



**Looking ahead....
 April**

- ★ April 1st - NJ Learning Fair
- ★ April 4-14th Grade 5s take part in French Camp here at NJ
- ★ April 7th - Intensive French Parent Info meeting 7 p.m. NJ
- ★ April 8th - Pizza Lunch
- ★ April 8th - Regional Learning Fair for students moving on
- ★ April 13th - PAC mtg 7pm
- ★ April 15th - SIP no school
- ★ April 18th - Stanton Fundraiser Kickoff assembly
- ★ April 20th - Grade 5 visit William McDonald School
- ★ April 21st - Grey Gritt visits NJ
- ★ April 22nd - Pizza Day & Earth Day
- ★ April 26th - Grade 5 Parent Info meeting at WMD 7 pm
- ★ April 29th - Backwards Day!

Welcome Spring!

It is great to see the students getting outside and enjoying the weather! Please remind your child that they are expected to wear appropriate footwear for recess. Running shoes are great for indoor use, but it is still very slippery and wet for outdoor wear at this point. It makes for soggy feet and slippery floors.

This month has so much going on, it's going to be busy but fun! Once again, NJ will be taking part in a fund raising event for the Stanton Foundation! In past years, we have contributed over \$16 000 to the chemotherapy suite at the hospital. This year, we are going to help support much needed dialysis equipment. With so many Northerners requiring the services of the machines, the current equipment cannot keep up. A letter with more information as well as a spot for permission for your child to take part, will be coming home soon. Students will also be eligible for prizes, depending on how much money they raise.

Also this month, our grade 4 & 5 students are taking part in the Learning Fair. Our school's showing will take place Friday, April 1st. Parents and guests are invited to view the projects in the Gym from 1:00-3:00.

Thank You to Mr. Smallwood, Ms. Mihalchan, Ms. Mobach, Ms. Hoeve, and Ms. Eby for their help with judging projects for the Learning Fair! For our Grade 5 students, there will be French Camps, held here at NJ from April 4-14th. More information will be going home regarding these sessions in the next few days.

We are also looking forward to another guest artist visit. Grey Gritt will be at NJ on Thursday April 21st for the morning, performing and answering questions during two 45 minute presentations.

Also this month, grade 4 & 5 students will be practicing for the annual mini-soccer tournament that takes place May 11-15th. Watch for practice dates and times coming home soon.

Enjoy the returning sun and happy spring!

Shirley Zouboules

Intensive French Information Meeting for Parents April 7th 7:00 at NJM
 Welcome Mr. Jeff McConomy, who will be our guest teacher for the French Camps from April 4th - 14th. The 'camps' will take place at NJ. 5Wong will remain in their classroom while the grade 5 students from Kristensen & Heldman will move to another classroom in order for the grade 4 students to remain in their usual classroom.

NJ Long Term Service Award Recipients
 We are so proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of all of the staff in YK1, but extra proud of our NJ recipients being recognized on April 16th:

- Marie-Francoise Le Doze - 25 years
- Sandra Bowden - 25 years
- Natalie Kelln - 25 years
- Janna Kelly - 5 years
- Carrie Heldman - 5 years

Spotlight!



Christianne Benzanson has been a teacher since 2004. She lived and taught in Ontario and British Columbia before coming to Yellowknife with her family in 2014. She has two daughters and a dog that keep her busy! She loves walking, hiking, biking and skiing. She also loves camping, but NOT mosquitoes! Ms. Benzanson teaches Kindergarten at NJ!



Roald Peters is an enthusiastic learner! He is kind and always fair with his peers. Roald includes everyone whenever possible. He is always the first one to volunteer to help out and does so much without even being asked! He takes initiative to keep our environment clean and well organized. Roald consistently demonstrates respect and responsibility. Great job, Roald!

