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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER June 20, 2017

Principal's Message

When you receive this newsletter summer holidays will have already started and another school year will have come to a close. It can be a time of happiness when students have a new sense of freedom from their regular daily schedule. However, it may also be a challenging time as friends may not be seen for weeks or months, and for some students it is their transition to advanced education and work from the daily school community routine. I do want to extend a 'Thank You' to all the students and families that will be departing FHC to become members of our alumni. It has been some great times but also challenging at times and having an excellent student and family community has made getting through the challenging times that much easier and rewarding for everyone.

The great news is that none of the FHC school facilities will be under construction or renovation for the coming year. The absence of facility construction should minimize class disruptions and ensure that students have access to all our facilities over the year. The major news for the coming year will be the building of the new French First Language Secondary School between the current FHC and Selkirk School. Once decisions have been made on the site plan, there will be further communication to our school community so we are fully aware of how our schools will be connected by geography and a shared site.

There has been planning for the FHC school community as we move forward on a new building that will become the sports school facility. The old portable that has served us well has come to the end of its useful design life, and shortly we can celebrate a new modern building. The school community will also be receiving the outdoor basketball court and classroom that was part of the school's original courtyard design. The planning has been occurring, and further announcements should be made shortly.

It is also the time of the year to discuss school supplies for the coming year. I have attached a supply list to this newsletter to assist parents in their purchases. I would recommend to parents to buy the essentials over the summer and then make final purchases once the child has been to class. Many students have too many supplies that end up being recycled at the school when students vacate their lockers. Remember, the school does not require parents to purchase I-pods, cell phones, and brand specific running shoes. If you are ever in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact the school for clarification.

Please enjoy your summer and ensure that your child takes part in activities safely. I look forward to meeting a new group of students and parents in September.

If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact a school counsellor or administrator.

Mr Darren Hays

Important Dates

Aug 28	First Day of School	Full Day
Sept 4	Labour Day	School Closed
Sept 18	PD Day	School Closed
Oct 6	PD Day	School Closed
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day	School Closed

LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER

The Learning Assistance Centre continues to operate as a place where students receive the support they need to successfully complete their courses. Intake is continuous, and many students adjust their class load during the year to enrol, when they realise that they do need extra support and time to complete assignments and prepare for exams. For more information, feel free to contact the Counselling Department or the Learning Assistance Centre.

Report Card

This mail out will include a student report card. If there is no report card included please contact the school at 667-8665

Library

Ebooks are available from the library over the summer. Visit the FHC library page (<http://educationlibraries.gov.yk.ca>) to browse the catalog and read online as a guest or sign-in to your account. Most resources will have the user name as YukonEd, and the password is resources.

Student Schedules

Students received their course schedules on the last day of class. If you require a schedule please contact the school office staff or counsellors at the end of August and they will be available to help you with this matter.

Notice to parents/guardians on school supplies

For the 2016-17 school year, the Yukon government provided one-time funding to School Councils to provide school supplies for Yukon students. This funding is now complete and will not be renewed. It took many hours of staff and volunteer work to administer, organize and distribute and we would like to thank all those who worked hard on this initiative. The total cost for the supplies was \$569, 000.00 and after careful consideration, we did not feel it was the best use of resources to support Yukon students.

Schools will return to the previous process. Many provide a list of the school supplies that students will need in the fall with the end of year report cards or on their websites. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children have these supplies. We are committed to making sure that any families that need help to provide supplies for their child will have support from Yukon Education. If you require assistance with providing school supplies for your child for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact your local school the week of August 22, 2017, or later if required. There will be plans in place at the schools to support your requests.

Many schools save extra school supplies at the end of the year and as last year's initiative was unusual, we anticipate there may be some unused school supplies. All schools are happy to accept any unused school supplies and redistribute them for use as needed. We encourage recycling of any unused items. School superintendents will be connecting with their area schools to determine how best to provide any needed support in the fall.

BELL SCHEDULE

A.M.	8:35	Warning Bell
	8:40-9:55	A- Block Class
	9:55-10:05	Sustained Silent Reading Class
	10:05-10:15	Break
	10:15-11:35	B- Block Class
	11:35-12:25	Lunch
P.M.	12:25-1:45	C- Block Class
	1:45-1:55	Break
	1:55-3:15	D- Block Class
	3:15	Final Bell & Dismissal

School Council

Parents and students are welcome to attend School Council meetings. Council meets once a month in room 122 at FHC.

