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## December 2024 Newsletter



Have a safe and happy holiday season from the staff at ᐱᐱᓄᓂᓂ Ayha School.

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Principal's Message:

Thanks to all the parents / guardians that have been calling the school to excuse their children. It is so important for students to be at school, but if they are not well, please continue to call Margaret at 589-3391 to excuse them.

We continue to have Wednesdays as our on-the-land days at the cabin - please see the attached calendar for who is going and when. We have some fun activities planned for these days as well as incorporating language on the land with our Dene Kede teacher. We are excited to have these days for all of our students. Students are working with George Baton and learning about trapping safety, trapping and how to be safe outside.. Please ensure your child has proper gear for these days - winter boots, snow pants, winter jacket, hat, mitts and facemask.

We will be hosting our fourth annual school lighting ceremony on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. We will be having a special guest visit us and share some Christmas carols, cookies and hot chocolate.

Gloria Miller, our school counselor through NCTS will be here in Deline December 9-13th.

There will be a STEM (Science, Math, Engineering and Math) workshop on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. for parents and community members. Chris Black from the Aurora College will be here to do this.

We will be having our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see the whole community here at the school. We will also have a school / community luncheon from 12-1 p.m. on December 19th. Please come. Our holiday break starts December 20th (19th is our last day) and school resumes Monday, January 6th, 2025.

Please call the school any time. 867.589.3391

Mahsi

Jason



At our last assembly we recognized Mary Baton as our Elder of the Month. Mahsi Dolphus for accepting this on her behalf.



## Cell phone policy

A reminder that we have a cell phone policy at EAS. Please ensure that students understand that they should not have phones out in class or earbuds in. If this becomes a problem someone will be contacting home. I can assure you all that students have technology in the class that they do not need cell phones while in class. Please talk to your child about this.

**Facebook:** Please follow us on Facebook - we do have a lot of information that goes out on this social media platform.

### **Attendance:**

It is so important to be in school everyday as well as be on time. There are a lot of great initiatives in the school and lessons build on each other. Students need to be here and on time daily. I would like to thank our students, parents and community members for getting our students to school each day.

**Nut Aware School:** Just a reminder that we are a nut aware school. Please refrain from bringing nut products to the school.

**Outdoor Clothing:** Please remember to wear outdoor gear - hats, mitts, winter gloves and snow pants. It is getting cold outside and students are outside for recess each day. Mahsi



**NAAW walk 2024 - Students and community members participated in the National Addictions Awareness Week walk in November.**





DEA swearing in ceremony on November 20th - Brenda Baptiste, Betty Tetso, Marion MacKeinzo, Ruth Ann Elemie, Diane Andre and Mary Ann Vital.

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Nearly perfect attenders at EAS - 90% or higher - great job students!



Perfect attenders at EAS. So good to see all the smiles and excitement!

