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The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday with the distribution of ashes on February 18. We will have our Lenten celebrations on March 3 and March 10. As always, we invite you to attend these celebrations.

Ashes represent the things in our life that prevent us from entering into fuller relationships with our friends, family and God. Often we try to ignore the aspects of our life that cause us pain, grief and suffering. Acknowledging our weaknesses, concerns and struggles and sharing them with the important people in our lives gives us the opportunity for change and a better life. In essence, Lent is a process of reflection and renewal. This process begins with Ash Wednesday when we admit and reflect on these dimensions of our lives, but at the same time, take new steps to enhance the positive things we are doing. Lent gives us the spiritual opportunity to change; ashes remind us of this.

### *Prayer for Lent*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
You have made the sun to light the day  
And the moon and stars to light the night.  
Help us walk in your light.  
During this season of Lent,  
Renew us through the gift of your Holy Spirit.  
Help us grow in faith, hope and love.  
During this special time,  
We remember that Jesus died and rose  
from the dead,  
so that we might be free to love.  
Help us grow to be the people you call us to be –  
– Letting go of old habits of selfishness,  
– Forgiving those who have hurt us,  
– Giving quality time to our families,  
– Spending time in quiet prayer.  
Amen.

### Spring Break

Spring Break this year is from March 16 to March 27. Our last day of classes is Friday, March 13. Classes resume on Monday, March 30.

### *Bouquets*



- to the primary students who created some very interesting projects for Hundred's Day. Well done!
- to Ms. Schoeneberg and Ms. Boyd for all their work with the Polar Games on February 5 and 6
- to the grade seven basketball teams and their coaches, Ms. Barr, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Billingsley, for their wonderful representation at the grade seven basketball tournament on February 13 and 14. As always, you showed great team play and sportsmanship. Congratulations also to all the teams on their medals!
- to Mrs. Lackowicz, Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Hennings for organizing our Read-a-thon. Please refer to the special note in this newsletter
- to all the teachers and parents for your involvement with the IEP reviews in February
- to the Rotary Club of Whitehorse for the Rotary Reads and pizza lunch for the grade ones on February 17. Thank you for valuing the most important work of reading!
- to Mrs. Hale, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Bateman, and Ms. Harper for supervising Open School activities once a week for the last six months. Thank you!



### **Report Cards**

All students are receiving their second term reports on Thursday, March 12. Although there are no formal interviews scheduled for this reporting period, teachers or parents may request an interview. As always, please contact the school to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

### *Lost and Found*

Items from the Lost and Found will be laid out from March 9-11. Items not collected by March 11 will be given to those in need.

### Daylight Savings Time



Daylight savings changes for 2015 will take place on the second Sunday in March (March 8) at 2:00 a.m. and the first Sunday in November (November 1).



## Open School

Throughout the winter months, staff members have generously provided extra supervision for students wishing to come in for Open School early morning activities. With the return of the wonderful sunlight and warmer temperatures, this will soon no longer be necessary. **The last week of Open School is March 9-13.** After that, all students will be expected to play outdoors in the front or the Reading Recovery areas when they arrive at school in the morning. Teachers will be outside as usual at 8:15 in the morning. A sincere thank you to all the staff who volunteered their time for these extra activities during the winter months.

### 2015-2016 Kindergarten Pre-Registration Process for Whitehorse-area children

**Attention:** Parents/guardians of Whitehorse-area children born in 2010.

It is time to sign up your child for Kindergarten! Registering early helps Yukon Education accommodate all our new students. Spots are assigned based on attendance area, other siblings at the school, and the order in which applications are received.

Here's how to start registration:

1. Visit Yukon Education's website at [education.gov.yk.ca](http://education.gov.yk.ca) and choose the "Kindergarten to Grade 12" section. Everything you need will be found here.
2. Find out which schools are in your neighbourhood by checking "Attendance areas".
3. Use the online form under "Kindergarten registration" to enter your child's information, select the school in your attendance area, and provide your contact information. This form can be submitted beginning **February 9 at 9:00 a.m.** To register your child in a **Catholic school**, you must also complete an additional application. Visit the "Catholic Schools" page for information.
4. Within four weeks of completing the form, you will receive information about which school has reserved a spot for your child and what steps to take to complete your child's registration.

### Safety Concern

Please do not have your child(ren) arrive at the school before 8:15 am. This puts your child at risk as there is no one outside to supervise until 8:15.

