

# ᐱᐃᓂᓂᓂ Ayha School

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March 2025 - Dene Law - Pass on the teachings.



Landon Baptiste - Little finds some ptarmigan as he travels around Deline with Malcolm Benagho.

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We hope that everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. It is so nice to have our students back in the school. The breakfast program is open at 8:30 a.m. daily as well as early bird gym.

Nice weather is around the corner and we hope to get students out on-the-land doing some outdoor activities like fishing, skiing, sliding, cook-outs, trapper training demonstrations as well as other outdoors activities. Please ensure that students come dressed to be outside - it is still cold out and students need to be prepared to be outside daily at recess.

Our **library** is open again at the school - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 1-6 p.m.

A reminder of how important attendance is each day. Please continue to support all of our students by getting them to school each day - we appreciate all the support our community gives to our students.

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Perfect attendance and nearly perfect attendance. Great work students!



Our Jk/ k students are working and learning in the Kindergarten class.



Our group went to Yellowknife for the traditional games.





Buddy reading with the Grade 2,3,4 class and Grade 7,8. So nice to see our students working and learning together!



Lucas Tutcho learning how to set a conibear trap.



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Cell phone reminder by **Jason Dayman**




**I wanted to say thanks to parents and students for following the cell phone policy. Adding it again as a reminder. Students and parents are reminded that the School and Deline DEA have a cell phone policy. Please read below:**

1. Students are not to have cellphones in class, and if a student is using it during class the teacher will take the phone away and the student may get it back at the end of the day.
2. Second time the student is caught using the phone the principal will take the phone away and the student will get it back at the end of the day.
3. Third time, the principal will take the phone away and call home. The phone will be returned at the end of the day.
4. If there is a fourth time, the principal will confiscate the cell phone and the parent/guardian will have to pick up the phone from the principal.
5. Further violations of the cell phone policy could result in loss of school privileges and/or suspension.

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## ***Attendance: It is so important to come on time and everyday.***

1. Regular attendance is very important – a student’s overall growth increases significantly over time when they attend regularly and have strong connections to all aspects of classroom and school learning. Research demonstrates there is a powerful link between successful learning and regular school attendance.
  2. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.
  3. By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
  4. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 20 days, negatively affects a student’s academic performance. That’s just two days a month and that’s known as chronic absence.
  5. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
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Kinsley Yukon our Dene Laws recipient at our last assembly.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do here at the school to assist with getting students here on time, and here everyday. If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school and let Margaret know. 867.589.3391.





Bridges submitted to a competition in YK - they won 2nd and 3rd at the competition. Great work students. Future engineers of Deline!!



# PST CORNER



In March, transition planning, assessing and communicating student growth are priorities. In addition to this, our school staff continue to provide strategies that best support our students.

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS TO GET STARTED

Task initiation is an executive function skill that helps us to get started on work that we may not be motivated to do, do not understand, are avoiding, or don't have the skills to begin, or any other number of reasons. This poster is packed with strategies that support individuals to mediate motivation, misunderstanding, attention, and anxiety, to name a few, in order to get started on any task.



## SUPPORTING STUDENTS TO STAY FOCUSED

Sustaining attention is an executive function skill that helps us pay attention even when we're distracted, tired or unmotivated.

Divided into 4 impactful areas of attention, including Space, Movement, Motivation & Prompting, and Predictability, this poster shares a few quick strategies for a starting point that are visually cued.



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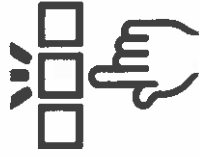
Please continue to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding your students support and programming services

# Strategies for Getting Started

Try 1 or a few that work for you!



Use a visual schedule.



Give choices!

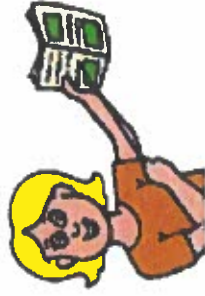


Plan it out:

Chunk the task with visual cues.



Use areas of interest.



Provide oral & visual instructions.



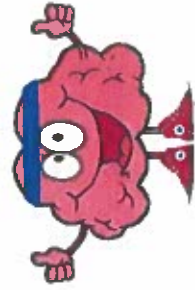
Use a visual timer.



Countdown to get started.



Take turns getting started reading or writing.



Encourage brain breaks between tasks.



Prompt & praise.



Predetermine incentives, positive reinforcement,

First, task... Then, preferred activity.



### Space Matters

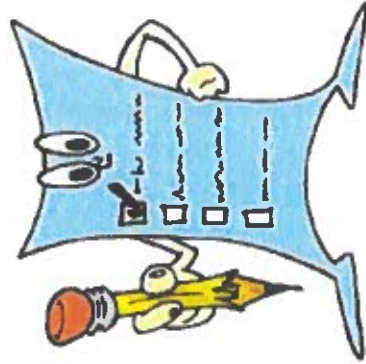
- \* Work in a consistent location; reduce distractions
- \* Maintain close proximity



### Movement & Supportive Cues

- \* Encourage helpful fidgets/movement during learning
- \* Give movement brain breaks
- \* Agree on & use supportive cues

# Sustaining Attention



### Predictability

- \* Create a daily schedule with preferred activities
- \* Set times; Use a visual timer
- \* Use a checklist with criteria/how-to) for tasks
- \* Chunk bigger tasks into smaller, manageable parts



### Motivation

- \* Incorporate student interest
- \* Reward with preferred activities & praise
- \* Praise on-task behaviour and completion of tasks often & with specific feedback



# MARCH 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Spring Break all week	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Spring Break	11 Back to School from break.	12 HS cabin p.m.	13	14	15
16	17 Gloria Miller here 17-21 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 JK / K cabin a.m. Grade 1 cabin p.m.	20 DEA meeting at 7:00 p.m.	21 School Bingo 4:00 Assembly at 2:30 p.m.	22
23	24 TAP program travel 23-28th	25 STEM workshops all week	26 Grade 2/3/4 cabin p.m. Grade 5/6 cabin p.m.	27 Ski Fest Fort Good Hope 27-29	28 STIP Day no school	29
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School break - April 18 - 27th - last day on the 17th and back to school April 28, 2025.  
Breakfast program and early bird daily at 8:30 a.m.