



## École J.H. Sissons School

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« Prendre en enfant par la main pour l'emmener vers demain... Yves Duteil »

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Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Families,

We are happy to announce that the students of JH Sissons will be participating in *Camp de Neige*. This year's event takes place at the Yellowknife Ski Club. Our plan is for all students to take part in the activities. These include skiing, snowshoeing, Dene games and other events over four days. Because we have so many students participating, individual groups are will visit the Ski Club on different days. Here is the schedule:

- Monday, March 29th and Tuesday, March 30th from 8:45-11:30
  - Mme Jaqueline and Mme Kayla's Kindergarten students
  - Mme Jordan and Mme Savanah's Junior Kindergarten students
- Monday, March 29th and Tuesday, March 30th from 11:30 - 2:45
  - Mme Emma's grade one students
  - Mme Gabrielle's grade one students
  - Mme Jessica's grade one students
- Wednesday, March 31st from 8:45 - 2:45
  - Mme. Jolyanne's grade two students
  - Mr. Fabien's grade two/three students
  - Mme Stephanie's grade three students
  - Mme. Jasmine's grade three/four students
- Thursday, April 1st from 8:45 - 2:45
  - Mme Chrystel's grade four students
  - Mme Jessica's grade four / fives students
  - Mme Heidi's grade five students

The bus will leave the school at 8:45 sharp and return by 3:00 each day. Therefore, we encourage everyone to arrive at school in time for attendance to be taken before we board the busses. Late arrivals must call the office at 873-3477. Mme Laura will coordinate with our administrators on site to make sure that when your child arrives, they make it to the correct activity.

Please remember that this will be primarily an outdoor event, and in order for your child to stay safe and happy outside, please use the list below as a packing list for each day.

- Sunglasses with a case
- Hat
- Neck warmer
- Mittens
- Mask
- Coat
- Snow Pants
- Extra Mittens
- Extra Socks
- Water bottle
- Snack
- Lunch

We have also arranged for the use of the Ski Club's chalet in case students need to warm up.

There are a number of activities planned for our students in addition to skiing and snowshoeing. Our students will play traditional Dene games, participate in story circles, and enjoy snacks of bannock and hot chocolate. Our younger students will also enjoy a special treasure hunt.

Students will use our school's skis, ski boots and snowshoes. This is in order to keep things flowing and organized. While we understand that some students and families have their own equipment, we ask that it be kept at home.

Please take a moment to remind your child that as a school activity, *Camp de Neige* is an excellent opportunity to use their French outside of the traditional school setting. The day will take place entirely in French.

Our assumption is that all students are participating in the school-wide event. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, we invite you to send your email to [jhs@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:jhs@yk1.nt.ca). If you have any questions about the day's events, please reach out to [julie.downes@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:julie.downes@yk1.nt.ca). Please note that our staff may not be regularly accessing email over Spring Break. Therefore, wherever possible, we ask for your patience in getting a reply.

We are happy to bring back this tradition to our Sissons community. It will be a wonderful way to return to school after the Spring Break while also enjoying the outdoors.