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Principal's Message

Happy Spring! It has been a busy winter here at EVBS, filled with field trips, cultural activities, and lots of learning! Students have been busy doing "on the land activities" such as trapping, cross-country skiing, fishnet making, Brush hut building and dogsledding. We are also looking forward to going on our annual School ice fishing trip on the Friday before March Break. We would like to invite community members to come out and join us for this afternoon of fishing.

It has been wonderful to see students and staff participate in this year's Yukon Quest. All classes got involved to prepare a meal and serve it to hungry mushers on route to Fairbanks. Students tracked the mushers progress and were able experience dogsledding with some of the mushers who competed in the Quest. It is always nice to see learning opportunities become local and relevant to students!

This winter, students and staff have also been working hard to fundraise money for the year end graduation ceremony. We have had bingos, bake sales, cake walks, and raffles. I would like to thank the community for supporting our students with your generous donations. We are anxiously awaiting the celebration at the end of the year where we get to honour all the hard work from our EVB grads!

As we head into the spring break, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone in April and please stop by and say hello whenever you get a chance.

Mussi Cho ~ Shannon Boyce



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Students participated in second annual Winter Camp!

Grade 3/4/5 Recreate Brush Huts



Learning about building strong and stable structures has been the topic of the latest Science unit in the Grade 3-5 class. Students have been enjoying planning and building a variety of structures, especially our latest brush hut project. Incorporating Yukon First Nations culture, students spent an afternoon watching Elder Don Trudeau build a traditional brush hut. Students helped gather materials from outside, then watched Don construct a miniature brush hut. They listened and watched every detail as he built the hut in front of them. A week later, students were asked to use the knowledge they learned from Don in order to build their own miniature huts on their own. After completing their huts, Don evaluated the huts based on how well they applied their learning of traditional knowledge.⁹ This project was a great success and the students had a lot of fun building structures, while learning about traditional ways of doing.

~ Written by Lynette Lo



Students in front of their brush huts



Student making brush hut



Steps to making a brush hut

Winter Camp at L'utsaw Lake

This years E.V.B.S Winter camp was a special treat indeed, 7 very lucky students in grades 5-8 attended a mushers training camp at Jackfish Lake. 1000mile Quest Musher Gaetan Pierrard and the Race Marshal Fabian Schmitz were our excellent instructors. Curriculum included training, harness, canine medical care and of course how to drive your very own dog team. The final test was back at school when the older students assisted with unforgettable sled ride for the entire Elementary School. Thanks to Yukon Quest and SFN for your valuable support of another incredible winter camp.



~ Written by Arthur Murgratroyd



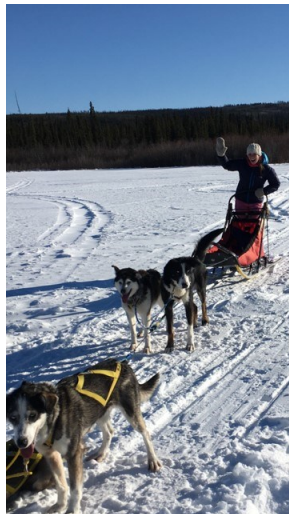
Students fishing on the lake



Students and mushers prepare to ride



Mushing pep talk



Ready to Ride



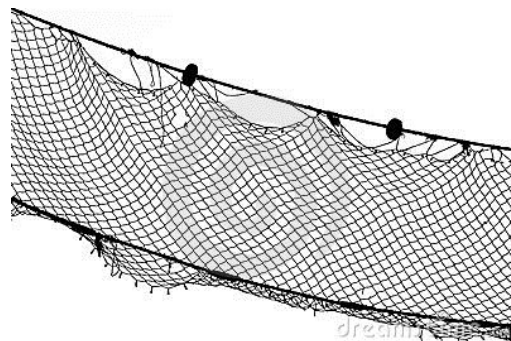
Dogs working hard



Grades 6/7/8 Learn How to Make Fish Nets

Over the course of 5 days, the Grade 5/6/7/8 class learned a piece of very special traditional knowledge: Fishnet making. Don Trudeau led in our learning over these important days and we appreciated his wisdom, organization and ingenuity! He invented these looms himself - and are they ever effective! It will be great to see our students pass on this knowledge to their peers and continue to finish making the net. Hopefully, a Grayling or Salmon fishing trip in the summer with the completed net!