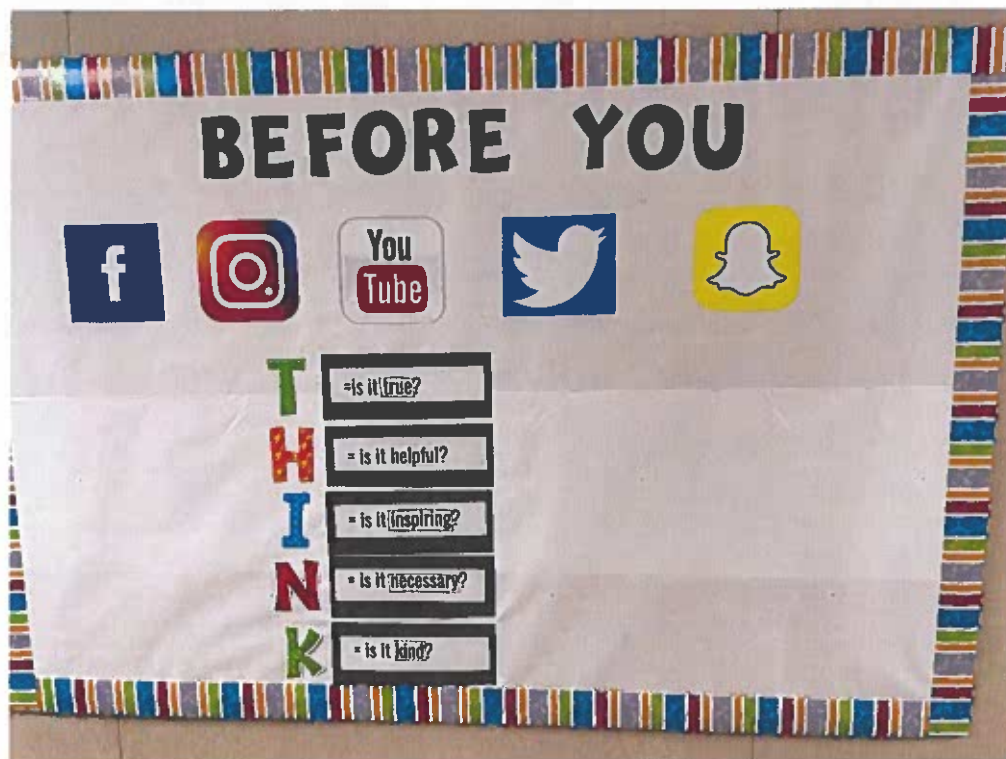
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## Setting limits for older children with technology recommendations:

Establish clear rules and set reasonable limits for your child's use of digital media. Consider these tips:

- Encourage unplugged, unstructured playtime.
- Create tech-free zones or times, such as during mealtime or one night a week.
- Set and enforce daily or weekly screen time limits and curfews, such as no exposure to devices or screens one hour before bedtime.
- Consider using apps that control the length of time a child can use a device.
- Keep screens out of your child's bedroom and consider requiring your children to charge their devices outside of their bedrooms at night.



Before you do any of the above... THINK. Mahsi Mrs. Dayman for this.

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Mahsi Mary Ann Vital and Albertine Ayha for working with us to put our feelings in the Dene Kede language.

Feelings:

Happy.....Súdi hııı (súdi həhıı)

Tired.....Seréwə

Hungry.....Déehwhı

Sad.....Dúwé nıwę

Lazy.....Kénehkwá

Excited.....Bets'ę anehwhe

Angry.....Sek'əhch'a

Proud.....Shóo həhıı

Confused.....Segha sóqni

Sick.....Eyaa hıhıı







# December 2024

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday                        |
|--------|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
| 1      | 2 School lighting ceremony at 6:00 p.m.<br> | 3 Aurora College STEM for parents at 6:00 p.m. | 4 Jk/ K cabin a.m. Grade 1 cabin p.m. STEM  | 5 STEM showcase Norman Wells                                   | 6  | 7                               |
| 8      | 9 Gloria Miller Counselor in Deline 9-13th Oral Health Care visit Language class 7:00 pm                                     | 10 Oral Health visit                           | 11 Grade 2/3/4 cabin a.m. Grade 5/6 cabin p.m.<br><br>Oral health visit                                 | 12 Cathy Modeste - Short book launch                           | 13 Cathy class visits<br><br>School assembly 2:30 p.m.<br><br>School bingo | 14 Staff / DEA dinner 5:00 p.m. |
| 15     | 16 Language class 7:00 pm.   | 17   | 18 Christmas Concert 6:00 p.m.  | 19 Last Day of School before break<br><br>Community lunch 12-1 | 20   | 21                              |
| 22     | 23   | 24   | 25 Christmas Day<br> | 26   | 27   | 28                              |
| 29     | 30   | 31   |   |  |  |                                 |

Early bird program and breakfast daily at 8:30 a.m.

**School starts back on January 6th, 2025**