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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER October 2nd, 2019

Can you believe that it has been almost a month and a half since we started school? Since the last newsletter, the leaves have changed colour and started to fall off of the trees, days are getting shorter, and the mountain tops have snow on them!

A big thanks to Mike Toews, one of our vice-principals, for organizing a very successful Welcome Feast on September 30th. There were lots of orange shirts in the audience!



As the seasons change, and students settle into the semester, avenues to include our students' voice in the direction of our school are starting to solidify: there will be Student Council elections early in October, and interest in student council is very high! By the next newsletter, I will be able to share who our Student Council representatives will be for 2019/20.

By October 7th, you should have received at least one phone call or email about your child's progress, success, and concerns. I am aware that the topic of assessment has caused stress; our school has been working to help alleviate some of these stresses. Our student-parent-teacher conferences will take place on October 24th from 5-7pm, and October 25th from 10am-1pm, and the midterm progress reports will go home on November 25th. Please don't hesitate to check in with your child's teacher at any

time to see how they are doing in their classes.

Unfortunately, vaping and substance use is emerging as a recurring issue again this year, and the school, and School Council, are very concerned. School, School Council, and home need to work together on coming up with solutions to address this issue. I encourage you to either contact me directly with your thoughts on how the school can address this issue, or volunteer to be part of a committee to come up with strategies to address it. I also encourage you to take steps at home to address this issue: have open and frank conversations with your children about the dangers of vaping and other substance use, and if you suspect your child is vaping or using any other substance, don't hesitate to look in their rooms and bookbags for vaping and substance use paraphernalia. I have attached an information sheet for parents that I hope you share with your children. At the school, we are doing our best to be diligent, and are trying to combine a mix of discipline with education on vaping. Only TOGETHER will we successfully address this very important issue.

Keep in touch; respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Thomas', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jay Thomas, principal
FH Collins Secondary School

Welcome Amy Garcia-Baker, new FHC Receptionist



I am pleased to announce that Amy Garcia-Baker as the new Receptionist at FH Collins. Amy joins our community with many years of experience as an administrative assistant. Welcome aboard, Amy!

Annie Bernard Full-Time!

I am happy to announce that Annie Bernard is now full-time at our school. Annie's knowledge, wisdom, and overall presence will benefit all students and staff. Congratulations, Annie!

Student Council Elections

An election is coming for...FHC Student Council President! Five candidates will be running, and a one-week poster campaign will be followed by speeches and voting on Oct 4th. Speeches will occur 8:45 to 9:15 and voting will occur following speeches back in classes. Vote counting will occur B-block and result announced at lunch. A poster campaign will be occurring Sept 27th to Oct. 4th.

We will announce the 2019/20 student council in the next newsletter.

Unsafe Driving in Parking Lot & Road Behind Tech Wing

There have been reports to the admin team that there are a few drivers who have been repeatedly driving dangerously in our parking lot. Also, it has been brought to the school's attention that individuals are driving at dangerous speeds on the road behind the tech wing. The speed limit on this road is 30km/ hr, and we ask everyone driving on it to respect this limit.

We ask that everyone drives safely in the parking lot and on the road behind the tech wing. Students who repeatedly drive dangerously in the parking lot, or on the road behind the tech wing, will have their parents contacted and will be asked to keep their vehicles off of school property. The information of vehicles who repeatedly drive recklessly in the parking lot and on the road behind the tech wing will also be passed on to the RCMP.

Potential Grad Meeting & Assessment Presentation

On Wednesday, October 9th, we will host a meeting for the potential grads and their parents. Before the meeting begins, we will have a meeting about assessment; this was a topic that was brought up at the last School Council meeting. We will present our template. We will also invite people from the Department to answer any questions that parents might have.

Challenge Day on October 9th

All grade 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in Challenge Day on Wednesday, October 9th. Students will need to bring a lunch as the program runs for the entire day. The goal of the Challenge Day Program is to build community and to help stop the teasing, bullying and alienation that can be a part of the school experience for millions of young people every day. Challenge Day is a powerful and transformational day that can change the way people view each other forever. It is a day of fun, friendship and new possibilities.

We still have spaces for adult participants to assist with the day. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Main at Stephanie.main@gov.yk.ca

Post-Secondary Information Night on October 16th

There will be a post-secondary information night at Vanier School at 6:30pm on October 16th.

Boston Pizza School Council Fundraiser

If you, or people that you know, eat at Boston Pizza, please save your receipts and put them in the box in the office. Through the School Council, Boston Pizza will make a donation to the school based on the number of receipts we return to them.

Loran Scholarship

If you want to be nominated by the school, please see a counsellor for info before October 9th.

University Visits

University of British Columbia-	November 4th	11am to 11:45am
Queens University-	November 5th	11:40am to 12:20pm
Thompson River University -	November 7th	11:40am to 12:20pm
UNBC-	November 8th	11:40am to 12:20pm

All university visits will be held in our school's library

Published Student Writer

Congratulations to Kiana Maningas, a grade 9 student, for having her article about the 3% Project presentation, published in the Whitehorse Star. Here is a photo of her article:



The Whitehorse STAR, Friday, September 11, 2019



BIG TURNOUT FOR VISITING SPEAKER - Stephan Lee addresses a large group of students Aug. 27 at F.H. Collins Secondary School.

Speaker brought 3% Project to local students

By KIANA MANINGAS
Special to the Star

“What kind of future do we want?” This is the eye-opening question that Steve Lee asked the students and staff of F.H. Collins Secondary School at an assembly on Aug. 27.

Lee is the executive director of the Foundation for Environment Stewardship and its 3% Project.

The 3% Project aims to reduce three per cent of Canada’s population, which is equivalent to one million Canadian jobs, through trees across 600 schools.