SIP or School Improvement Planning Day

What exactly is this?? Each year, NJ develops a plan that is based on YK1's Strategic Priorities: Academic Achievement, Inclusive Schooling, Aboriginal Education and Healthy Lifestyles. The goals are specific to our students and our school. These goals include, improved reading comprehension, deeper understanding of number sense, integration of our Dene Kede curriculum, being active and building healthy relationships. Throughout the year, our staff meets to talk about ways to meet these goals, check in to see how we are doing on our goals and what our next steps might be.

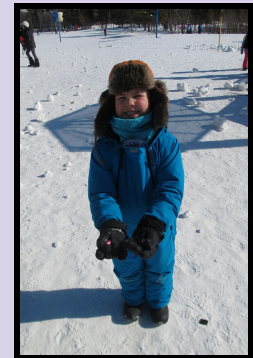
The SIP days are full days devoted to this work. We recently worked with Dr. Schnellert and Ms. Fullerton on our academic achievement goals during the February SIP. This April 15th SIP, our entire district will work on our Aboriginal Culture goals. At the school, we have teams that help to implement ideas such as Positive Behaviour Intervention Systems (PBIS), plan special events such as Literacy Day, attend training and then train the staff (math strategies) all as part of our SIP.

Staff benefit from the on-going opportunity to review and revise our goals through these days during the year. Many of our staff are also involved in projects related to our SIP, during evenings and weekends.

Here at NJ, we are committed to being life-long learners and appreciate the opportunities provided to continue our journey.



PAC Pasta lunch & Easter Egg Hunt



Positive Behavioural Interventions & Supports

Just before the Break, our whole school took some time to celebrate the second term together. Coming in the third term, what does being respectful, responsible and building relationships look like in action? Our NJ PBIS team will begin the work of creating posters for our school using the words the students contributed during our family grouping sessions.

RESPECT □ RESPONSIBILITY □ RELATIONSHIPS



CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

CPF-NWT is hosting a family cooking class with the Association franco-culturelle de Yellowknife's (AFCY) Chef Etienne Croteau! Family-friendly event! Everyone of all ages welcome! Free for CPF-NWT members, \$10/pp for non-members (an annual family membership is \$25).

Date: Saturday, April 9th

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: École St. Joseph School

Email cpf-nwt@northwestel.net to secure your spot or for more questions!

Look forward to seeing you there!



Cartooning Workshop with [Alison McCreech](#)

Join us for a fun-filled cartooning workshop with Alison as you learn to draw expressive characters!

Saturday, April 9th!

Grades 1 to 3: 10:30am-12 Noon

Grades 4 to 6: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Location: École St. Joseph School

Cost: Free for CPF-NWT Members

\$5 for non-members

(An annual family membership is only \$25!)

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NJ Learning Fair 1-3 open to parents & public LEMD & S - Museum 12:30	2
3 Parent supervision: LEMStrunk	4 Gymnastics: 1Booker, UEMH French camp 4th-14th am: 5Kristensen & Heldman Pm: 5Wong	5 SJF presents The Addams Family - 5Wong & 4Hans attend am	6 SJF presents The Addams Family - 4/5K & UEMH attend pm	7 Intensive French Parent Meeting 7pm NJ	8 Regional Learning Fair Pizza Lunch	9
10 Parent Supervision: UEMHeldman	11 Gymnastics: LEMDelisle, KBL	12 NJ Staff meeting	13 PAC mtg 7 pm	14	15 SIP No School	16 YK1 Long Term Service Awards
17 Parent supervision: KSwitzer	18 No gymnastics	19	20 Grade 5 students visit William McDonald School 8:45 bus arrives	21 Grey Gritt visits NJ am	22 Pizza Lunch Earth Day! 	23
24 Parent supervision: KBezanson/Le Blanc	25 Gymnastics 1/2Moran, 5Wong	26 Parent Information sessions for Grade 5 students at William McDonald School 7 pm	27	28	29 PAC Subway Lunch Spirit Day: Backwards Day!	30

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