



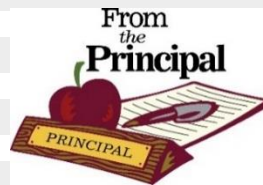
# MARCH



## Del Van Gorder School Newsletter



- Mar 5: HBSAC Survey for all grades 6-10 students
- Mar 5: School Council meeting 6:30 (staffroom)
- Mar 5: Student-led conferencing (4:00-6:00)
- Mar 7: After school floor hockey
- Mar 7: French FN Spectacle
- Mar 14/15: Elementary Floor Hockey Tournament
- Mar 14/15: No morning bus
- Mar 16: Wear Something Green Day
- Mar 17 – April 2: Spring Break
- Apr 3: School is back in session
- Apr 5: School Council meeting 6:30 (Staffroom)



Another newsletter means that another month has gone by! March is a shorter month school wise as we have our two-week Spring Break coming up at the end of the month. Our Spring Break this year goes from Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. School comes back on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Throughout the coming months, we will be continuing to develop our own version of the new assessment model. This will culminate at our May 18<sup>th</sup> PD Day where we will finalize the assessment model for next year. Our Science Fair that was held at the end of January was a huge success. Thank you to all the staff and parents that helped out. I was very impressed with the quality of the projects. We will be participating in the Heritage Fair in the spring, including our own Heritage Fair here. The date for the Regional Heritage Fair is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. The date of our school Heritage Fair is to be determined.

## Winter Bus

The morning school bus has been running well this year. There will be no bus on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of March as it will be used to bring the boys and girls to Whitehorse for the floor hockey tournament.

The bus will run until April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



## 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 dress-up in "green" day on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Let's make sure that we have a sea of green for that day!

## 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 boys' and a girls' team for that tournament. The tournament will take place on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. After school floor hockey will end after the tournament.



## Basketball

We made history at the grade 7 basketball tournament. Faro is the only community school that has gone to the finals in that basketball tournament since the tournament was established in the early nineties!!!

The grade 9/10 tournament was held on February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. De Jong and myself are coaching the seniors. For the first time, we fielded a combined senior team with players from Ross River and Faro that competed at the tournament in Whitehorse. Our seniors did quite well in the 9/10 basketball tournament in Whitehorse. They won two games and lost one. Congratulations to all the boys that participated from both schools.



## Science Fair

On Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, some of our students participated in the Stikine Regional Science Fair, which was held at the Yukon College. Del Van Gorder School had 4 projects in that fair.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in that science fair.



## Energy Drinks

**Please note that we do not allow any kind of Energy Drinks in the school. Thank you.**



### **Microwave usage in the School**

Our staff has examined all aspects of microwave use at lunch time. We have properly tested our microwaves to ensure that they are on separate circuits such that using them will not result in circuit



failure. We have also set up the following procedures. Please go over these with your child, and reinforce some of the things outlined below. The microwaves have been in use in the lunch room since February 26 and all is going well.

### **Proposal for Microwave use at Lunch**

1. We will have three microwaves going at the same time. This should eliminate lineups so that children can get to eat their lunch as soon as possible.
2. The students from grades 6/7 will monitor the microwaves. They have been instructed in the proper use and procedures for using microwaves, and will help the children from grades 1-5.
3. Please do not send frozen dinners. We need to make sure that this is strictly adhered to, as these take much too long to properly cook and this would not give the students enough time to finish their lunches.
4. All of the students will have received special instructions on making sure they test the food after it has been microwaved to make sure it is not too hot to consume.

### **HBSAC Survey**

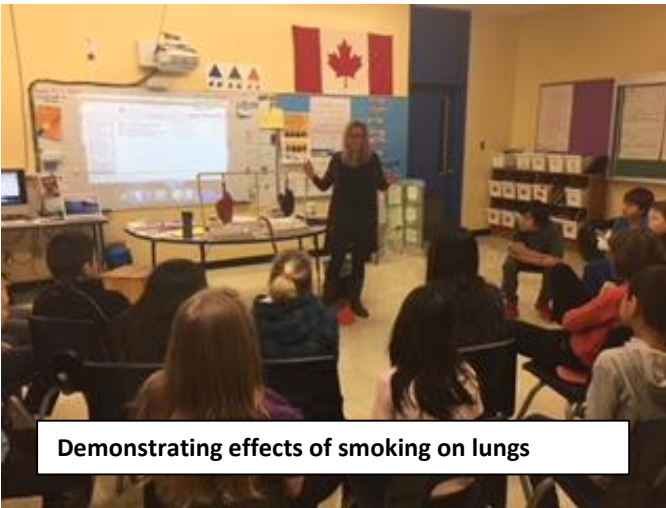
A team from the Yukon Bureau of statistics will visit Del Van Gorder School to administer the ***Health Behaviours of School Aged Children Survey*** on **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** They will administer the survey to all students in Gr. 6-10. An interviewer will read the survey aloud at the head of the class while the students complete their own form individually. They estimate that the survey should take roughly an hour to administer.

### **French Spectacle**

An artist from Quebec will be visiting Yukon from March 5<sup>th</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup>. Andrée Levesque-Sioui is a Wendat First Nation from the community of Wendake, her hometown. She will perform here at Del Van Gorder in the afternoon of March 7<sup>th</sup>. All parents are welcome to attend this performance.

Learning can be fun!

## Our Science Fair Participants



Demonstrating effects of smoking on lungs



Senior students learning FN Hand Games

Polar Games



Silver Medal winners in the Grade Seven Basketball tournament

