



Journal News

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Sunday is International Women's Day.

In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and international peace. Following the United Nations' lead, Canada chose March 8 as International Women's Day (IWD).

Each year at this time, Canadians celebrate progress toward equality for women and their full participation, reflect on the challenges and barriers that remain, and consider future steps to achieving equality for all women, in all aspects of their lives.

A conversation was started with some students at ÉWES; why not start your own.



Our **Bridge Builders** are busy preparing for the upcoming competition. They are meeting in the library everyday of the week from 12:10 - 12:40 for the first two weeks of April. Volunteers are needed to help out. If you can donate some time, please drop by and give us a hand.



The official Yukon 2015/2016 School Calendar is available at:
http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/pdf/2015-2016_Whitehorse_Calendar.pdf

Please notify the office if you have moved or have changed any current contact information. The office appreciates your cooperation.

If your plans for next year include moving or a deferred salary, please let the office know ASAP.

Last chance to participate to the Heritage Fair: students from Gr. 4-7, please come and see M. Fergusson in the library. You have until this Friday to let him know. He has a list of topics that may be of interest. Drop by the library for more information.

Hello EWES Parents,

Are you interested in discussing and discovering what *community* looks like for our school? Do you like working with a team to plan ACTIONS and EVENTS?

Then we have a job for you!

EWES School Council is looking for **5-7 parents** interested in establishing a **EWES Event and Community Team**

Why?

Because EWES School Council priorities include our desire to encourage and increase COMMUNITY at EWES.

So what does community look like for you?

For our 450 children at EWES community practically looks like sharing a common space with a common vision and common goals spoken with a common language. For us as parents, perhaps community is more classroom specific? Perhaps it is found amongst the parent playground chatter or during our monthly pizza lunch or the understood smiles during the rush of drop off and pick up. Perhaps it is broader- moving into being the community school in downtown Whitehorse.

A sample of ACTIONS and EVENTS to encourage community:

Speaker Series – on relevant parent/child matters
Grandparent's in the school – seeking interested members of our downtown community to assist in classrooms

Tea and Cookie - volunteer parents having tea and cookies with one or a group of kids who may benefit from a bit of extra attention.

Mother's Day breakfast ...again

Family Day breakfast – to celebrate all

Parent/Downtown Community Dance- 50's sock hop or 70's disco (fundraising opportunity)

Christmas pond skate/hot chocolate

Summer school picnic/BBQ

We look forward to hearing from you on how, together, we can help foster a deeper sense of Community at EWES.

Contact: Mrs. Laura Lang – 456-2601 or email our EWES School Council at ewesschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 8th

Canadian Parents for French

Friday, March 13th

Report Cards Sent Home

March 17-27th

March Break

No School

Monday, March 30

First Day Back

School Bell Rings 8:31 am

The electronic version of our school calendar at:

[http://
www.whitehorseelementary
.com/](http://www.whitehorseelementary.com/)

School Council News:

Hillarie Zimmerman, Laura Lang, Victoria Castillo, Cristina Pekarik and Rachel Moser. You may reach your council at:
EWESschoolcouncil@gmail.com

The next school council meeting will be held on March 10th at 6:30 pm.

Minutes and the Agenda may be found at:

[http://
www.whitehorseelementary
.com/#!/school-council/
c6m5](http://www.whitehorseelementary.com/#!/school-council/c6m5)

School Life



Rendez-vous festives chez nous!

ÉWES
celebrates
Twin Day
in style.



International Women's Day: What is it and what does it mean to you?

Collyn Lovelace has a conversation With Madame Sofie's grade 6 class

As the coordinator of the Yukon Women's Coalition and an employee of Yukon Women's Transition Home Society, I collaborate on events with women's organizations throughout the Territory. This year Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre, Les Essentielles, Skookum Jim Friendship Centre and Yukon Women's Transition Home Society have been working together to promote International Women's Day on March 8th. Collectively we decided to each work with a school on promoting International Women's Day. Madame Sofie's grade 6 class invited me to come in and interview them about International Women's Day and here is what they had to say:

What do you know about International Women's Day?

"It's a day to celebrate women."

Why is it important to celebrate International Women's Day?

"Because women are still not equal today."

"Because Malala Yousafzai was shot for going to school in 2012."

Why is it important for men and boys to be involved in working towards gender equality?

"Because they can work hard to advocate for women."

"Because they can help."

How do you know women are still not equal today?

"Girls are prevented from going to school in some parts of the world."

What do you know about feminism?

"It's about discrimination against women."

"It's about equality for women and men."

Why is it important to remember the women who have worked towards equality?

"Women couldn't vote until 1918."

"Women couldn't get jobs. When they could, there were specific jobs for women and for men."

"Women couldn't stay in school as long as men and were expected to stay home."

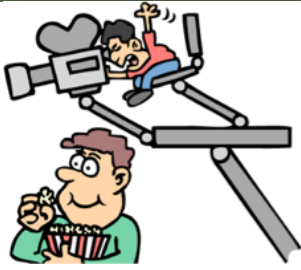
Who are the women that are important to you and why?

"My friends who are women."

"My grandma because she makes me cookies."

"My sister because she cares about me."

"My sister because she shares."



As part of **Francophone de la rendezvous**, Canadian Parents for French is hosting 3 **NFB films on Sunday, March 8th at 3 pm** at the francophone centre. Admission is free as is the popcorn! It's a 50 minute program for 6 +. Description follows:

Bonnes vacances (documentary, 2005, 24 min)

Follow seven-year-old Samuel Savoie and his friends during their stay at Camp Ectus, a summer retreat on the shores of Chaleur Bay in northern New Brunswick, and experience their adventures, disappointments and moments of joy. A film by Louiselle Noël.

English title: On My Own (English subtitles).

La nouvelle au village (documentary, 1989, 23 min)

Alexandra, a newcomer to the village, can't make up her mind. Should she join the "Étoiles filantes" club or Eric's gang, all of whom speak English because "it's cool"...? Shot in St. Pierre Jolys, Manitoba, this film by Jean Bourbonnais shows that the games, concerns and behaviours of boys and girls in early adolescence are similar everywhere. Bilingual film. English title: The New Girl in Town.

Preceded by Square Roots (animation, 2006, 3 min, without words)

A robot rambles about frenetically in a state of constant anxiety. He receives countless numbers of electronic messages through his antenna every second. Despite his fatigue and stress, he never slows down... The only thing that might bring his frantic journey to an end is a traffic accident. Made by Patrick Doyon at Hothouse 3, the NFB's program for emerging filmmakers.

Chante-la ta chanson

Concert de chansons françaises
French songs concert



11 mars 2015, 12h30

Kwalin Dün Cultural Centre - Gratuit



Vous êtes tous les bienvenus
de venir entendre chanter
les élèves de toutes les écoles
primaires de Whitehorse



You are invited to come
and listen to all students sing from
all Whitehorse primary schools

Célébrons avec joie le Français Langue Seconde
Come and enjoy French as a Second Language