

Takhini Kets'ädän Kù-Takhini

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Principal's Message

Dannch'e,

It is the Christmas season and the holidays are upon us whether we are ready for them or not. As a holiday, Christmas is a time of joy for some and a time of struggle for others. This holiday season has brought a deeper understanding of this reality to our community, as the tragedy of losing one of our school community members weighs on us all. As this holiday period approaches, I am wishing you all a time to feel and accept the kindness of others, to reach out to your community, and to show the kindness we all deserve.

As you know, I was away for much of November as I was dealing with my own family concerns. I appreciate your understanding and patience during that time. I also need to say thank you to all the staff at Takhini. It is human nature to take for granted all the things that make a community successful, until all those little things are not present. In my absence, the school continued to be a community and that was in no small part due to the dedicated hard work the staff at Takhini as they continue to do all the things that make school a safe and caring place for students.

As the New Year also approaches, I am also reflecting on the year that has passed. The year 2022 brought with it significant challenge and change. The establishment of the FNSB and Takhini becoming part of this historic initiative to address inequity, the aftermath of COVID 19 and all the societal adjustments that has brought, the return of seasonal flu's and viruses that have impacted attendance and programming and of course the cost of living and how that has impacted families. It is my hope and wish to all that 2023 brings a sense of renewal and a level of normality we have been missing for several years.

Have a wonderful holiday break and enjoy time with family and friends.

Shàw níthän

Gary Morgan

Upcoming Events

December 9

Annual .25 cent Garage Sale

December 12

Dress Rehearsal- Winter Concert

December 13

Winter Concert- 1PM

December 16

Last day of classes before
Winter Break

January 3

First Day of Classes- 2023

Cold Weather Policy

Outdoor activities for all students will take place during the cold months. Students are expected to be dressed for outdoor activities. This includes wearing seasonally appropriate, insulated pants, hats, mitts and boots.

Temperatures to -30

- all planned school outdoor activities will take place

Temperatures -30 to -39

- students will be allowed into school and supervised when they arrive after 8:10 am

- recess outside will be shortened or held indoors

- All outdoor field trips are cancelled

Temperatures -40 plus

- All activities remain indoors

New Therapy Dog – Stella

Luna has an apprentice, meet Stella. She has been hard at work learning the ins and outs of how to be a gentle and kind therapy pooch under the experienced Luna. Students and staff alike stop by Mrs. Evans' office to play and spend time with our wonderful new addition! Stella is a Havanese; they are an affectionate and happy breed and love being around people.



Share the Spirit Registration 2022

Share the Spirit Yukon 2022 will be delivering presents and food for up to 460 families in Whitehorse, Dawson City, Watson Lake, Haines Junction, Carmacks, Carcross, Tagish, Mayo, Faro, Pelly Crossing, Beaver Creek, Destruction Bay, Burwash landing, Teslin, and Old Crow. Please fill out our online application if you wish to receive help this year.

<http://sharethespirit.ca/public/index.php/register/family>

Second Harvest

The students and staff of Takhini Elementary School would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous **Second Harvest** donors.

For the last few months, **Starbucks Chilkoote Whitehorse** and **Wykes' Your Independent Grocer** have been donating an exceptional amount of baked goods through Takhini's *Whole Child Program*. The donations are a mixture of practical items and fun, prepared treats.

We are grateful for these donations, as they have not only allowed us to expand the variety of items available to our students throughout the school day; but thanks to these friends of Takhini, we have created a **Free Food Table**. {At least twice a week we set out breads, rolls, treats, etc in our school's foyer, and students are free to visit the table to pick something to take home.}

This has been such a great initiative for our students because as they are receiving, they are also seeing by example how to make a difference in the lives of others.

So, to **Starbucks Chilkoote Whitehorse** and **Wykes' Your Independent Grocer** we send our sincerest thank for helping our children to flourish; physically and developmentally.