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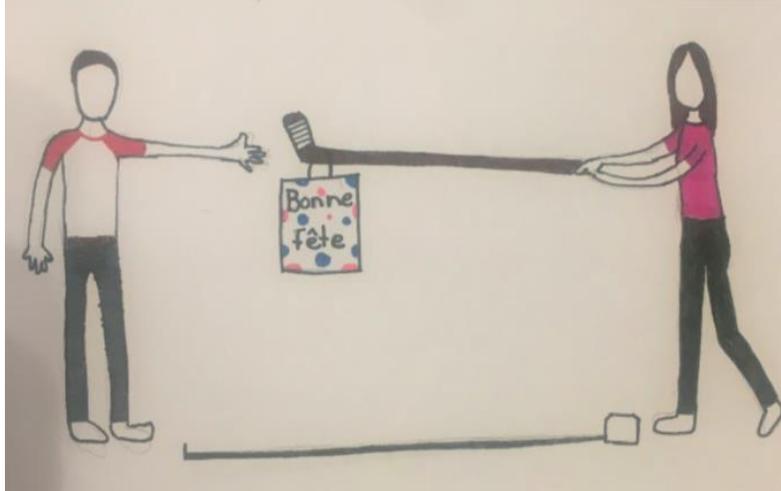
On behalf of all staff at FH Collins, we wish to extend a big Happy Holiday wish to each and everyone of you. This has been a very unique and unusual semester for students and staff, and I have been extremely impressed with how everyone has done their best to make this year as successful as possible. Please take be sure to relax and enjoy the holidays in a safe manner. The last day for school before the break is Friday, December 18th, and the first day back is Monday, January 4th. We will be coming to the end of semester 1 shortly after we return from the break. Exam/ Assessment week will be January 11th-14th, and the first day of semester 2 will be January 18th. Please check for the exam schedule on our website www.fhcollins.ca during or after the break.

Overall, I have been very impressed with how students have been adapting to the new requirement of masks being worn in the common spaces in the building. Everyone is doing their part to ensure others are safe. As a reminder, masks are required to be worn when grade 12's are using the tables above the atrium. In addition, we have been asked by the City of Whitehorse to remind students that masks are required on all city busses.

Like everything else in 2020, the weather has also been very unusual recently. I have included information on the "My School Bus Monitor" service. I encourage everyone who uses a school bus to access this service. In addition, the recent thaw & freeze has made the path between the main building and the tech wing extremely slippery. We are working with property management to address this issue, but in the meantime, we are encouraging students to access the tech wing by walking through the new parking lot to get back and forth between the main building and the tech wing.

Sincerely,

Jay Thomas, principal



Register for My School Bus Monitor for Any Service Disruptions

Parents/guardians who have a child taking the school bus should make sure they are registered for the My School Bus Monitor e-mail service through Standard Bus. Standard Bus uses this service to send direct e-mail notifications to parents/guardians if a school bus is running late or cannot run. If you have registered for this service in previous school years, you still need to register this year. Each school year, you must register for this service as bus routes are updated each school year.

Parents/guardians can also visit www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca and type in 'Whitehorse' or 'Yukon' to see if there are any school bus delays for that day.

To register:

1. Go to Standard Bus Yukon website: www.standardbus.ca/
2. In the top right corner select "My School Bus Monitor"
3. Click "here" where it says "To receive email alerts, click here"
4. Parent Messaging Service - Register your Email:
 - a. Enter the email address you want the notifications to go to.
 - b. Confirm the email address you want the notifications to go to
 - c. Carrier – Enter "Standard Bus Yukon"
 - d. Read the message and confirm you read it by clicking the box.
 - e. Hit "Next"
5. Parent Messaging Service - Update School Routes:
 - a. Select the school you want to receive updates for
 - i. Ensure it references – Yukon Government, as some schools have similar names in other jurisdictions
 - ii. Select the route(s) that your child is assigned to.
 - iii. Add Route to your selected routes

- iv. Be sure to add both the AM and the PM route.
- 6. You will now receive notifications about your child's bus routes from Standard.

School Photos

DIGITAL PHOTOS ARE READY!!!
We are happy to announce that your school's photos will be available this weekend
Please email us:
starflowerphotos@gmail.com
with your child's *name and school*
in the subject line.
We will reply with your child's photo.
If you have multiple children please send individual emails for each.
Photo packages have been submitted to the printers.
Unfortunately, due to COVID the turnaround time has increased from a few days to around 10!
We are very disappointed, however the situation is beyond our control.
Thank you for your understanding

Class of 2021 Fundraiser

**FH COLLINS
2021 GRAD CLASS**

**Christmas
Cookie
Drive-thru**

**DECEMBER
13
12PM - 3PM**

**FH COLLINS
SECONDARY SCHOOL
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ASSORTED HOMEMADE
CHRISTMAS COOKIES
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Path Between Main Building & Tech Wing

The path between the tech wing and the main building is extremely slippery right now. We have brought this issue to the attention of the Department of Education and Highways and Public Works. Until the issue is addressed by property management, we encourage students and staff to walk through the communal parking lot to get between the buildings. If you use the path, please exercise extreme caution.

FHC Social Justice Club Update

24-Hour Famine

We had a different famine this year! There was no sleepover at the school, but members of the social justice club got together for games, arts and crafts and open gym time! Good times were had by all to raise money for some good causes. This year's donation will go towards brightening the holidays for some members of our community and towards Rachel, our sponsor student in Uganda.



Outreach Van Support

Some of our students organized care packages for people in need this winter. Our club purchased warm socks and mitts and personal care products to be distributed locally. The students enjoyed working together to spread some holiday cheer and work towards Global Goal #3, Good Health and Well-Being.



