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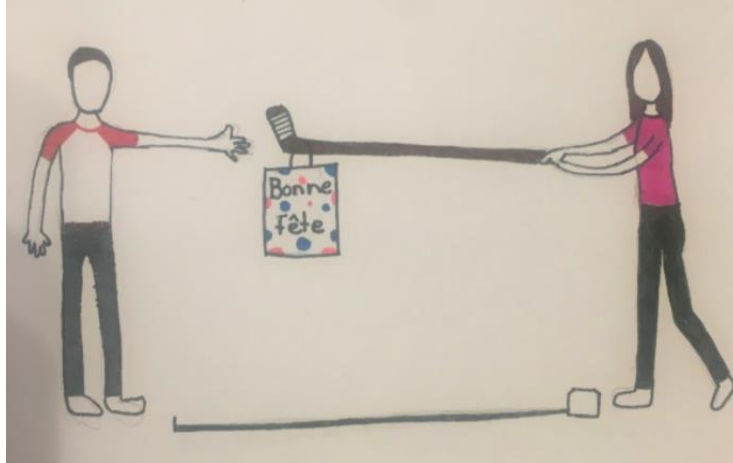
Despite the weather feeling like January or February, it IS actually April, and we are in the final stretch for the 2020/21 school year. This has certainly been a year unlike any, and it will continue to cement itself as a most unique and unusual year: our grade 10-12 students will be returning full time on Monday, April 19th, which means that we will be readjusting our timetable to make this happen. Grade 10-12 students will be working from home on Thursday, April 15th and Friday, April 16th to give the teachers and guidance counsellors time to get ready for this. Please note our grade 8 and 9 students WILL continue to come to school on these days. I have included the new bell schedule and day structure for the grades 10-12 students in this newsletter.

With the increase in volume of students in the building, it will be more important than ever to follow the guidelines for the common spaces in the school: we must wear masks in the hallways, use the proper grade-designated doors, and stay out of the hallways as much as possible. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather will become more springlike, which will give students an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors as opposed to being in the building.

In addition to preparing for the full-time return of the grade 10-12 students, we are also well into planning for next year. We are very excited to be able to expand our programming, and will be introducing a STEM program for grade 11 students in English and French, as well as an Indigenous Academy program. Please contact the counsellors for more details on these programs. You can also find the 2021/22 school calendar in this newsletter, along with a PDF version attached to the email in which this newsletter was sent.

Sincerely,

Jay Thomas, principal



Full-Time Return of Grades 10-12 Students

As we plan for our grades 10-12 students to return full-time on Monday, April 19th, we can now share with you the schedule that we will follow for the final 8 weeks of the semester. Effective April 19th, here is the structure of the grades 10-12 schedule:

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| Block A | 8:40- 9:50 |
| Trans- | 9:50-9:55 |
| Block B- | 9:55-11:05 |
| Lunch- | 11:05-11:40 |
| Block C- | 11:40- 12:50 |
| Trans- | 12:50- 12:55 |
| Block D- | 12:55-2:00 |
| Trans- | 2:00-2:05 |
| Tutorial- | 2:05-2:45 |

Grade 8 and 9 schedules remain unchanged.

There are some students whose schedules will need to be adjusted due to some anomalies that the change in the year has caused. Our counsellors are looking at each of these situations on an individual basis to create a solution that works best for the student. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to reach out to your child's counsellor. As a reminder, here is a breakdown of the counsellor assignments:

Students Surname A-G Michel Morris (michel.morris@yukon.ca)

Students Surname H-M Jodi Tuton (jodi.tuton@yukon.ca)

Students Surname N-Z Aisha Alwarid (aisha.alwarid@yukon.ca)

We will be posting our revised operational plan on our website prior to April 19th. Please continue to check our website. On April 19th, students will go to their A Block class on Monday morning to receive their new schedules.

Work from Home for Grades 10-12 Students

On Thursday, April 15th, and Friday, April 16th, students in grades 10-12 will be working from home while teachers and counsellors prepare for the full-time return to school. Students in grades 8 and 9 WILL continue to come to school on these days.

Covid Guidelines in Public Spaces

With the increase in the number of students in our main building, it will be imperative that we all follow the Covid guidelines that are in place for public spaces. This includes: using the grade-designated door to enter and exit the building, wearing masks in common spaces such as hallways and the atrium, and leaving the building for lunches when possible.

Students will continue to not be permitted to eat lunch in the common spaces in the main building. We currently have designated lunch rooms for grade 9 students, and we will be designating lunch rooms for our senior students when they return. As mentioned, we strongly encourage students to enjoy the outdoors during the lunch break.