## Read-A-Thon

Congratulations to all CKES students, families and staff for another successful Read-a-thon. As a school family we read a total of 78,667 minutes. We have collected over \$3,736.75 for Habitat for Humanity. At our first Lenten celebration, a check will be presented to Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Hennings for their help in organizing and running the Read-a-thon this year. Thank you to everyone who generously supported our 2015 Read-a-thon.

## School Growth Plan

As mentioned earlier, each year the administration, staff and school council representatives work together to develop a school growth plan that focuses on student learning and achievement. We will continue to work as a "Professional Learning Community (PLC)".

Please note the following highlights of the school growth plan:

### **School Goal:**

Students will improve their writing skills.

### **Maintenance Plan:**

We will continue to:

- 1) ensure that the strategies we developed to help students achieve success with the goal area of reading for meaning evolve into best practice and become the standard way of operating at Christ the King Elementary
- 2) collect evidence of the integration of First Nations culture across the curriculum
- 3) continue our focus on service learning

If you get a chance, please check out our Writers' Guild in the front lobby. It features the writing of different classes throughout the year. It is exciting to see the growth in our students' writing skills!

As important part of our maintenance plan is the service learning that each class does throughout the year. In February, highlights of the service learning includes:

**Grade KB** - hosted a Valentine's Tea for seniors on February 13.

**Grade 1F** - in the process of planning activities for a trip to the Thompson Centre in March.

**Grade 7H** - organized the sale of candygrams during the Valentine week in order to raise money for needy children in Kenya.

## *Safety Alert*

We are still noticing unsafe practices by adults who are dropping off students across the street from the school or parking in the drop off zone. We are once again asking for your cooperation by choosing safe options for dropping off your child/ren.

The first preferred option is to use the drop off lane by the basketball court. As this is off the street, it is the safest option and works well if people use it only as a drop off lane and do not park there. For that reason, **we ask you not to park in the drop off lane.** The drop off zone is not to be used for any purposes other than stopping long enough for your child to exit the car. **We ask that there is no parking in the drop off zone or waiting in the car until the bell goes.** If you must come into the school, there are parent parking spots at the end of the parking lot.

The second preferred option is to drop your child off on the school side of the street before the turn into the bus drop off. There is a sidewalk there which guarantees a safe drop off for your child. Your child can simply get out of the car from the passenger side and walk on the sidewalk through the open gate onto the schoolyard. This does require that you turn your vehicle around further down the street at the new housing complex or do a loop around Alsek.

With darkness, exhaust, icy conditions, heavy traffic on Nisutlin, and a busy bus lane, dropping your child off across the street is very dangerous. **We request that you do not drop your child off across the street and instead use option 1 or 2.**

Again, please use the preferred options. The safety of children is our top priority. Please follow the drop off rule only for the first option or take a few extra minutes to turn around further down the street for the second option so that all children in our school can be safe. Thank you.

**Five Year Old Health Fair**  
**Whitehorse Health Centre, 9010 Quartz Road**  
**(Between Earl's and the Feed Store)**  
**May 7 & 8, 9 am – 3 pm**

The Health fair offers health checks for:  
 Hearing Vision Dental Growth/Development Immunization

Important information will also be available to help you and your child prepare for your next great adventure -- school

- Getting Ready for School - Development
- Avoiding unwanted critters – Head Lice
- Avoiding colds and flus - Handwashing
- Packing Healthy Lunches - Nutrition
- Getting them to school safely – Car Seat Safety/Road & Bike Safety
- Fishing pond for a take home prize at the end
- And more...



# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <small>9:00 Lenten Celebration</small>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <small>School Council Meeting</small>	10 <small>9:00 Lenten Celebration</small>	11	12 <small>Reports Go Home</small>	13 <small>Last Day Of Classes</small>	14
15	16	17	18 <b>Spring Break</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>Spring Break</b>	26	27	28
29	30 <small>Classes Resume</small>	31	Coming in April * April 3—Good Friday * April 6—Easter Monday			



At the request of children and parents who participated last year...**Cat Chat Vacation Bible School** will run again this year from Tuesday, June 16- Friday, June 19, 9am to 12pm daily.

This is a fun camp for children aged 4-11. Children will learn songs, make crafts, play games and learn more about their Catholic faith.

Our theme this year is... **A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments, Jesus in My Heart.**

Registration forms can be found at the back of Sacred Heart Cathedral. For more information or if you would like to get involved, please contact Andrea at 668-2768.