



St. Elias Community School

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For the last week of School before Christmas Break, we share with you a few highlights.

Silversmithing Workshop:

We have a special Christmas treat for our Shop 11\12 students. Shelley MacDonald, a professional Silversmith, will be doing a beginners Silversmithing course with the Gr. 11/12 Carpentry students tomorrow, **Wednesday Dec. 16th**.

Over the course of the day, the students will get to make silver jewelry and Christmas ornaments. Many thanks to Artists in the Schools program for supplying funding for the artist. Many thanks to Tracy Kane and Brenda Jackson of CAFN Education and the Shawkwunlee Dunena Sports Society for providing the necessary funding for materials to make this possible! A great big thank you from Mr. Eleniak, Matthew, Noah, Kenny, Tyrel, Miersch, Ryan, Mason and Andrew.

SECS Cultural Programming:

On Wednesday Dec. 16th CAFN Elder Paddy Jim and Wayne Jim will be giving a demonstration of Traditional Tool Use. We look forward to their visit.

Southern Tutchone classes will also be participating in a Dry Meat unit of study in the new year. We would like to thank Craig and Amy Mackinnon for their donation of meat as well as Russ Osborne with YG Wildlife Conservation for providing meat and a hide for this unit.

Social Studies 10 Historical Project:

The Grade 10 Social Studies class has been learning about First Nations People during the 1800's. We would like to thank Sheila Grear for her participation in this unit of study. Her visits during our class time, and providing students with a detailed look back in time is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 16 – CAFN Elder presentation on Traditional Tools Usage.
- Dec. 16 – Silversmithing workshop for Gr. 11/12 students.
- Dec. 17 – SECS Christmas Concert
- Dec. 18 – Pyjama Day and Last day of school.
- Dec. 21 to Jan. 1 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 4 – First Day of School.

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Hour of Code: During the week of Dec. 7-11th all SECS students K4 – Gr. 12 had a wonderful opportunity to participate in an Hour of Code. Hour of Code is an International program that introduces students to computer science and more specifically, coding. Our students tried a variety of different computer coding tutorials based on their individual skill levels. This was an exciting time of learning for our students. Our thanks to CAFN and Andy Pauls for their support with this event, and to Skills Canada staff and our very own Michael Ritchie who assisted Ms. O'Rourke with this event. Parents can check out www.hourofcode.com and try the same tutorials their kids tried. Students who really enjoyed coding can keep trying the tutorials offered at this website.

Soccer this Saturday - Dec. 19th, 2015.

Three teams from Whitehorse are travelling to St. Elias on Saturday, Dec. 19th to play with our Haines Junction soccer players!

U7 - Grade 1/2 - 11:30 to 12:30pm

U9 - Grade 3/4 - 12:45 to 1:45pm

U11 - Grade 5/6/7 - 2:00 to 3:00pm

Please make sure your children have shorts, running shoes and a water bottle for their games. Soccer players need to be at the gym ready to go 15 minutes before their game time. If you have any questions please contact Cindi Cowie at the school.

Christmas Concert & Silent Auction:

The annual SECS Christmas Concert will be held this **Thursday Dec. 17th at 7:00pm** in the school gym. We invite you to come and enjoy an evening of song, dance and music with our staff and students. We look forward to seeing you there.

The SECS School Council is hosting this year's Silent Auction to be held at the St. Elias Community School during the school's Christmas concert. Proceeds will go towards supporting a very special school and community based initiative to bring Barbara Coloroso to our community in February 2016. The School Council has provided information on Barbara Coloroso attached to this newsletter.

Pyjama Day:

Dec. 18th is our last day of school before Christmas Break, and our annual Pyjama Day! Wear your favorite PJ's and bring your favorite stuffy for a cozy and fun day!

Bus Safety:

To ensure the safety of students getting on or off the School Bus, parents who use the parking lot at the west end of the school are reminded to please **enter from St. Elias Street and exit onto Bakke Street**. If you are parking and entering the school, we ask that you please back into the parking space. This will ensure good visibility of the student activity around you, as you exit the very busy parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to our students' safety.

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Barbara's Biography

"Our children are counting on us to provide two things: consistency and structure. Children need parents who say what they mean, mean what they say, and do what they say they are going to do." ~

Barbara Coloroso



Barbara Coloroso is an international bestselling author and for the past 38 years an internationally recognized speaker and consultant on parenting, teaching, school discipline, positive school climate, bullying, grieving, nonviolent conflict resolution and restorative justice.

She has appeared on Oprah, CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN and NPR and has been featured in the New York Times, Time, U.S. News & World Report, Newsweek, and other national and international publications.

Her uniquely effective parenting and teaching strategies were developed through her years of training in sociology, special education, and philosophy, as well as field-tested through her experiences as a classroom teacher, laboratory school instructor, university instructor, seminar leader, volunteer in Rwanda, and mother of three grown children.

She is the author of four international bestsellers: *kids are worth it!*, *Giving Your Child the Gift of Inner Discipline*; *Parenting Through Crisis—Helping Kids in Times of Loss, Grief and Change*; *The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander—From Pre-School to High School, How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle of Violence*; and *Just Because It's Not Wrong Doesn't Make It Right—From Toddlers to Teens, Teaching Kids to Think and Act Ethically*. Barbara's latest book is *Extraordinary Evil: A Brief History of Genocide...and Why it Matters*. She also has two critically acclaimed video programs *Winning at Parenting...without beating your kids* and *Winning at Teaching...without beating your kids*.

