



NITNA SHAW NEWSLETTER 2024 THIN ICE

Elijah Smith Elementary School

Whitehorse, Yukon

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Principal's Corner:

Dear ESES Community,

As we reflect on the enriching experiences of Culture Camp held from October 21st-24th, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in making this special event a resounding success. A special shout-out goes to ESES partners at YNFED and KDFN, whose support was instrumental, and to the incredible leadership from Colin O'Neil, Krista Dempster, and Carrie Harbidge and Jim Snider.

We are especially grateful to Elders Jacine and Mae, as well as Russell and Roger, for sharing their wisdom and guiding students and staff through the importance of traditional ways of knowing, doing, and being. The moments spent connecting with one another, enjoying delicious food, and learning together left a lasting impression on all participants.

The week's activities fostered not just knowledge but a sense of community and belonging that truly embodies the spirit of Elijah Smith Elementary School. Thank you to the dedicated students and staff at ESES for your enthusiasm and participation. We can't wait to do it all again next time!

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING – DATE CHANGE

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended the recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. Your engagement and support play a vital role in your child's education.

We also want to inform you that our next report home will be a formal report card. While we initially communicated that these would be sent in November, we have shifted the date to align better with mid-year reporting. You can expect to receive the report cards after Winter Break, with them being sent home on **January 24th**. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's learning journey!



IMPORTANT DATES:

November 8th: Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30am

November 11th: Remembrance Day – No School

November 12th: PD Day – No school

November 13th & 14th: School Picture Days

December 7th: Christmas Craft Fair

School Picture Days November 13th & 14th Date Change

We are excited to announce that our School Picture Days will take place on November 13th and 14th! Please note that we have made a change to the original schedule to accommodate our volleyball events.

November 13th:

- Kindergarten Lachance
- Grade 1 Smith
- Grade 2 Hogan
- Grade 2/3 Crump
- Grade 4 MacArthur
- Grades 6 & 7 Snelling
- Grade 7 Murphy

November 14th:

- Kindergarten Lee
- Grade 1 Van de Velde-Weber
- Grade 2 Unrau
- Grade 3 Bagasalo
- Grade 4/5 Young
- Grade 5 Bielz
- Grade 6 Potter



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REMEMBRANCE DAY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

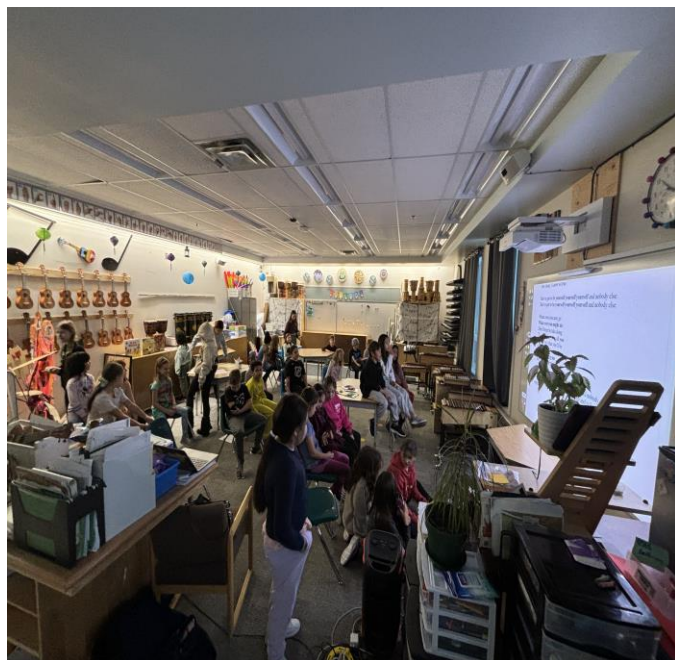
AS WE APPROACH REMEMBRANCE DAY ON NOVEMBER 11TH, WE TAKE A MOMENT TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES. THEIR COURAGE AND DEDICATION HAVE SHAPED OUR FREEDOM AND WAY OF LIFE.

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL WILL HOLD A COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 8TH AT 10:30 AM IN THE GYM. WE INVITE ALL STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES TO JOIN US IN THIS SOLEMN OBSERVANCE AS WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY. TOGETHER, LET US REFLECT ON THEIR SACRIFICES AND REINFORCE THE VALUES OF PEACE AND GRATITUDE THAT UNITE US AS A COMMUNITY.

Extra Curriculars, Clubs, and Activities:

- Volleyball Teams
- Drama Club
- Fingerboard Club
- Boys Club
- Pink Eagles

Thank you to staff for supporting extra-curricular activities and school clubs! It makes a big difference for students!



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Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Meetings are open to the public to attend in person or by [zoom](#)

School Council:

"If issues arise, parent(s), guardian(s) are to contact the teacher, then administration, then School Council to resolve issues. If this is not satisfactory, they then may contact the Superintendent of Schools."

First Nations Christmas Craft Fair



Saturday December 7, 2024

9:30 am to 10:00 am Open to Elders

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Open to Public

Elijah Smith Elementary School 1399 Hamilton Blvd

Traditional Artwork (carving, beading, etc.), Homemade Baking (must be individually wrapped), Silent Auction, Raffle Baskets, and much, much, more.....

\$30/table, contact 867-667-5992 or caroline.feldman@yukon.ca to book.

Please come out and support our First Nations Artisans, artists, and Elijah Smith Elementary School.

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Celebrating Learning and Culture at Elijah Smith Elementary School!

Thank you to students, staff, and community for your commitment to students' success!







