



SPRING NEWS

JACK HULLAND ELEMENTARY

Home of the Hawks

Dear JHES Families,

As the weather warms and the daylight stretches longer into the evenings, it's hard to believe how quickly the school year is flying by. With June 13 on the horizon, we find ourselves in the final push of the year—a time that's always full of energy, excitement, and activity. Field trips, special events, and engaging learning opportunities are multiplying, offering our students countless ways to connect, grow, and explore.

We've also begun the important work of planning for next year. Unlike last spring, when we were navigating the significant changes brought on by the opening of Whistlebend Elementary, we are looking forward to a more stable and settled transition this time around. I'm incredibly proud of the resilient and positive school community that our staff and students have built this year. The care, collaboration, and commitment I see every day make me confident in the direction we're headed.

Looking ahead, our growth plan continues to be guided by three central pillars: supporting academic growth, fostering belonging and equity, and creating a regulatory, welcoming space for all learners. These goals reflect our shared vision for a school where every student can thrive.

Thank you to all our families, partners, and community members for your ongoing support. Your involvement truly makes a difference, and we look forward to finishing the year strong—together.

Warm regards,

Jeff Hills
Principal

Progress Reports sent home: April 4

Student Led Conferences:

April 16 (3:30-7pm)
April 17 (9-12pm) No School on this day

Spirit and Pizza Day:

April 24 - Jersey Day
May 25 - Beach Day

PD Day May 5: No School for students

Victoria Day: May 19
No School for students

Kindergarten

Orientation:

May 22: 4:30-5:30pm

Grade 7 Farewell:

June 6th:
1:00-2:30pm

Fun Day and Family

BBQ: June 12
11:30-3

Last Day/Final Reports go home:

June 13

We have two recesses throughout the day:

Small recess - 10:10 - 10:25

Lunch recess - 12:00 - 12:25

Bell Schedule:

- 8:10 - Outdoor Supervision Starts
- 8:30 - Morning Bell
- 10:10 - 10:25 - Small Recess
- 12:00 - 12:25 - Lunch Recess Gr. K-7
- 12:25-12:50 - Lunch
- 2:57 Dismissal Bell
- Last Bus Leaves at 3:10
- 3:20 Outdoor Supervision Ends. Please pick up your child promptly. We cannot provide supervision or child care before 8:10am and after 3:20.



JHES staff training complete in Ready-to-Learn (R2L) Schools Initiative

Ready-to-Learn (R2L) Schools is a universal support initiative for all Yukon students. The initiative is based on the understanding that students can only be ready to learn when they feel calm and safe. Before students can learn, we need to support their basic needs. A key part of the initiative is educator training in a model called the Neurosequential Model in Education, or NME. This model was developed by brain development and trauma expert Dr. Bruce Perry and is informed by more than 30 years of research. Our goal is to have all of our intermediate teachers trained in the pilot program by year's end. We also have 2 staff (Mr. Noble and Mr. Bilodeau) who have completed the NME Trainer program that will allow them to guide future pilot teachers to be trained in a developmentally responsive approach to meet the needs of our diverse student population. Currently we have Ms. White, Mr. MacLeod, Ms. Bridges, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Dykman, Ms. Seguin and Ms. Oliveros who are participating in the Pilot Program to inform teachers of best practice in the Neurosequential Model in Education.

LOST AND FOUND: During our Student Led Conferences coming up in April, please take the time to check our lost and found near the main entrance. Don't forget as we head into a new season, label all of your child's clothing... hats, coats, boots, shoes, backpacks ... everything! If your child has accidentally brought home item(s) that don't belong to them, kindly return them to school. We find that almost everyone shops at the same stores, which means everyone wears the same boots and outdoor clothing. We sent away bags of unclaimed lost and found items last year, let's try to keep lost items to a minimum. Our lost and found areas are overflowing with lots of items.

SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK UP and LATE ARRIVALS

We have a large campus at JHES and we want to support supervisors with getting students in safely. Please remind your child to be aware of traffic and to stay on school property once they arrive. Also, when dropping your child off at school, please use the main entrance and ALWAYS check in with Ms. Peters in the office.

Reminder: Morning supervision starts at 8:10 and ends at 3:20.

Auto Dialer Communications:

Absent? Late? Please let the office know before 9am. We want to make sure everyone arrives to school safely. Call (867) 667-8496.

We are aware that we live in an era of immediate communication - texts, cell phones, emails.