~Written by Hilary Coburn



Instructional student time



Elder Don demonstrating



Students making fishnets

Sport Yukon Volleyball Clinic



It's not everyday you get a Medal winning Canadian National Team player to train with for a day. Last month we were lucky enough to have Volleyball Team Canada player Dallas Soonias running Volleyball workshops with all of our gym classes. Dallas is a successful Indigenous Athlete and a role model to many. There is a lot of Volleyball talent in the school and community and it was great for all ages to get such great development and inspiration. We hope he gets to come back!

~ Written by Arthur M



Student in action spiking the volleyball

“Dunyana Hunro Neenetl’u” ~ All The Children Are Sewing



On February 1st, 2017, Mrs. Rachel Tom Tom came to Native Language class to show the students how to sew “packsacks”. This is important for the boys to have their own hunting bags, as they will need them to carry all their hunting gear, food, water and supplies when out on the land. And eventually will be carrying meat to feed their families.

The grade 6-12 students really enjoyed sewing with Rachel, as she is a very humorous lady, whom loves to tell stories. It was a fun 3 days of sewing, cutting, and laughing with our elder who always makes us appreciate who we are!

~Written by Darlene McGinty



Elder Rachel visits Native Language class



Students sewing backpacks



Winter Sports



Student teams lining up to race



Students ready to compete

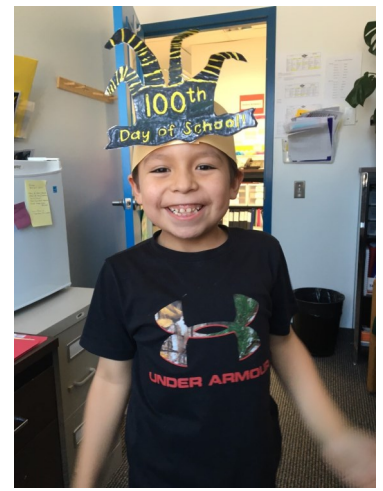
The Yukon Quest was just around the corner so it was time for E.V.B.S to have it’s own little sled race on the school field. Without any sled dogs the students had to become the pulling team. The 4 spirit teams did some silly snow relays to earn valuable equipment, built a homemade sled and carefully placed a kindergarten student in the basket. The race was tight, the corners were sharp and it looked like Denyak Cho (last years winners) were going to take the title, it wasn’t to be though, as a crash on the last corner gave time for Ge’ to sneak up and cross in first place. Who said the Hare doesn’t win the race!

~Written by Arthur Murgatroyd

Grade 1/2 Celebrate 100th Day of School

Tuesday, February 7th marked the 100th Day of School for the 2016/2017 school year. The grade 1/2/3 class celebrated with special Math and Language activities related to 100. Students were also invited to bring in 100 things. Students brought Cheerios, pennies, Fruit Loops, toys, beads, and elastics. A big thanks to everyone for participating!

~Written by Tricia Frey



Student celebrating 100th day of School



Pizza time at Polar Games



Having fun at the Polar Games Dance

Grade 6/7/8 go to Polar Games!

The Grade 5/6/7/8's had an engaging and action-packed field trip down to Whitehorse at the beginning of February! While the Grade 7/8's were improving on their cross country skiing, Gymnastics and loving learning at the Macbride Museum, down the road grade 6 students were making new pals and developing their athletes skills at the Polar Games at the Canada Games Centre! They joined mixed teams with students from all over the Yukon and had a lot of fun playing soccer, basketball, handball, archery and swimming. The healthy, social energy was not only felt on the courts, but also amidst the final dance, complete with a DJ, smoke machine and laser lights! Mussi cho to the Grade 5/6/7/8 class for being excellent ambassadors of EVBS and Pelly Crossing!

~ Written by Hilary Coburn

EVBS STUDENTS VOLUNTEER FOR QUESTARAUNT



High school students preparing food for Quest 300 Banquet

Haw! Gee! Let's go!

Whether you were at the Link Building outside hearing these powerful commands or in the Questaurant inside the buzzing, delicious smelling kitchen - at the beginning of February you likely soaked up the magic that is the Yukon Quest in Pelly Crossing!

At the beginning of February, Quest participants and their supporters were warmly welcomed by the EVBS and Pelly Crossing community to this checkpoint. EVBS students tracked the teams' daily progress along the trail through Spot Tracker online, helped to cook meals and even came to volunteer at the Pelly Yukon Questaurant! The staff and students at EVBS had fun and worked very hard making all the Questaurant meals ahead of time, and students, community members and staff had a ball prepping and serving meals over the course of the week at the Link building. A BIG shout out to the High school, and specifically Graduating Class, for their incredible work on making and serving the delicious Lasagna meal for the YQ 300 Banquet on the busy Tuesday night.

