



Holy Family News

April 2023

Principal's Message:

A blessed Holy Week to all. Yesterday was Palm Sunday, the Christian feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem- the excited crowd greeting him by waving palm branches to honour Him.

Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday and includes the events of Holy Thursday (The Last Supper), Good Friday (Jesus' death), and the Easter liturgy (Jesus' resurrection). This time is observed with special solemnity as a time of devotion.

A prayer,

Lord God,

Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,

This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death.

Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name

The one who opens the gates of righteousness

I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,

And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.

To walk the road we walk.

May I walk in the way of his suffering,

And share also in his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives forever,

Amen.

A staffing note: We have hired 1 new Educational Assistant, Ms. Poonam Devi, and we are hoping to hire another EA soon.

FYI: We are often looking for EA applicants, for the remainder of this year as well as for the 2023-24 school year. To be an EA in Yukon schools, a person needs a grade 12 education, some experience working/ interacting with children, and a vulnerable sector check (criminal record check). If you or anyone you know is looking for an opportunity to work in schools and/or would like to be an EA here at HFES, please direct them to our hiring network, "Apply to Education", <https://www.applytoeducation.com> where all Yukon Education jobs are posted. Positions for the 2023-24 school year will be posted throughout the spring. If you have interest in this or questions about the role of an EA, please reach out to me or Ms. Oxford.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter weekend (a reminder that there is no school Friday or Monday)
In peace, Ms. Gray

School Council Update:

School Council's big project for April is the Spelling Bee. Your student should already have their spelling words to study!

We'll be sending home Word Wednesday Worksheets each Wednesday to help your speller practice their words. We'll also be having a few contests leading up to the big day to generate some fun and enthusiasm. Please encourage your kids to participate ~ there are prizes!

Speaking of prizes, many local businesses have donated prizes for this event:

Canadian Tire donated games and decor.

Midnight Sun Emporium donated a lava lamp and some candy.

McDonalds donated a backpack and some water bottles.

Home Hardware donated a puzzle.

Superstore donated a \$100 gift card.

Angelina's and In Bloom Flowers committed to making a donation.

Air North has donated 1 cookie for each speller.

A BIG thank you to each of them for supporting our Spelling Bee.

We could still use some help in the planning and execution of the event. If you're able to lend a hand, please reach out to anyone on the School Council. Specifically, we could use help getting the gym set up and decorated on Sunday April 23 in the evening.

To keep updated with what school council is up to, please follow our Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/100063727887273/>

School Council

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House Keeping:

- We have EA positions open for hiring if anyone in our community is interested in working in schools <https://yukoneducation.simplification.com/Applicant/AttSearchex.aspx?DirectLink=1>
- Please keep your children home when they are sick (24 hours after the last vomit/fever). Illnesses are spreading rapidly through classrooms
- **Morning supervision begins at 8:15. There is NO SUPERVISION for children before 8:15 am. School ends at 3:06 and there is supervision outside until 3:25**
- Please dress children for the weather. We spend time outside every day.
- Parents: if you are picking up your children early or dropping them off late please check in at the Office
- Please check the lost and found if you are missing any clothing
- It is helpful to label outdoor clothing. Less items will be put into lost and found if they are labelled
- Students are not permitted to use cell phones on school grounds
- Please keep toys and Pokemon cards at home
- Please keep dogs off school property, we have SEVERE allergies in our school
- **We are now a SCENT FREE building**
- We are a nut free building. Please do not pack nuts in your child's lunch.
- Please sign up for bus notifications. http://tak.yukonschools.ca/uploads/4/5/5/0/45508033/school_bus_notification_of_delay-cancellation.jpg
- Kindergarten registration for Whitehorse schools for the 2023-24 school year is open. Children must be five years old on or before December 31, 2023 to be eligible. To register for Kindergarten parents need to visit <https://yukon.ca/en/register-child-school#register-your-child-for-kindergarten>

Important Dates:

April 7—Good Friday—NO SCHOOL

April 10—Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL

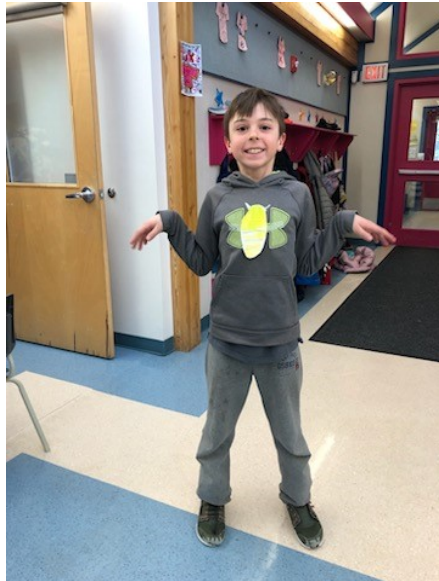
April 24—Spelling Bee

April 28—Spelling Bee Finals

May 1—PD day—NO SCHOOL

May 22—Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL



June 15—Last day of the 2022-2023 school year







April 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 School Council meeting 7pm	4	5 Stations of the Cross (in class)	6	7 Good Friday— NO SCHOOL	8
9	10 Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Spelling Bee 	25	26 Badminton Smash Tournament	27 Badminton Smash Tournament	28 Spelling Bee Finals 	29
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May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PD Day—NO SCHOOL	2	3	4	5 Carmacks Ridge Run	6
7	8	9	10 New Life Liturgy	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Celebration of Learning Pine Grove Run	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23	24	25	26 Forestry Run	27
28	29	30 Grade 5/6 Track and Field meet	31			