

WELCOME WARRIOR FAMILIES!

Happy New Year to all our students and families! We have had a great first five days of school, and also continue to enjoy amazing weather.

We continue to put important information on our website, which is currently unexpectedly under construction. Thank you for your patience with its current appearance.

Here are some answers to some FAQs:

FAQ:

1) What do I need to send to school with my student?

Please return the Technology Use Guidelines, the Health Information Sharing Release Form, and the Parental Release of Student Images form. These have all been given to your student, are on our website and in the front office.

2) Anything else?

Please bring the school fee of \$30, and PE fee of \$10 to the office, in cash or cheque payable to F.H. Collins.

If you prefer, you may e-pay to fhc.finance@yukon.ca In the message section, INCLUDE your STUDENT'S NAME, and whether the funds are school fees, PE fees, or for a specific specialized course.

If you prefer, your student may bring the fees to the front office, and will receive a receipt.

The names of all who have paid by September 8 will be entered in a draw for a \$150 gift card!

3) What are these fees for?

These are used for many services provided for students including: various student activities, locks for lockers, guest speakers, and a photo ID card. We often supplement or cover costs of field trips, provide additional phys.ed. activities, and replace and supplement phys.ed. equipment.

4) What about School Photos?

School photos are this week. All students should have their photo taken, even if you aren't purchasing any. This will get them their F.H.Collins student ID card. We also hope to have a yearbook.

5) Where is the School Calendar?

Important Dates are on our website on the front page; please scroll down. Our Calendar is also now on our website.

6) Why do my students finish early on PLC Wednesdays? (often called early dismissal by students)

Every other Wednesday (starting Aug. 30), classes finish at 1:00 and our lunch period occurs until 1:45. From 1:45 – 3:10 our teachers gather in small teams of Professional Learning Communities, where they study and investigate ways to improve student learning for the actual students we have now. High-yield instructional strategies, types of common assessments, and areas of common concern are studied by our staff, with the goal of improving student learning. This is very different from the PD on PD days.

The Yukon Education Act mandates 950 hours of instruction each year, and we have organized our school day so that we meet this criteria, with this dismissal time.

The gym and library remain open and supervised for students, and students may also study quietly or do homework in some classrooms. In addition, KDFN is offering cultural drop-in time for any and all interested students. This month? Hand-games! Some students also participate in extra-curricular community activities during this time.

7) My student is sick, or has an appointment. Should I let you know?

YES Please! Sometimes students have to be away. We understand. Please call the school, 867-667-8665, or email fhc@yukon.ca to let us know, ahead of time if possible.

8) We have more questions. Who do we call?

Please call our front office, or email fhc@yukon.ca, or connect with guidance counsellors or administration. We will also be sending our first community newsletter soon.