OurSCHOOL Survey

FH Collins will be participating in an online school perception survey for students called the OurSCHOOL Student Survey. Please find the details of the survey implementation below.

Who: Grades 8-12

When: Before April 30th

Why: to measure student engagement, increase student involvement & sense of belonging at school


About the OurSCHOOL Student Survey:

- Allows students to share their feedback anonymously on their experiences at school, school environment, and school improvement programs.
- Based on their feedback, students have the opportunity to be involved in action plans fostering increased student engagement
- Participation in the survey is voluntary, however, all students are encouraged to participate.
- The time required to complete the survey may vary, but it is designed to be completed in approximately 35-40 minutes.

Survey measures include such topics as behaviours and attitudes linked to student success, emotional and social well-being and physical health. For more information about the OurSCHOOL Student Survey, please visit The Learning Bar's website: www.thelearningbar.com.

If you have questions or would like to request more information about our upcoming implementation of the OurSCHOOL Student Survey, please contact David McInnes david.mcinnnes@yukon.ca 867-667-5871

FH Collins Yearbook



2021 Grad Yearbook

WANTED

PHOTOS OF GRADS

COVID Classrooms?

COVID Spring Break?

Sports & Athletics?

Silver Linings?

Favourite Mask?

The Other Half of Your School Day?

Photo: Star Flower Photography

YES, YOUR GRADUATING YEAR HAS BEEN DIFFERENT AND WE WANT TO DOCUMENT THESE DIFFERENCES!

SERIOUS OR SILLY, WE'LL TAKE THEM ALL!

SEND PHOTOS TO
FH2021YEARBOOK@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAMES OF THE GRAD(S) IN THE PHOTOS & PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME.
- PHOTOS OF GRADS ONLY - FACE SHOTS ARE PREFERRED - HIGH RESOLUTION

FH GRADS - WE WANT PHOTOS OF YOU!

2021/22 School Calendar

Below is the approved 2021/22 school calendar. I have also attached a PDF version of this calendar to the email in which this newsletter was sent.

2021-2022

Whitehorse General Schools Calendar

| AUGUST | | | | | | |
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| Christmas & Spring Break | School Holidays | Min/Day | Total |
| 161 Regular Student Days | | 330 | 53130 |
| 1 Adjustment Student Day | | 184 | 184 |
| 19 PLC Days | | 194 | 3686 |
| 181 :Total | | Total Instructional Minutes: | 57000 |
| | | (57000 = 950 hrs) | |

We will publish next year's bell schedule in the next newsletter.

Yukon Virtual Spring Reading Series

Generally, at this time of year, we are busy preparing for the Young Authors' Conference and the Yukon Writers Festival. Unfortunately, we are unable to run it as usual again this year, but we have come up with an alternative. FHC will be hosting the Yukon Virtual Spring Reading Series 2021, on April 28 and 29, involving writers from across Canada presenting their work, sharing ideas on writing, and offering "writing challenges" to Yukon students.

Most of the sessions will be presented on Zoom and will be open to any Yukon classrooms (grades 7-12). We would also like to invite interested parents/guardians to join. If you are interested in watching a session, please email your request to virtualreadings2021@gmail.com and you will receive the Zoom invitation. Please note, sessions are closed and available by invite only. Participants will be muted and there will be no chat option between attendees. Sessions will not be recorded.

There are also two live sessions in the library for FHC students and staff (max. 50).

| | WEDNESDAY APRIL 28 | THURSDAY APRIL 29 |
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| 9 - 9:50 am | Yvette Nolan https://nac-cna.ca/en/bio/yvette-nolan | Patti Flather https://playwrightsguild.ca/paupress/profile/patti-flather/view/ |
| 10 - 10:5 0 am | Waubgeshig Rice https://www.waub.ca/ | Ivan Coyote and Sarah MacDougall http://www.ivancoyote.com/ http://www.sarahmacdougall.com/ |
| LIVE @ LUN CH 11:2 5 - 12:1 5 pm | Peter Jickling https://yukonyoungauthors.weebly.com/peter-jickling.html | Joanna Lilley http://www.joannalilley.com/ |
| 1 - 1:50 pm | Richard Van Camp https://richardvancamp.com/ | Jerome Stueart https://jeromestueart.com/ |
| 2 - 2:50 PM | Sheri-D Wilson https://sheridwilson.com/ | Rosanna Deerchild https://www.cbc.ca/mediacentre/bio/rosanna-deerchild |

Important Upcoming Dates

April 13th- Midterm progress marks and comments are due in Aspen

April 15th- Work from Home for grades 10-12 students

April 16th- Work from Home for grades 10-12 students

April 19th- First day for 10-12 full-time return

April 30th- PD Day- No students