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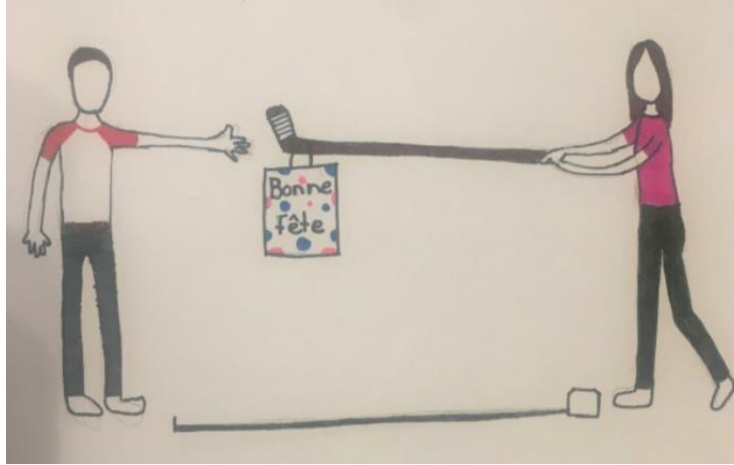
We are well into semester 2, and I am very impressed with the start of the new semester: staff have been busy preparing for quality programming in their new courses, students are working hard, and everyone here that the majority of students are doing what they need to do keep everybody safe. The weather certainly has gotten colder these past two weeks, so please dress for the weather in addition to adhering to the Safe Six.

This semester, we have three new positions at our school, which have enabled us to provide additional support services to all students: Sarah Taylor is now working full-time at the Wood St campus with the grade 8's as a Counselor/ LAT, John Main is now a Student Success Coach (Literacy), and Marie Daniels is a Student Success Coach (numeracy). In addition to providing support to students who have been negatively impacted by the structure of school this year, we are excited to implement new literacy and numeracy assessment programs, which could potentially have a significantly positive impact on all students for years to come.

Even though we are about midway through the 2020/21 school year, we are already beginning to plan for the 2021/22 school year. We held an information session on course selections for 2021/22 on February 3rd. For those who could not make it to the Zoom meeting, here is the link to the recording of the session: https://yukonedu.zoom.us/rec/share/16rlc0hVGZTMITT6XwMf70cU7R9sTULQdtYOpv9N9JEPepY9XknEEHO_Ho0m1M8C.sqa5tr1kW9h3ORXY (Code secret: G#W1jwXk). Please reach out to one of our counsellors if you have any questions about course selections. There will be more information to come as we get closer to the spring.

Sincerely,

Jay Thomas, principal



Welcome New Staff!

We have a number of new staff this semester:



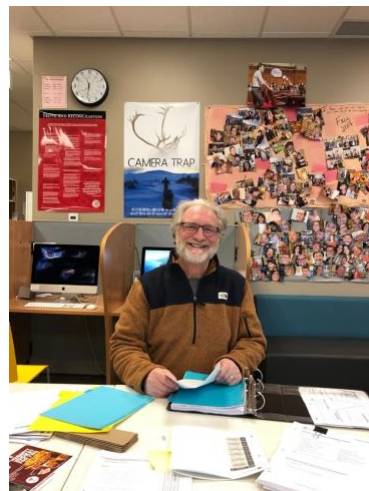
Joyce Sward- Senior High English



Robert Gottselig- grade 9 math



Bryan Clubbe- grade 9 sci/ soc st



Scott Henderson- 0.50 Planning 10

DELFL Exam Information

French Second Language (FSL) students in grade 11 and 12 who are completing the final French course of their FSL program will have the chance to participate in the *Diplôme d'études en langue française* (DELF) diploma exam in April 2021, being offered by the Yukon Department of Education. Through this exam, your child could earn an internationally recognized certificate that proves his/her level of fluency in French. This certificate is a valuable asset for his/her resume and for future career and post-secondary opportunities.

The DELF exam is the official French language diploma awarded by France's Ministry of National Education. It is an official certification of how well a person speaks French as a second language. It is recognized by 165 countries around the world. The exam tests the ability of students to use French in real-life situations. It evaluates four language skills: reading, listening, writing, and speaking. The results from the DELF exam do not affect a student's grade or graduation requirements.

This exam is free for FSL students in Yukon completing their final French course as the cost will be covered by the Department of Education. For more information, please read the attached information sheet and visit: <https://yukon.ca/en/delf-exam>

Register for the DELF exam

The deadline to register for the DELF exam is Thursday, February 25 at 4:00 pm. To register your child, please complete and sign both sides of the registration form available in your child's French class. Please return it to your child's French teacher by this date.

We hope that your child will take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

Literacy & Numeracy Assessments & Interventions

We are very excited to have started to implement assessment and intervention programs for our students in grades 8 and 9. On the English literacy side, we have started to implement the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment & Levelled Literacy Intervention Program. A number of our staff received training in this system, and have begun to assess all grade 8's and 9's. Once all students have been assessed, those students who are identified as not being at reading grade level will be organized into intervention groups, and work with a teacher on improving their literacy skills.

