



Board Highlights

January 2012

Happening this Month!

January 5

RLN Asembly



January 6

WMS Healthy Snack & Video



January 10

Regular Board Meeting, 7 pm



January 11-13

SJF Final Exams



January 12

KTW DDEA Meeting, 6 pm



January 13

WMS Smoothie & Video



Januar 13-15

Inuvik 3-on-3 Basketball
Tournament



January 19-30

SJF Final Exams

Message from the Board Chair

January is a month of planning for the Board of Trustees, as we have our Town Hall Meeting on January 25 at 7:00 pm at Range Lake North School. I invite you to join the Trustees and present your comments as to what direction you would like YK1 to venture over the next year. Although we have managed to maintain our enrolment, the trend in the NT is declining enrolment, which means less money from Education, Culture and Employment to run programs. The Trustees look forward to hearing from you, our Stakeholders.

As you are probably aware, our children are highly exposed to social media through computers and phones. I would like to share some reasonable rules and guidelines you can use to minimize the potential risks of being online.

As a family:

- Never give out identifying information – home address, school name, or telephone number – in a public message such as chats or news groups. Be sure you're dealing with someone both you and your children know and trust before sharing this information.
- Think carefully before revealing any personal information such as age, financial information, or marital status.
- Do not post photographs of your children in news groups or on websites which are available to the public.
- Consider using a pseudonym, avoid listing your child's name and email address in any public directories and profiles, and find out about your ISP's privacy policies and exercise your options for how your personal information may be used.
- Get to know the Internet and any services your children use. If you don't know how to log on, get your children to show you. Have your children show you what they do online, and become familiar with all the activities available online.
- Find out if your children have free web-based accounts such as those offered by Hotmail and Yahoo!®, and learn their user names and passwords.
- Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they "meet" on the Internet without parental permission. If a meeting is arranged, make sure the first one is in a public place, and be sure to accompany your child.
- Never respond to messages which are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening or make you feel uncomfortable. Encourage your children to tell you if they encounter such messages. If you or your child receives a message that is harassing, of sexual nature, or threatening, forward a copy of the message to your ISP, and ask for their assistance.
- Instruct your children not to click on any links that are contained in email from persons

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January 20

WMS Healthy Snack & Video



January 23-27

Grade 7 Fishing Camp



January 25

Town Hall Meeting, 7 pm at
RLN

NJM Literless Lunch



January 27

WMS Smoothie & Video

WMS Family Literacy
Activity

WMS Frostbite Dance



January 31

Semester 2 Begins

KTW EBS Assembly



PAC Corner

January 4 • WMS

January 11 • RLN

January 17 • ESJF, NJM

January 18 • EJHS

Message from the Board Chair cont...

they don't know. Such links could lead to sexually explicit or otherwise inappropriate websites, or could be a computer virus. If someone sends you or your children messages or images that are filthy, indecent, lewd, or obscene with the intent to abuse, annoy, harass, or threaten you, call the police or RCMP. Or if you become aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of child pornography while online, immediately report this through www.cybertip.ca which is operated by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.

As you teach your children, help them understand:

People online may not be who they seem

Because you can't see or even hear the person it would be easy for someone to misrepresent him- or herself. Thus someone indicating "she" is a "12-year-old girl" could in reality be a 40 year-old-man.

Everything you read online may not be true

Any offer which is "too good to be true" probably is. Be careful about any offers which involve you going to a meeting, having someone visit your house, or sending money or credit card information.

Set parameters and monitor use

Set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use by your children. Discuss these rules and post them near the computer as a reminder. Remember to monitor your children's compliance with these rules, especially when it comes to the amount of time your children spend on the computer. A child's excessive use of online services or the Internet, especially late at night, may be a clue there is a potential problem.

Check out blocking, filtering, and ratings applications. Be sure to make this a family activity. Keep the computer in a family room rather than a child's bedroom. Get to know your children's "online friends" just as you get to know all of their other friends. If your children have cellular telephones, talk with them about using the phones safely. The same rules that apply to computer use, also apply to cellular telephones.

Town Hall Meeting

On January 25, 2012, at 7:00 pm, the YK1 Board of Trustees and staff invite you to attend our Town Hall Meeting at Range Lake North School. The purpose of this meeting is to share information with you, and learn from you, what we can do as a district to better serve the needs of students and parents. For more information please contact Sarah Johnson, Communications Officer, at 766-5050.

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