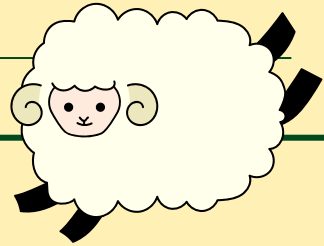




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## NEWSLETTER



**March is here!**

*March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026*

There is a common proverb that says March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. We shall see but it certainly has started on a very brisk note. This morning our school bus was stalled by the cold weather - hopefully we can get it working. If the bus is not working, I will text families as soon as possible and hopefully well before the ETA for your child at the bus stop because we wouldn't want any child waiting out in the cold. Speaking of the bus, our bus driver has resigned and Standard Bus Co. is putting out a job posting. Until a new bus driver is found, Ms. McCauley and I (Mr. Cooper) will drive the bus. So, if you have some time on your hands and are looking for some extra cash, drop me a line. The working conditions are cold, drafty and noisy but it's a chance to make a difference in the community. Standard Bus will train and help applicants secure their class 2 licence - if you don't have that already.



### **Fabulous February in the news**

February was a very busy month! Our grade 5s and 6s ventured to Whitehorse for the annual Polar Games extravaganza, chaperoned by Mr. Cooper and Ms. Cowie. Students had a blast learning how to curl, play broomball, skate, swim, play basketball and still had time for a glass blowing experience at Lumel Studios. After that, our intrepid basketball team had two tournaments in the canyon city and were the toast of the town for their unceasing efforts and positive attitude.

Sandwiched between the tournaments was our 3-day winter activity days where students learned about how whole winter ecosystems exist in the subnivean levels of deep snow; ice safety and how to save yourself if you fall into a lake or river; and how to make ice forms to make ice sculptures. We all also learned that despite cold temperatures you can still have fun in the winter as long as you are dressed with appropriate cold-weather clothing. We try to go outside every day even if is just for a few minutes, so please send your children well dressed with hat, mitts, snow pants; and even warm woolly socks on feet to help to keep toes warm on cold winter days. We do have a collection of lovely gloves and neck warmers made by NND Elders but that supply is slowly dwindling.

### **Upcoming events in March**

- week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> - Carleton U works with grades 7s and up
- 3rd - paleontologists visit grades 1 to 6
- 3rd, 4th, 5<sup>th</sup> - evening hockey camp organized by NND Wellness dept (watch for details)
- Wed 4th - good news assembly 2:45pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> music group at JVC at 7pm
- Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> - Bake sale at noon
- Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> - the last day of school before March break
- Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> - school resumes
- after March break- science fair and bridge building (watch for dates)
- 27<sup>th</sup> - dog mushing for ancestral technology classes
- 27th - deadline to order JVC hoodies
- 30<sup>th</sup> -afternoon family teacher conference for high school students - by appointment

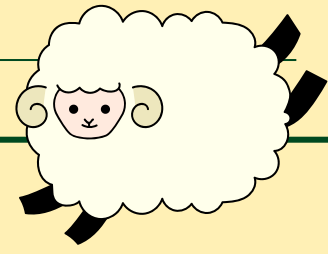




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### More February news!

Just before Valentine's Day, JV Clark school acknowledged Pink Shirt day with activities which celebrated working together as a team. The photo to the right shows Ms. McCauley orchestrating the final team rally event. Later in February on the National Pink Shirt Day, further acknowledgement was made with our annual 'Lights of Life' ceremony followed by activities to celebrate Carnaval d'hiver with a road hockey competition, egg toss, tug of war, ring toss, and of course, the ubiquitous and extremely popular sugar shack.



As mentioned on the previous page, our basketballers are really making a name for themselves in Whitehorse basketball circles with some of our players gaining the attention of autograph seekers which is a testament to their hard work, sportsmanship and friendliness. Thanks to Coach Pearson and Ms. McCauley for taking the team to the Banner Jammer Championships and to Yukon Lotteries for helping with travel costs as well.



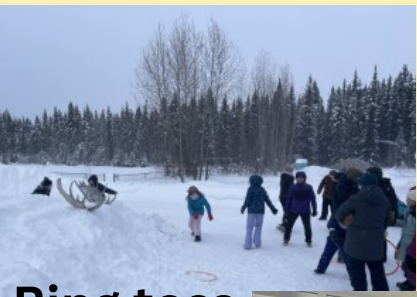
Last month, we celebrated Ms. Gripton's 10<sup>th</sup> year with the school and this month we celebrated Ralph's birthday. It was a benchmark birthday and we decided to have a 'Dress like Ralph' day. Happy Birthday, Ralph!



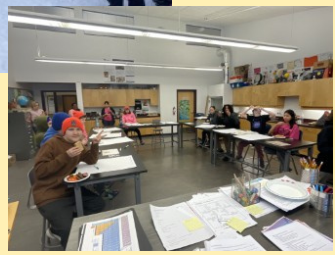
Where's Ralph?



Glass blowing experience at Lumel Studios in Whitehorse



Ring toss



Food security network speaks to the grade 7-8 science class

Learning about the subnivean level in deep snow



Making large wooden forms for snow sculpture

