



Board Highlights

November 2011

November 1
KDS Circle Ceremony

November 4
WMS Smoothie and Video

November 4-6
Senior Spike It!

November 7
SJF Fine Arts Night

November 7-10
WMS Exploratories

November 8
Annual Organizational Meeting
Regular Board Meeting

November 8-12
SJF Children's Theatre Festival

November 10
Remembrance Day Assemblies
KTW DDEA Meeting

November 11
Remembrance Day

November 14-17
Kindergarten Drum Dance Camp
WMS Exploratories

November 15
K-8 Report Cards Go Home

November 16
CHALLENGE CUP!

A Successful Year Early On

With the elections being held this past month, I would like to congratulate all the MLAs who were elected. When running for public office, competition is always a good thing, so for those candidates who didn't get elected, there's always next time. Further to this, I would like to welcome Trustee Spence back from his campaign and welcome him back to the Board. As trustees, it's important we work in partnership with our MLAs, and in this regard, our board will be sitting down with our Yellowknife MLAs in the not too distant future to discuss issues.

In accomplishing the goals in our strategic plan, we always need to recognize the invaluable contributions of our staff. As is the case every year, we experienced some turnover in our administrative staff, both at the District and the school level. On behalf of my fellow trustees, I'd like to wish long term employees Mr. Dave Johnson, our former Maintenance Manager, and Mr. Mel Parady, our former Assistant Superintendent, the very best as they commence their retirement. Similarly, our best wishes to Mr. Peter Maguire, our former Instructional Coordinator, who headed off to Alberta for new challenges. On the incoming side, I would like to welcome new District level employees Mr. Bernie Giacobbo to his position as Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Erin Sproule to her position as Instructional Coordinator, and Mr. Elvis Beaudoin to his position as Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance.

At the school level, I'd like to welcome Mr. Ed Lippert to his position as principal of École Sir John Franklin High School, and Ms. Eileen Erasmus to her position as Acting Principal of K'alemi Dene School. I'd also like to welcome back Mr. Dean MacInnis, who has been travelling the world with his family for the past year, to his new position as Assistant Principal of École Sir John Franklin High School. As trustees, it's always great to see our staff being recognized with awards for their expertise and hard work. To this end, I would like to congratulate Ministerial Literacy Award recipient Ms. Lea Lamoureux, CTF Outstanding Aboriginal Educator Award recipient Ms. DiAnn Blesse, and NAPEG Science Teaching Award recipient Neil Penney.

I would also like to recognize the invaluable contributions of our PACs, parents, local businesses, and our many volunteers in contributing to the success of our District. A special thanks to the Range Lake North School PAC, our staff, and to the many volunteers who contributed to the installation of the new school playground on Saturday, September 17. As well, special thanks to all Mildred Hall School PAC members and volunteers who helped with their Playground Build Friday, September 16. The matching grant partnerships our Board initiated with our PACs last year to upgrade our school playgrounds appears to have been extremely successful. To date, we have had new playground equipment installed at N.J. Macpherson School, École J.H. Sissons and most recently Range Lake North School and Mildred Hall School. In a similar vein, École Sir John Franklin High School and École William McDonald Middle School, have taken advantage of this funding to purchase new gym equipment.

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November 16-18

JHS Book Fair

November 17

NJM Book Fair

November 18

K-8 Parent/Student/Teacher

Interviews, 8:30-4:00

NJM Book Fair

November 18-20

Badminton Tournament

November 19

Santa Claus Parade

November 22

SJF Report Cards Go Home

November 24

SJF PST Drop-In Interviews

November 25

SIP Day- Schools dismiss at lunch

WMS Healthy Snack and Video

November 25-27

Girls High School Hockey

Tournament

Pac Corner

November 2 - WMS

November 16 - JHS

November 17 - NJM

November 22 - SJF

On the program front, it's hard to imagine we are already in to our third month of school. Our enrolment has increased from last year which means more dollars next year to support our programs. Our French Immersion program is continuing to expand, so much so, we've had to add another Kindergarten teacher to École J.H. Sissons to make a third class. This makes for smaller class sizes, so for any of you who might still be thinking about taking advantage of an immersion opportunity for your child, please contact the principal, Mr. Paul Bennett, at École J.H. Sissons. Similarly, with the success of our Intensive French program, we have initiated a 'new' Intensive French program at Ecole William McDonald Middle School. As of today's date, there is still space available, so for those of you with children in Grade 6 who are interested in bilingualism for your child, please contact Ms. Rachell Simmons, principal, at École William McDonald Middle School.

Kindergarten Drum Dance

As part of YK1's commitment to Aboriginal Language and Culture-Based Education, and Dene Kede Curriculum integration, all Kindergarten students within the district will participate a traditional Dene Drum Dance. The Kindergarten Drum Dance Camp will take place November 14 to November 17. For more information on this ACE Camp please contact your child's school.

What would you do with \$8000?

The YK1 branch of Canadian Parents for French has \$8000 of funding to distribute for extra-curricular activities promoting French language and culture. A parent, principal, or student in French programming (core, immersion or intensive/enhanced French) in the Yellowknife Education District No.1 community may apply. The deadline is October 31, 2011 so apply now! For more information, grant guidelines, and to learn how to apply please visit www.yk1.nt.ca.

YK1 Welcomes Paul Roux

YK1 is pleased to welcome author and illustrator Paul Roux to École J.H. Sissons and École William McDonald Middle School on November 1 & 2. Roux is a talented comic book creator from Quebec and looks forward to conducting sessions with students.

It's flu season!

It's flu season so don't forget to get your shot! Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority is pleased to be hosting walk-in seasonal flu clinics. No appointments are necessary and the vaccine is free. For information on times and locations visit www.yk1.nt.ca, www.yhssa.org or phone 920-6570.

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