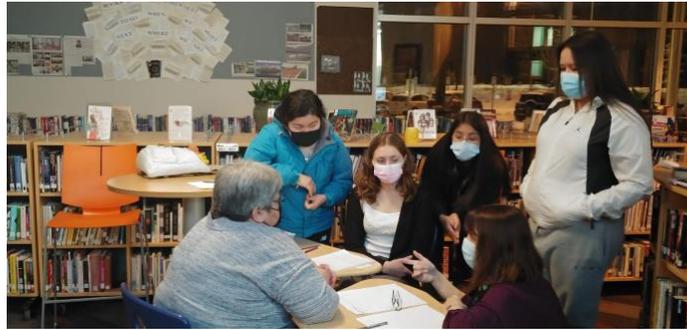
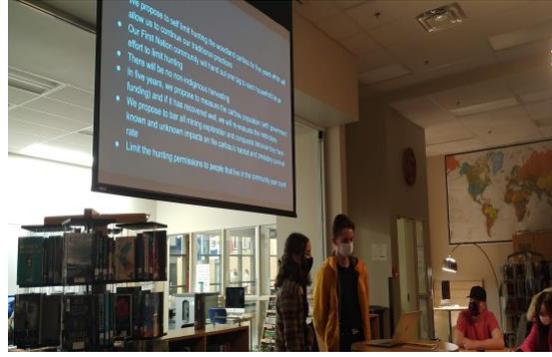


FHC Social Justice Club meets every Wednesday at noon in Ms. Sarin's room. All are welcome.

Yukon First Nations Program Training & Engagement

The Gordon Foundation is developing an interactive unit on modern treaties in the Yukon. The goal of the unit is to help students become treaty implementation leaders in their community. FHC Teacher Sean Wilkinson joined treaty-negotiation experts, YFNED education advocates, and Department of Education consultants in a run-through of the treaty negotiation and implementation simulation activity. He described the simulation as a deep and engaging learning experience and is excited to help bring this curriculum to Socials 10 and First Nations 12 students at FHC.

Yukon First Nations Studies 12 students participated in the Gordon Foundation's Treaty Implementation Simulation this December. The class was divided into three groups: one representing the (imaginary) Glacial Lake First Nation, one representing the Yukon Government, and one representing the government of Canada. The three groups were provided with a scenario involving game & wildlife management, and had to research the legal, biological, and cultural aspects of the situation. Throughout the process, they were supported by a large number of community experts who work in the field of treaty implementation. The students were highly engaged and did a great job trying to find common ground while representing the values and priorities of their government. Here are some photos of our students participating in the simulation:



Non-medical Mask Use at School & On the Bus



This is a friendly reminder that non-medical mask use in schools and on school buses is now in effect. As per the Chief Medical Officer of Health’s updated health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings, students age 10 and older and staff are required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor school settings outside of the classroom. This includes hallways, common areas and on school buses.

At FH, we will take the approach of compassion, integrity, and accountability

- Masks will be available in all classrooms for students who need one.
- Students are asked to get their own mask.

- Students will now make it part of their end of class routine to put on their masks in the same way that they make packing up books and binders.
- Students will not be permitted to leave their classroom until they have put their masks on.
- Admin and those on duty in hallways will walk around with boxes of masks and enforce the mask requirement to those not wearing masks.
- Students will be required to put their mask on prior to entering the building.
- Students will be asked to put a mask on by all staff if they are not wearing one.
- We will take an educational approach, which includes posters & reminders. Videos will be shown in class to students.

Roles of Students

Everybody must do their part to make this successful:

- We will all be role models for each other on how to properly wear masks, which is covering chin to nose in all public spaces.
- We will respect each other's safety by wearing a mask.
- Everyone must build it into their practice and routines.
- Everyone must respect this new requirement.

Consequences

Reminders

- We will take a default "reminder" approach to students who are not wearing masks. If the student puts the mask on after we remind them, we consider the issue resolved. We are confident that the significant majority of students will fall in this category.

Refusal/ Disrespectful Behaviour

- For students who refuse to wear a mask after being asked by a staff member, the issue will be brought to admin's attention.
- If a student puts a mask after admin is involved, a reminder to be respectful and put the mask on will suffice.
- Students who continuously refuse to wear a mask after being asked, but adhere to wearing a mask after admin becomes involved, will follow an escalation of progressive consequences,, which includes an educational detention, contacting parents, in-school suspension, etc.
- Admin will create a Google doc to track these users.
- Students who out and out refuse to wear a mask even after admin has gotten involved will be sent home immediately. Prior to a student returning, the student must attend a meeting with their parent with admin.

We acknowledge that recent cases of COVID-19 in Whitehorse and Yukon cause additional concern in our communities. Following these updated guidelines ensures our schools continue to remain low risk environments while still allowing students to continue their learning at school. All parents and staff must also continue to play a part by following the Safe 6 and staying home when sick or showing symptoms.

At all times, our school is following the advice and direction of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health's and Yukon Communicable Disease Control, and are taking the proper measures to keep students, staff and communities safe. Whenever there is a confirmed COVID-19 case in one of our communities, Yukon Communicable Disease Control notifies anyone who has been in close contact and provides direction on who needs to stay home and self-isolate. In our school, we will continue to follow their direction and ensure all students, staff and families remain safe. If there are impacts to the operations of our school, we will provide updates to the school community. It is important to remember that if you are not contacted directly by Yukon Communicable Disease Control, you or your child are not considered at risk.

Important Dates

December 13th- Class of 2021 Fundraiser
December 18th- Last day of school before Break
January 4th- First day of school after Break
January 11th- 14th- Assessment/ Exam Week
January 15th- PD Day (no students)
January 18th- First day of semester 2