On the numeracy side, we have been busy developing and implementing a numeracy assessment. All students in grades 8 and 9 have completed this assessment, and our support staff are going through the assessments to determine where students need support. Students who require additional support will work to help students build skills in needed areas.

If you have any questions, please contact:

John Main (Literacy Intervention): john.main@yesnet.yk.ca

Marie Daniels (Numeracy Intervention): marie.daniels@yesnet.yk.ca

Pink Shirt Day February 24th



Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and online. This February 24th, we encourage everyone to join us in practicing kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying. #pinkshirtday

February is Black History Month

To promote Black History Month, Sean Wilkinson, our Social Studies Department Head, is organizing presentations for our grade 8 and 9 students with local advocacy group. In addition, we will have displays, bulletin boards, and instruction that highlights the contributions of African-Canadians in our history and in our present.

Additional Youth Counsellor at FH Collins!

Drop-in or pre-book a session!

Where: FH Collins Secondary
Room: 212 (office at back of the room)

Availability:

Mondays (8:30-3:00)

Wednesdays (8:30-3:00)

Thursdays (8:30-3:00)

Fridays (8:30-3:00)



2021 FH Collins Parent Grad Committee Update

FH Collins 2021 Grad Class is busy fundraising. If you would like to help – here's what's happening:

Ongoing Fundraising

These grad fundraisers are ongoing and are available to anyone, so please spread the word to support the 2021 FH Collins Grads!

- Bottle drop-off: P&M recycling is accepting bottle donations for the FH Grad Class. Just take your bottles in and say they are to be donated to the FH Collins Grad Class. P&M is matching 20% to the total donated!
- Boston Pizza receipts: Simply collect receipts from family and friends (& your own) and add them to the collection box at in the guidance counsellor's office – room 103 – at FH Collins! - 5% of the total receipts will be donated to the Grad Class. Please send BP receipts to the school with your student! Thank you.

More Fundraising

- Valentine's Day Roses - \$35 each: FH Grads will be selling bouquets of roses for Valentine's Day. The bouquets of multi-colored roses will cost \$35 each. Please contact an FH Grad if you would like to buy some roses. The Grads will deliver the beautiful bouquets on Sunday, February 14th.
- Raffle Tickets - \$10 each: in mid-February the grads will be selling raffle tickets! If you are interested in purchasing tickets – please contact an FH Grad student.
- Fashion Show 2021: The FH Collins Grad Class is working on the Fashion Show. We hope this will take place safely in early May. Stay tuned for more details!

Reminder: Tutoring in 2nd Semester

As a reminder, we have an active FREE be tutoring program at both the main building and the Wood St campus. This program provides students with an opportunity to receive added support from either current grade 12 students, recent graduates, and/or retired teachers and school staff. This service is available during regularly scheduled hours, and there are opportunities for one-on-one support outside of regular school hours. Hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday from 11:05-12:30pm, and 3:00-4:30pm. Please contact Marie Daniels at marie.daniels@yesnet.yk.ca if you wish to set up individual tutoring.

Cybersecurity Fundamentals Program Grades 8-12

Help your students learn how to protect their digital identity and build their digital literacy skills required for learning remotely during COVID-19 and a career in the IT field. In this program, you will understand how to recognize threats that could harm you online and take steps to reduce the chances that they happen to you.

<https://programs.fairchancelearning.com/ictc-cybersecurity>

Free Courses include:

Data Protection for Personal Information
Protecting Your Data: Best Practices and Industry Standards
Thinking Like a Hacker
Become a Cybersecurity Professional

All City Band: A Night of Dinner and Music

Dance at home this Valentine's Weekend with The All-City Jazz Band, Fawn Fritzen and David Restivo and Sarah and Patrick Hamilton for a little over an hour of Jazz and Old Time Fiddle Music. A purchase of one \$20 ticket will give you access to our show from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th February so you can *cut your own rug* and *dance like nobody's watching* the whole weekend! You can also check out our online Silent Auction where you will find generous donations from our wonderful community including music lessons from local musicians and composers, beautiful hand made creations and gift cards from local businesses. And where does the dinner come in you ask? Make it a special night by ordering a dinner from Smoke and Sow (smokeandsow.com) and the first 100 orders will receive a promotional code for a free ticket to our online show. To purchase tickets go to: yukonartscentre.com and for more information go to allcityband.com or email allcitybandwhitehorse@gmail.com.

Reminder: Important Assessment Dates in Semester 2

January 29th- Report cards were printed and signed
February 19th- Informal Reports Must go out by then
March 31st/ April 1st- Three-way conferences
April 13th- Midterm progress marks and comments are due in Aspen
June 7th- 10th- Exam Week

FH Learning in Action

Here are some photos of some of the events and learning that have taken place in the past month:



Physics in Action



Life Sciences Dissections



FLEX Students in the Kitchen



FLEX Students Surrounded by a Sundog

Important Dates

February 19th- Deadline for parents/ students to have received at least one informal contact from teachers on progress, success, concerns

February 24th- Pink Shirt Day

February 25th- Deadline to Register for DELF Exam (4pm)

February 26th- Heritage Day- No school