Connecting with teachers: Please know that teachers spend most of their day teaching; they cannot answer texts or calls until breaks in the day and emails are often answered at the end of each day. Please be patient and ask your child's classroom teacher the best way to get ahold of them and when to expect a reply.



SPRING is here! Yukon kids are usually well prepared for the puddles and mud but we also need to be prepared for a potential change of clothing if students get messy at recess time. Yes, we go outside for recess regardless of the weather. So please prepare accordingly, especially for our youngest. **Students should have an extra pair of pants, socks, underwear and a shirt in case they slip and become wet and uncomfortable.** We recommend bringing a small plastic bag or 2 for boots if your child is prone to getting soakers to insert in boots they get soaked throughout the day as well.

JHES School Council: News and Notes

MEETINGS: The school council (SC) meets at the school at 6PM on the first Wednesday of every month.

FLOWER BASKET FUND RAISER: SC is raising money for the school and are asking you buy a flower basket to support our students. Forms have been sent home. We look forward to another successful spring fund raising campaign. Thank you school council for your continued efforts in supporting our students.

BUS STUDENTS: Please make sure the bus tag is attached to students' bag. All buses leave at 3:10 sharp so please remind your little ones to get there as soon as they are dismissed. Inquiries about late or cancelled buses - please refer to www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca

SNACKS AND LUNCHES: Although the YFNED lunch program is funded through the Jordan's Principle initiative and is intended for indigenous students, the staff at JHES is committed to ensuring EVERY student in the school has enough to eat. We will make sure that all of the students have snacks and lunches, even if they simply forgot to bring theirs.

Staff 2024-25 (Updated)

Office Administration

Position

Jeff Hills	Principal
Andrew Noble	Vice Principal
Melanie Peters	Administrative Assistant
Carla Verville	Administrative Assistant

To get in contact with any administrative staff: first name.last name@yukon.ca

Teacher

Grade

Maleah Seguin	Kindergarten
Avery Bridges	Kindergarten
Michelle Aldridge	Gr. 1
Angela Lightfoot	Gr. 1
Sarah Dykman	Gr. 2
Bianca Oliveros	Gr. 2
Sylvia Labuda	Gr. 3
James MacLeod	Gr. 3
Aprile Hanrath	Gr. 4
Ben Wondga	Gr. 4
Julia Ward	Gr. 5
Sharon Nehring-Willson	Gr. 5
Kevin Cameron	Gr. 6
Shea Newnham	Gr. 6
Lauren Lester	Gr. 7
Paul Tucker	Gr. 7
Jordan Grossman	PASS

Educational Assistants

Assignment

Ms. Geraldine	K Bridges
Ms. Angie	K Bridges and 2 Oliveros
Ms. Sanchez	K Bridges and 2 Oliveros
Ms. Rebecca	K Seguin
Ms. Suzanne	K Seguin
Ms. Mavi	K Seguin and 1 Lightfoot
Ms. Aurish	1 Aldridge
Ms. Toni	1 Aldridge/3 MacLeod
Ms. Jessica	1 Aldridge/2 Oliveros

Ms. Kat	1 Lightfoot
Ms. Lani	2 Dykman
Mr. Michael	3 MacLeod
Ms. Young	3 Labuda
Ms. Koreen	4 Hanrath and 4 Wondga
Ms. Shazia	4 Hanrath and 4 Wondga
Ms. Dina	5 Ward, 5 Nehring-Willson
Ms. Charlene	6 Cameron, 6 Newnham
Ms. J	7 Lester, 7 Tucker

Specialists

Position

Lois Moore	Literacy Intervention
Krystal McKenna	Physical Education
Jeff Frizzell	Physical Education
Ian Dimopoulos	LAT - Case manager for gr. 7
Derick Bilodeau	LAT - Case manager for gr. 1, 3M and gr. 5
Emily White	LAT - Case manager for Kindergarten, 3L and gr. 4
Lauren Murphy	LAT - Case manager for gr. 2 & 6
Kelly Boyd	LAT - PASS Program
Maegan Garrett	Primary Councilor
Jessica Wood	Intermediate Councilor
Laura Peers	First Nations' Art and Culture(FNAC)
Tamara Schroeder	Fine Arts - Music, Art and Drama
Catherine Bouchard	French

Teaching staff may be contacted by email using first name.last name@yesnet.yk.ca (e.g. billy.bishop@yesnet.yk.ca) Please note that some staff do not have access to email until next week and new staff may not have access for another week or so. Front office staff, including Administration, office staff may be reached at: first name.last name@yukon.ca