No Floor Hockey
- Feb 15-16: Grade 7 Basketball Tournament in Whitehorse
- Feb 15-16: No morning bus run
- Feb 19: 8-12 Senior Basketball after school
- Feb 22: After school Floor hockey
- Feb 22: Fun Rendezvous activities
- Mar 1: No Floor hockey
- Mar 1-2: Gr 9/10 Basketball championships
- Mar 5: School Council meeting 6:30 (staffroom)
- Mar 8: After school floor hockey-final practice
- Mar 14-15: Elementary Floor Hockey Tournament
- Mar 14-15: No morning bus run



I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. It's 2018; a new year, and with it will come many new and exciting challenges for our school. As mentioned last month, our staff is has taken on the challenge of the new assessment model. Throughout the coming months, we will be developing our own version of the new assessment model. This will culminate at our May 18<sup>th</sup> PD Day when we will finalize the assessment model for next year. We will be holding a Science Fair on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January and a Heritage Fair in the spring, dates to be determined. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be having fun Rendezvous activities. We will encourage our students to dress up in their favorite Rendezvous costumes. Our Spring Break this year goes from Monday, March 19 through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. School comes back on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Cold Weather

The Cold weather is definitely here to stay; so please make sure that your students are wearing their outdoor shoes at all times. Also encourage your students to be wearing a sweater or long sleeved shirt; thank you.



## Winter Bus

After the January glitch, our bus has been rolling on schedule; so please make sure that if your children are taking the bus, that they are out waiting for it on time; thank you. Also, please make sure that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather.



## House Teams

As a fun way to promote school spirit, students and staff have been divided into four



house teams. The second last Friday of the month, the four house teams gather in the gym for a challenging activity. Our next special day will be Yukon dress-up day on Thursday, February 22.

## Floor Hockey

Floor hockey is up and running again on Thursdays after school. We are getting ready for the tournament in Whitehorse. We hope to have a boy's and a girls' team for that tournament. The tournament will take place on Wednesday, March 14.



## Basketball

The afterschool basketball programs are in full swing now with the grades 4-7 practicing on Wednesdays after school; and the seniors (8-12) practicing on Mondays after school. Ms. Coates and Ms. Morrissey are coaching the 4-7s and Mr. De Jong and myself are coaching the seniors. For the first time, we will be fielding a combined senior team with players from Ross River and Faro that will compete at the tournament in Whitehorse. Our seniors will be competing in the grade 9/10 tournament on March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the grade 7 tournament will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of February.



## Pink Shirt

February 13<sup>th</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about anti-bullying. Let's see if we can get the whole school dressed in pink!!!

## Pancake Breakfast

February 13<sup>th</sup> is our pancake breakfast. The staff will be making pancakes for the whole school, so you don't have to make your child breakfast that morning!



## Hand Games

On Thursday, February 8th, students and elders from Ross River will be coming to our school to demonstrate and teach us traditional hand games. We will be hosting the Ross River



students for lunch, followed by hand game demonstrations in the gym. All parents are welcome to come out and watch.

**Learning can be fun!**

## Polar Games

We will be sending our grade six students to the annual Polar Games this year; which will take place on February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Whitehorse. As a result, we will not have our morning bus for those two days.