The school council members for 2016-18 are:

Al - Amin Abdullah
Deb Gohl
Sandra Henderson
Muhammed Javed
Russ Knutson
Sohail Magsi
Deborah Lemaire
Guaranteed Reps:
Jessie Dawson
Robin Smarch
Sarah Snowdon

Counselor Section

All Grade Twelve students are encouraged to create an account in the student secure website of the B.C. Ministry. This website is important because students can view their transcripts and provincial exam results. It is from this site that students also request final official transcripts to be sent to the post-secondary institutions of their choice. Students should complete the Post-Secondary Institutions Choices Form (PSI) on this site by early spring. If students require assistance, please contact the FH Collins Counselling Department. The BC website is <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp?>

TRANSCRIPTS: A partial transcript is a certified copy of the student's Permanent Record Card (this provides their Grade 10, 11, and 12 results) as well as the most recent copy of their report card. After applying to a post-secondary institute, students should request a partial transcript from the school counselling office to be sent to the institution. As more marks become available, they should request an update be sent. Final official transcripts are issued by the B.C. Ministry in late July and must be sent directly to the college or university to complete the admission procedure. Students complete the *Post-Secondary Institution Choices* (PSI) form to have final transcripts sent to their choices of post-secondary institutions. The B.C. Ministry website to view your transcript and complete the PSI form is <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp>

What Can Families Do to Keep Children Reading During the Summer?

As children's first and most important teachers, families have a major role to play in motivating children to read during the summer months. There are many strategies families might employ to encourage summertime reading:

Combine activities with books.

Summer leaves lots of time for kids to enjoy fun activities, such as going to the park, seeing a movie, or going to the beach. Why not also encourage them to read a book about the activity? If you're going to a baseball game, suggest that your child read a book about a favorite player beforehand. In the car or over a hot dog, you'll have lots of time to talk about the book and the game.

Visit the library.

If your child doesn't have a library card, summer is a great time to sign up for one. In addition to a wide selection of books to borrow, many libraries have fun, child-friendly summer reading programs.

Lead by example.

Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctor's office, and stuff a paperback in your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading often, they will understand that literature can be a fun and important part of their summer days.

Talk it up.

Talking with your kids about what you have read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you—soon they might start doing the same.

Help kids find time to read.

Summer camp, music lessons, baseball games, and videos are all fun things kids like to do during the summer. However, by the end of the day, children may be too tired to pick up a book. When planning summer activities with children, remember to leave some time in their schedules for reading. Some convenient times may be before bedtime or over breakfast.

Relax the rules for summer.

During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is a time when children can read what, when, and how they please. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own. You may even want to make bedtime a little bit later if you find that your child can't put down a book.

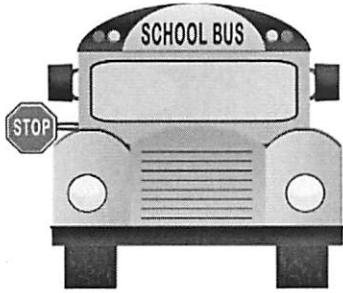
Have plenty of reading material around.

Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader.

Source- <http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/what-can-families-do-to-keep-children-reading-during-the-summer.htm>

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017/2018


Monday, August 28, 2017	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (students)
Monday, September 4, 2017	Labour Day Holiday
Monday, September 18, 2017	School Closed Day (PD Day)
Friday, October 6, 2017	School Closed Day (PD Day)
Monday, October 9, 2017	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Friday, November 10, 2017	School Closed Day (PD Day)
Monday, November 13, 2017	Remembrance Day Holiday
Wednesday, December 20, 2017	Last day of classes before Christmas Break Regular School
Thursday, Dec 21-January 2, 2018	Christmas Break
Wednesday, January 3, 2018	First day of School after Christmas Break Regular School
Thursday, January 18, 2018	Last Day of First Semester
Friday, January 19, 2018	School Closed Day (PD Day)
Monday, January 22, 2018	First Day of Second Semester
Friday, February 23, 2018	Heritage Day Holiday
Monday, February 26, 2018	School Closed Day (PD Day)
Monday, March 19-Thursday, March 29, 2018	Spring Break
Friday, March 30, 2018	Good Friday
Monday April 2, 2018	Easter Monday
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	First Day of School after Spring Break, Regular School
Friday, April 27, 2018	School Closed Day (PD Day)
Monday, May 21, 2018	Victoria Day
Friday, June 8, 2018	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL




2017/ 18 School bus


Mandatory registration by June 30, 2017 to reserve your child's seat


If your child/ student wishes to take the school bus

 Registration is simple. Visit <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/bus.html> to register.



 Reminder, children under the age of 7 must be accompanied at the bus stop, by an older sibling, parent or guardian.

City transit option for high school students

 Students who choose to ride the City bus may not ride the school bus

 Bus passes may be picked up at your school office each month

 Visit <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/bus.html> to register for a city bus pass

  Bus routes will be updated during the summer depending on registrations. Be sure to check the route the night before school starts to ensure you have the right time and location.

Questions about busing

Call Standard Bus - 456-3210

Forms and registration info

Contact
student.transportation@gov.yk.ca
or 667-5172

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Supply List for Incoming Grade 8 Students

<u>QTY</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	2 inch binders
2	Binder divider packages
500	Sheets of lined loose leaf note paper
1pkg	Ring reinforcements
12	HB pencils
1	Set of colored pencils
12	Blue and black ballpoint pens (six of each)
2	White erasers
1	Corrector tape (liquid paper)
1	Geometry set (ruler, protractor and compass)
1	Calculator (a scientific calculator will be required in grade 9)
1	Scissors
2	Glue Sticks
2 or 3	Sheets of poster board- for class projects (can keep at home till needed)
1	French/English dictionary (if taking French)
1	USB computer memory stick (smaller, less expensive version is fine)
➤	All students will be supplied a daily planner as part of their \$25 student fee
➤	It is recommended that students store surplus supplies at home and replenish as needed.
➤	Some supplies may be required that are not on this list for specific projects

Supply List for Grade 9-12 Students

Supplies vary from course to course and teacher to teacher. The following is a suggested list with students modifying the amounts based on past experience.