~ Written by Hilary Coburn



Students cooking up a storm!



Students serving food at Questaurant



2017 Graduation Fundraisers

Christmas Stocking Fundraiser Results

Potential Graduates Raise \$819.00 with Christmas Stocking Raffle!

At the EVBS Christmas concert potential graduates sold tickets for a giant Christmas stocking with a \$600.00 value. The winner of stocking was Willie Blackjack. Students raised \$819.00, which will go towards their year end graduation!

Thank You to the many businesses and people who donated items for our Christmas Stocking Raffle. We would like to acknowledge your generous contributions:

Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon, John Duclos & Shannon Boyce , Kelli Anderson with Silver Icing Company, Sports Experts, Coast Mountain Sports, Murdoch's Gem Shop, Midnight Sun Emporium, Mac's Fireweed Books, Boardstiff, Angelina's Toy Boutique, Superstore, Arthur Murgatroyd, Mary Bedford, Fran Boone, Angelita Seleterio, and Hilary Coburn.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Lucky stocking winner



Valentines Bingo & Bake Sale

The potential graduates of 2017 held a Valentines fundraising bingo and bake sale on Monday, February 13th at the community link building. The bingo had a great turn out and provided the students an opportunity to showcase their abilities at organization, managing money and social skills.

The bake sale portion of the evening was also a hit! The families of the graduates contributed to the bake sale; it consisted of many great tasting baked goods and other goodies that were sold by the students and our EVB staff.

Mussi for the wonderful support from the community!

~ Written by Lauren McGinty



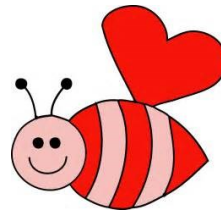
Potential grads and staff selling tickets



Valentines fundraiser bingo



Valentines Cake Walk & Raffle



Due to the Christmas Stocking raffle being quite a success, the EVB staff decided to create a Valentine basket to raffle off on Valentine's Day. The basket contained a number of items that the staff donated such as stuffed animals, candle, homemade jam, chocolates & candy, and valentines baking. Congratulation to Mary Alfred on being the lucky winner of the raffle!

We had 45 participants take part in the Cake Walk in the school gym this Valentine's Day. The students and community members won a number of delicious cakes that were supplied by the potential graduates and parents, staff and other community members. A big thank you to everyone for the amazing cakes and cupcakes that were contributed, and to all those that participated in the event!

~Written by Lauren McGinty



Valentines Raffle Basket



EVB Soccer Players Go To Tantalus Tournament



Excited students represent EVB



EVB team playing soccer

In March, the students in Grades 3-8 had a friendly soccer game in Carmacks. Even though it was a short game, all the students were positive and displayed expected sportsmanship behaviour during and after winning the game. Great job Team EVB!

~Written by Lynette Lo

Sledding Day for Kindergarten



Wee!



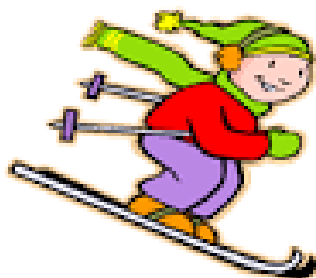
Student having fun



Kindergarten students enjoying some fun in the sun and snow. Taking turns and sharing while having some sledding excitement!

