



Journal News

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Bienvenue à École Whitehorse Elementary!

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students in kindergarten, Grade 6 late immersion as well as all students new to Whitehorse Elementary.
Welcome!



Introducing the staff at ÉWES.



Lucille Gauthier - Kindergarten
Madeleine Lanctôt - Kindergarten
Line Pelletier - Kindergarten
Sally Cohen - Grade 1
Michaela Knispel - Grade 1
Katie Moore - Grade 1
Richard Malvasio - Grade 2
Geneviève Tremblay/? - Grade 2
Caroline Thibault - Grade 2/3
Nicola Dietz - Grade 3
Sylvain Théberge - Grade 3
Kat Lacroix-Kent - Grade 4
Danielle Lang - Grade 4
Sabrina Bouayad - Grade 5
Monique Levesque - Grade 5
Julie Bourdeau - Grade 6
Valérie Long - Grade 6
Valérie Théoret - Grade 6 LFI
Sofie Maurice - Grade 7
Bruce Dent - Grade 7
Nicole Dion - Grade 7 LFI

Kat Roberts - Counsellor
Angela Clark - Counsellor
Monique Coderre - Teacher Librarian
Suzanne Greenshields - Library Clerk
Michelle Baudry - Learning Assistant
Linda Lamarche - Learning Assistant
Kerrie Paterson - Learning Assistant
Marie-Maude Allard - Music
Alain Desrochers - P.E.
Noli Eastmure - Native Language
Daniel Tien - Native Language
Crystal Pearl-Hodgins - I.T. & English to F.I.
Claire Reeves - Literacy Intervention Support
Josée Carbonneau - Educational Assistant
René Drysdelle - Educational Assistant
Emma Dubé - Remedial Tutor
Joanne Stanhope - Educational Assistant
Louise Suominen - Remedial Tutor
Véronique Lafond - Administrative Assistant
Breanne Leschert - Receptionist/secretary
Hélène Saint Onge - Principal
Sharon MacCoubrey - Vice Principal

A special welcome to new and returning staff members.



Parking Lot News

It takes a village to keep our students safe - we need your help.

Our parking lot is **ONE WAY ONLY**. Please only enter off 4th avenue and exit onto 3rd.

Drop Off Lane

A reminder that the 'Drop Off' lane by the side of the school is for a 'kiss and a good-bye.' If you would like to leave your vehicle to accompany your child into the school, please use the parking available on Black Street, 3rd Avenue, the available parking in the school lot by the bus zone or at Extra Foods. This is an Idle Free Zone - please turn off your vehicles.

Bus Zone

At the far end of our lot we have two lanes. Buses enter off 4th Ave and then veer into the right lane to collect students. Parents picking up student in the Drop Off Lane have to yield to bus traffic, cross over and use the left lane to exit the lot. Sounds confusing but if we all drive slowly, watch for students and buses, it works. Thank you for your cooperation.



Allergy Alert!

Please note that EWES is a

Peanut and Perfume Free School.

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Council News

Lana Wickstrom, Chair

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Next meeting is Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm - in the gym at EWES. Your council will be attending during the Open House.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, August 22nd

Assembly 11:00

Monday, September 2nd

Labour Day - No School

Tuesday, September 10th

EWES Open House - Meet the Teacher

6:30 pm - Classrooms

Welcome & Meet the Staff

7 pm - Gym

School Council AGM

7:10 pm - Gym

Tuesday, September 17th

Literacy Night for Grade 1 Parents

How to Support Emergent Readers

Thursday, September 26th

Terry Fox Marathon of Hope

1pm

Friday, September 27th

House Colour Day

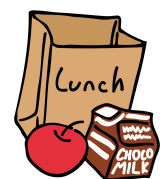
Pizza Lunch

Assembly 10am

Please also take a look at the electronic version of our school calendar at

<http://ewescalendar.weebly.com/index.html>

ÉWES is promoting **healthy living**. Please send healthy snacks and lunches that include fruit and vegetables. When possible, please send a litterless lunch.



No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted. Aesop



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This year, ÉWES has two school growth plan goals. We will be continuing the goal from last year to enhance learning environments that encourage students to use and improve their French oral language.

Our second goal is new; we will be focusing on Social Emotional Learning.

"We want to provide kids with the best possible education so that they are knowledgeable, responsible, caring people who contribute and who are going to succeed in postsecondary education and in careers and as good community and family members. There's a growing research base that says when you have high-quality social and emotional learning programs, it improves kids' pro-social behavior; it reduces their conduct problems; and it promotes academic engagement, connection to teachers, and academic performance."

Roger P. Weissberg.

We will be implementing the MIND-Up program in the school, which will complement this year's virtue - Kindness, as well as the Second Step program and other initiatives already in place. As a school, we will be starting our Gratitude Project.....Stay tuned.

An excellent family resource can be found at:

<http://www.bigheartedfamilies.org>

What's New?

At press time, we are anxiously anticipating the completion of the **big toy** in the primary yard. We have a new **intercom system** with phones in all the classrooms for the teachers to contact office as necessary. We have a new **fire alarm and security system**. This fire alarm has both lights and sound to warn students to evacuate the school. We will soon have the **computer network** updated to improve coverage and speed within these old cement walls.



Greening Up has Started!

New trees were planted along the 3d Avenue boulevard this summer. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project. A huge merci goes to Jen Line and Katy Mead (parents) who helped find folks to help, got trees and coordinated with School Council to make this happen. Thank you to parents who assisted with the watering this summer and School Council for financially supporting this venture. Thank you to the Y2C2 crew for their collective muscle work. We also have planters for the future. This is an amazing start!

School Bell Times

8:31 am - First Bell

8:33 am - Second Bell

Vie Active - Active Living

8:55 am - Classes Start

10:30 am. - Morning Recess

10:45 am - End of Recess

11:50 am - Lunch

12:10 pm - End of Lunch

12:15 pm - Lunch Recess

12:40 pm - End of Lunch Recess

3:00 pm - Dismissal



Supervision

Supervision at EWES starts at 8:10am outside, at which point your child becomes our responsibility. If you drop off your child before then, he/she is unsupervised outside. Once the weather turns cold, we will start up our "Open School" activities, which will begin at 8:10 am. We will keep you informed. Students will be supervised outside until the last bus leaves at 3:20 pm. If for some reason you have not arrived, please know that we sweep the grounds and bring in all unattended students to the office to wait safely for parents. Please try to let the office know if for some reason you expect to be late.

Help Wanted



Are you interested in **volunteering** with the **Breakfast Program**, the **Pizza Lunches** or **Fundraising Ventures** here at EWES. These programs are very important to our students and to our school. If you think you can help us out, please contact the office for more information.