His goal is for this three per cent to be involved in providing sustainable solutions to climate change issues Canada that Lee has visited.

Lee explained that our present generation faces two kinds of problems. One was transferred down to us and the other we came up with.

We have many complicated problems, but climate change has been handed to us, and it is the most urgent.

Lee cautioned that if we do not act now, the global problem will not solve in the next 50 to 60 years.

He used an apple to represent the our Earth and the atmosphere. The red skin of the apple represents the atmosphere, while the Earth is the yellow flesh part.

Continuously spreading pollutants into our atmosphere is like peeling away the atmosphere of the apple until the red skin of the apple will there is no more.

The amount of pollution we make is like ANKAY beams exploding in our atmosphere every single day.

The greenhouse gases that we make affect the planet’s energy balance.

Heat energy can be stored by oceans, water vapor and other climate parts. Some of that heat is added with warmth from nearby areas like the Yukon, which

rest in our warming atmosphere. Although the problem of climate change is global, Lee added, it impacts every sector at energy and international levels.

As students, we can help by starting in our local communities, like making our collective voices heard by political leaders and reducing our own carbon footprint.

Addressing “climate change involves providing direct services to help meet immediate needs” and policy advocacy to change larger systems through governments.

Young people like us must be involved in both because we are the final generation who can solve the problem of climate change.

Lee stressed that it is important to solve climate change in ways to promote climate change that work in development programs that work in education, health, economic growth, active health, personal education, and empower women and girls.

He also noted that unfortunately, Canada is one of the biggest contributors to pollution.

The energy in the planet that supply most of the Earth’s pollution are we as allowed to flow that make less. That is why climate justice demands the polluters must pay for the negative consequences of their actions and decisions.

To answer his question about the kind of future we want, Lee introduced us to the United Nations Global Goals, also the Sustainable Development.

They consist of 17 goals meant to address the world’s biggest challenges. Specifically, these goals are:

1. end poverty;
2. zero hunger;
3. good health and well-being;
4. quality education;
5. gender equality;
6. clean water and sanitation;
7. affordable and clean energy;
8. decent work and economic growth;
9. industry, innovation and infrastructure;
10. reduced inequalities;
11. sustainable cities and communities;

12. responsible consumption and production;

13. climate action;

14. life below water;

15. life on land;

16. peace, justice and strong institutions; and

17. partnerships for the goals.

Lee encouraged the students to use these goals as tools to measure and assess the future we want by making their representations at the assembly level and by looking at the goals in a whole.

For example, some changes cannot be achieved without fighting climate change, providing quality education

and empowering all women and girls.

Adopting a sustainable lifestyle like by eating locally produced foods, recycling single-use packaging like plastic bags, and being aware of environmental issues will go a long way.

In the future, what we are qualified to vote, we also have to choose wisely and vote with our dollars.

Lee’s main message is if we work together, we can make this world better.

The writer is a Grade 9 French immersion student at F.H. Collins Secondary School.

Hunters: complete your harvest report

If you had a successful hunt in August, for most species you have until September 15 to submit your harvest reports and compulsory submissions.

Check the Yukon Hunting Regulations Summary to find out you are meeting your reporting requirements.

Submit your harvest reports to an Environment office or over the phone during business hours at 867-667-5652 or 1-800-661-0420 ext. 5652.

For more information visit: Yukon.ca

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Fundraiser Lunch



Please join us for the Schools of Whitehorse Annual Food Drive!

When: Wednesday, October 9, 6-8 PM

Where: FH Collins or the Whitehorse Food Bank

If you can help with Food Donation pick up, please show up at FH Collins at 5:45 PM. Areas for pick up are: Copper Ridge, Mt McIntyre, Granger, Lobird, Hillcrest and possibly some country residential. If you can volunteer to organize food at the food bank from 6:00 PM onwards, please email: cheri.mccarthy@yesnet.yk.ca or meera.sarin@yesnet.yk.ca. Thanks for helping out!

FH Collins UNESCO Asp Network

Our school recently joined the UNESCO Asp Network - the first school in the Canadian Arctic to do so. <https://aspnet.unesco.org/en-us>

The UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) links educational institutions across the world around a common goal: to build the defences of peace in the minds of children and young people. The over 11,500 ASPnet member schools in 182 countries work in support of international understanding, peace, intercultural dialogue, sustainable development and quality education in practice.

Important Upcoming Dates:

October 4th- Student Council Elections
October 5th- World Teacher Day
October 8th- Jr Boys Volleyball at the CGC 4-6pm
October 8th- School Council Meeting at 6:30pm
October 7th- Deadline for first informal report to be completed (email or phone call)
October 9th- Challenge Day
October 9th- Potential Grad Meeting at 6:30pm
October 9th- Potential Grad Seminar (all school day)
October 9th- Grade 8 Girls Volleyball at FH 4-6pm
October 10th- Social Justice Club 24 Hour Famine
October 11th- PD Day for teacher- No school for students
October 14th- Thanksgiving- NO SCHOOL
October 15th- Jr Girls Volleyball at CGC 4-6pm
October 16th- Post-Secondary Night at Vanier
October 16th- Awards Night at 7pm
October 16th Grade 8 Boys Volleyball at PC 4-6pm
October 17th- SUPERVOLLEY - SR volleyball at Vanier girls at 5 and boys at 7pm
October 22nd- Jr Boys Volleyball at PCSS 4-6pm
October 23rd- Grade 8 Volleyball at Vanier 4-6pm
October 24th- Three-way conferences (student-teacher-parent) from 5-7pm
October 24-26th- Dawson City Invitational
October 25th- Three-way conferences (student-teacher-parent) from 10am-1pm
October 28th- Term 2 Begins
October 31st- Hallowe'en