~ Written by Mary Bedford

After School Ski Program

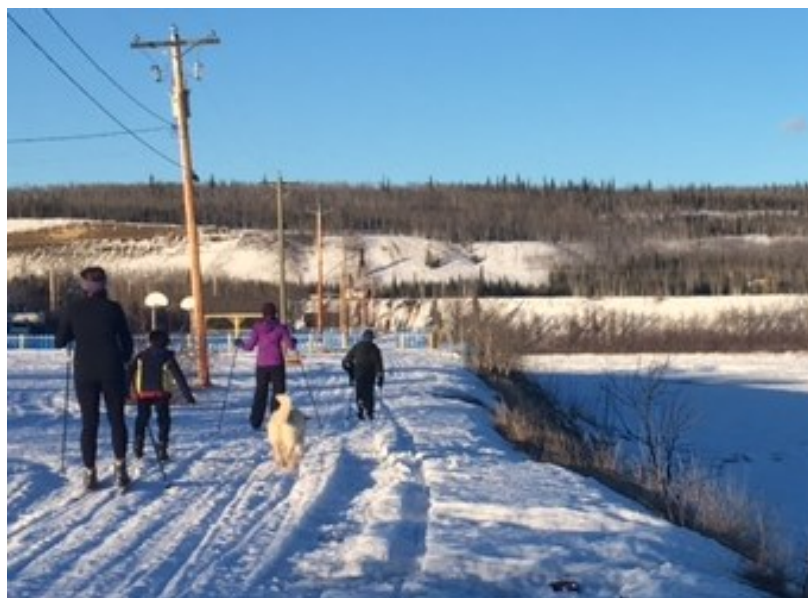


Every Wednesday you don't have to look far to see smiling faces and fresh ski tracks out the back door of EVBS! Our 7km's of tracked trails have proven useful and appreciated by many after school skiers this season. From a great cardio workout, to clearing your mind of clutter and soaking in sunshine and fresh snow - this sport is one we're so happy to see so many students and staff enjoying. Cross country skiing is just the best! We are looking forward to the 2017 EVBS XC Ski Loppet in April! Come on out at 3:45pm on Wednesday's to join in the fun!

~Written by Hilary Coburn



Happy skiers!



Skiing along the river

SOCIAL JUSTICE 12 HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVE

The high school students had a choice between two elective courses for second semester this year. One of which was Social Justice 12. I was able to give a quick preview last semester in English class to give students the opportunity to see if it sparked their interest. We discussed climate change and created a poster to show their learning.

Once the course started this semester, the class decided that they had an interest in learning about social justice for women. We read, watched and listened to a number of texts which the students compiled together, gathering information. They then developed brochures outlining the issues we learned about. Student examples are now being displayed in the front hallway. Come by and have a look!

~Written by Lauren Baranik



Student work on display

Skills Canada Yukon Robotics Donation

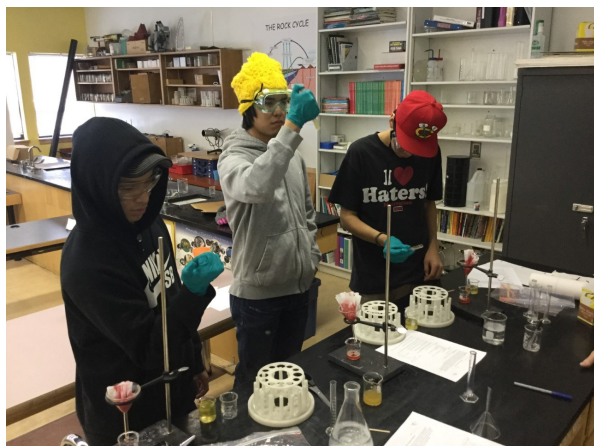
A big thank you to Skills Canada Yukon for their donation to Eliza Van Bibber School for 6 Ozobots! Students will be learning about coding and programming with these colour reading robots. Students will learn how to use the ozobots colour reading ability to program the ozobot and how to code using Blockly, a program, into the ozobots. These robots will be a great addition to science and technology at EVB.

~Written by Joshua Korten



Student using ozobot

School Council SFN Science Equipment Donation



Student using new science equipment

Thank you to School council and Selkirk First nation for the donation of funds to purchase new science equipment. This funding has resupplied the chemical inventory, specimen inventory and updated/replaced much of the lab equipment. Students from Kindergarten to grade 12 have been busy performing experiments and learning through these experiences. Thank you School Council and SFN!

~ Written by Joshua Korten



Kindergarten Valentines Wall

Students Participated in a Valentine exchange with schools from across Canada. We received cards from students from B.C. to P.E.I. it's always a great day when we get mail!

~ Written by Mary Bedford



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Valentine letters exchanged from Canadian schools

Kindergarten gets green with eggs



Celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss on march the 2nd making and eating green eggs....no ham this time!

~ Written by Mary Bedford



Students eating green eggs



Showing an avocado seed

Avocado Science

In Science, the students have started growing avocado plants. They will be documenting the changes gathering photographic evidence with the plan of creating a book.

~ Written by Mary Bedford

Upcoming Events

Mark You're Calendar!

Breakfast Program: 8:30 to 9:00 am , Monday—Friday in the school kitchen

Spring Break—March 20 to March 31

Easter Long Weekend—April 14-17

Kindergarten Orientation—April 20th

B.C. Provincial Exam—
Friday, June 23—English 12
Monday, June 26—Comms 12

EVB Science Fair—May 10th

Junior REM—May 16 and 17

Awards Day & EVB Fun Day—June 1

Kindergarten Graduation— June 14th

EVB Graduation—June 9th

Reminder:

If there are any changes to phone numbers or emergency contacts please let the office know.