<u>QTY</u>	<u>Description</u>
Two or Three	2 inch binders
One	Binder divider packages
500	Sheets of lined loose leaf note paper
1pkg	Ring reinforcements
Twelve	HB pencils
One set	Colored pencils
Twelve	Blue and black ballpoint pens (six of each)
Two	White erasers
1	Corrector tape (liquid paper)
One	Geometry set (ruler, protractor and compass)
One	Scientific calculator. (math 11/12 students require a TI-84 or TI-83+ calculator)
One	USB computer memory stick (smaller, less expensive version is fine)

- All students will be supplied a daily planner as part of their \$25 student fee
- It is recommended that students store surplus supplies at home and replenish as needed.
- Some supplies may be required that are not on this list for specific courses

June 20, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Sexual health resource for secondary students

As part of Physical and Health Education in Yukon schools, students in Grades 8-12 learn about sexual health, including how to take care of themselves and their bodies, how to develop healthy relationships with others, and how to navigate the world around them.

In addition to class lessons, we are providing students in Grades 8-12 with a take-home resource called *A Healthy Sexuality Resource* to support their learning about healthy sexuality.

A Healthy Sexuality Resource contains information on:

- Sex, Relationships, and Decisions (topics include: what is sex, making healthy choices, and how will I know when I'm ready)
- Sexual Assault (topics include: what is consent, date rape, and getting help)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (topics include: what are STIs, how can I tell if I have an STI, and where can I get tested)
- Preventing Pregnancy (topics include: how pregnancy happens, birth control, getting help in your period is late)
- Useful Information (topics include: terminology, the female and male body, limits to confidentiality, and Yukon sexual health clinics contact information)

We know this topic is sensitive, but this information is essential to help young people understand how to keep themselves safe and healthy. To prepare our youth for the challenges they face, it is important we provide them the factual knowledge they need to be informed and make positive choices. This resource is one way we are making sure our young people have the knowledge and support they need to make healthy decisions.

For more information or to ask questions about the resource, please contact me at 667-8665.

Sincerely,



Darren Hays
Principal

cc:

Greg Storey
Superintendent

Congratulations F. H. Students and Staff!
-from the School Council

The talents and passions of the F.H. Collins' community go far beyond the realm of academics. However, they are not always visible to the naked eye. In a continuous effort to be the kind of school that takes the time to say, "Wow, that was amazing", we're bringing to light some of the tremendous accomplishments in the F.H. Collins community, and celebrating them right here, right now.

The School Council would like to congratulate successful students from the past 2016/2017 academic year. Of course there are far too many successes to mention but we'd like to highlight a few:

- Selena Peters is a talented eighth grader, who only began drumming last year. Through hard work and a feel for the beat, she played excellently as the only drummer in the Grade 8 Band's Spring Concert!
- Tenth grader, Mercedes Bacon-Traplin is F.H. Collins own Broadway star-to-be. She's been accepted into a prestigious, intensive summer musical theater program at Ryerson University and will be bringing her talent to the senior Music, Art and Drama class next fall.
- Eleventh grader Morgan Quill was the recipient of the Power Pilot Scholarship and will work towards becoming a certified pilot over this upcoming July and August.
- Loughran Thorson-Looyesen is a sure-to-be missed twelfth grader. He's been a part of the Gay Straight Alliance club since grade ten and has continuously been working for gender equity. This year he read his original poem at F.H. Collins first Gender Equality Event and spoke on the "Gender Equity and Diversity" student panel!

In addition, the School Council would also like to highlight the extraordinary talents of the FH staff, whose dedication allows our school to be a thriving, wonderful community. Again, there are far too many feats of awesomeness to note, but several highlights are below:

- Mr. Wilkinson brought F.H. Collins first chess club to life this year. Due to the abundance of enthusiastic players, the club is spilling into next year with more lunchtime tournaments to come!
- Mr. Jansen is new to F. H. Collins but not to the world of sports. Over the course of the year, he coached the Grade Eight Girls Basketball to first place, Senior Boys Basketball to third place and the Grade Eight Girls Volleyball team to a third and fifth place finish. In his words, "It was a wonderful time working with amazing kids".
- Mr. Brown and Ms. McNally revived the first F.H. Collins Christmas play since the nineties. "It was a great experience", said Mr. Brown. Their late nights working on the play and the props that littered their classrooms combined to bring together the enchantment of, "A Very Shakespearean Christmas Tale"!

The School Council would like to bellow out a huge thank you to all the staff and students mentioned and not mentioned who contributed their talents and interests to another astounding year at F. H. Collins We wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday. You've all earned it!

Thank you again for all your hard work.

And a huge THANK YOU to Tess Casher for writing this article for us!!!!

The School Council