



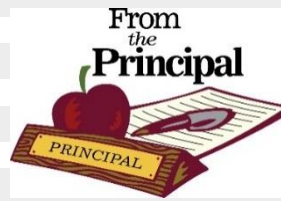
January



Del Van Gorder School Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 09: 4-7 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Jan 10: 8-12 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Jan 11: After School Floor hockey 3:15-4:15
- Jan 16: 4-7 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Jan 17: 8-12 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Jan 18: After School Floor hockey 3:15-4:15
- Jan 19: Stuffed animal day
- Jan 23: 4-7 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Jan 24: 8-12 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Jan 25: After School Floor hockey 3:15-4:15
- Jan 26: High School Report cards go home (term 2 semester 1)
- Jan 29: Science Fair
- Jan 30 -Feb 01 French Monitrice at school
- Jan 31: 8-12 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Jan 09: 4-7 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Feb 01: After School Floor hockey 3:15-4:15
- Feb 07: 8-12 Basketball after school (3:15-4:00)
- Feb 13: Pancake Day



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) PD Day where we will finalize the assessment model for next year. We will be holding a Science Fair on the 29th of January and a Heritage Fair in the spring, dates to be determined. On February 22nd, 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 2nd. School comes back on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Cold Weather

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



Winter Bus

The winter bus has been rolling for a while now; so please make sure that if your children are taking the bus, that they are out waiting for it on time; thank you. Please make sure that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather.



Please note: The school bus is still in Whitehorse but arrangements have been made for it to be picked up on Friday, January 12th. The bus should be on its regular schedule beginning on Monday, January 15th. Sorry for this inconvenience.

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. There are team points for the activities. On the last Friday of the month, we will be having special days, like favorite jersey day, or crazy hair day. Students get points for their team when they dress up for the occasion. The third Friday (19) of January will be favorite stuffed animal Day.



Floor Hockey

Floor hockey will start up again on Thursday, January 11.



PD Day

Our last PD Day was scheduled for February 12. I have moved it to Friday, May 18. I moved the date because I felt that we could gain more by having the last PD day in the spring; so that we could better plan our priorities for the following school year.

Native Language/Culture teacher

On behalf of Del Van Gorder staff, I would like to welcome Deidra Etzel as our newest staff member. She will our Native Language and culture teacher. She will begin on Wednesday, January 3rd. We are looking forward begin developing the Kaska language and culture throughout our school.

Basketball

We will be starting up basketball in January. The grades 4-7 will be practicing on Tuesdays after school; and the senior (8-12) will be practicing on Wednesdays after school. Ms. Coates and Ms. Morrissey will be coaching the 4-7s and Mr. DeJong and myself will be 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.



Lunch/Snack Time

Students are now permitted to bring food items to school containing nuts. The student who has the nut allergy is no longer enrolled at DVG.

Learning can be fun!



Shop Christmas project



Building snow forts outside



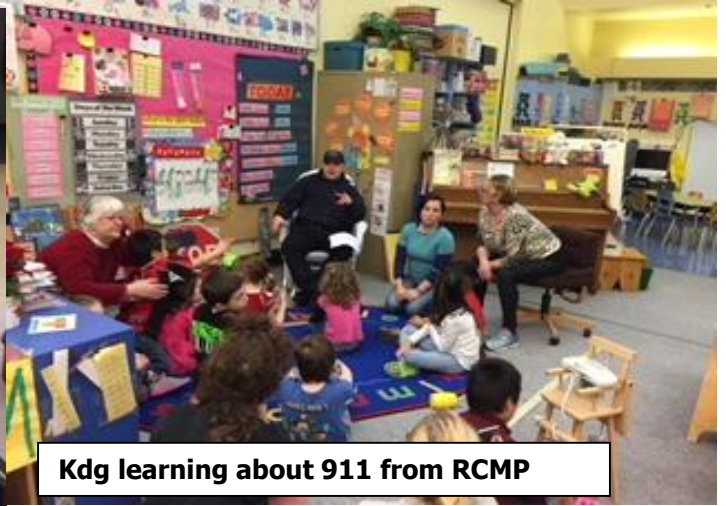
Getting ready for Basketball season



Ice Fishing with Ross River School



Destination Imagination grades 4-7



Kdg learning about 911 from RCMP

Our Wonderful Christmas Concert



