



**Whitehorse Elementary School**  
**4181 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Whitehorse, Yukon Territory**  
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Dear Parents and Students of École Whitehorse Elementary School,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and time together. What great weather we've had! It's school time again soon and I would like to welcome you to the 2009/2010 school year. I am very happy to have your child in our school and believe that by all of us working together we can make this a very successful year. We wish our new Kindergarten, Late French Immersion and new students a special welcome. A warm welcome to our new staff: Sarah McCullough (Kindergarten), Marie-Eve Owen (Grade 2/3), Sabrina Bouayad (Grade 6), Bruce Dent (Grade 7), Kerrie Paterson (Learning Assistant), Louise Suominen (Educational Assistant), Nancy Beaulne (Educational Assistant), Lindsay Charron (Remedial Tutor) and Michael Chapman (Phys. Ed. Teacher).

I am very excited about this school year as the new Principal at ÉWES and to join such a terrific team. I spent the last two years here at École Whitehorse Elementary as a Primary teacher and prior to that, I was the Principal at École Emilie-Tremblay for ten years. Sofie Maurice will join me as the Vice-Principal. She is not new to ÉWES, having been teaching here for the last ten years. In our office, you will be welcomed by Nadine Abdelmalek, our new receptionist. She will be replacing Titch Tutt, who is moving out of the territory. Michelle Evans, Administrative Assistant will complete the administrative team. Please come by and say hello and don't hesitate to talk to one of us if you have questions related to the school.

We consider it of prime importance that you be an active part of your child's education. You are invited to phone your teacher or visit the school any time that you have a question concerning your child's progress.

I am attaching a copy of our school rules. It is important that you and your child be informed of our standards of school behavior so everyone knows and understands what is expected. We have always found parents to be very supportive of positive school behavior so their child has a good environment for maximum learning. We hope that you will advise your child's teacher if at any time your child has a need, academic, social, or emotional.

**Hélène Saint Onge – Principal**

**Sofie Maurice – Acting Vice Principal**

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The first day of school will be on August 31. The day begins at 8:41 and school will be dismissed at noon on the first day. Otherwise, school is over at 3:05. We will be offering the Open School activities starting at 8:15 this year again. Please note: school doors are opening at 8:00.

The class lists will be posted in the Main Foyer on August 24<sup>th</sup>, please feel free to come and check at that time. Our class supply lists are available at Wal-Mart and Staples.

Your child will bring home the Parent Handbook the first day of school with information about the school and monthly activities.

The School Council members are planning a meeting for all parents on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the gym.

I consider it a great privilege and responsibility to be the Principal of ÉWES and look forward to meeting each of you during this school year.

Sincerely,

Hélène Saint Onge  
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# **ECOLE WHITEHORSE ELEMENTARY**

(Our 4 rules)

Love learning and do your best!

Be kind to others and considerate of all  
people.

Be safe.

Keep school environment clean.

## **EWES CODE OF CONDUCT**

These are the things I do to make my school a better place for myself, other students and staff:

- I respect myself by eating healthy food, having good personal hygiene, being physically active and having a positive attitude.
- I always use respectful words with other students and the staff of my school.
- I have a respectful attitude towards everyone in my school.
- I am polite and I cooperate.
- I respect the personal space, the needs and differences of everyone.
- I always avoid violent or aggressive behavior.
- I always avoid all forms of bullying.
- I respect my school, both inside and out.
- I try to bring lunches which don't make much garbage.
- I always tidy up after eating my lunch.
- I never bring food or beverages (except water) into the gymnasium.
- I never chew gum in the building.

I always try to do my best at school:

- I always arrive on time.
- I am ready to work in class and I bring the required materials.
- I complete assigned work on time and to the best of my ability.

I am concerned about personal safety:

- I do not push, shove or bump others.
- I never throw dangerous objects.
- I never bring dangerous material or objects to school.
- I never bring cigarettes or other illegal substances to school.
- I walk my bike and carry skateboards and scooters while on the school grounds.

I always dress appropriately:

- I don't wear clothing with suggestive, racist, disrespectful or violent slogans or which advertise alcohol or other illegal substances.
- I wear shirts or sweaters which cover my stomach and pants which do not show my underwear.
- I don't wear spaghetti straps.
- I have outdoor and indoor footwear. I always remove my outdoor footwear upon entering the building.
- I wear my headgear outside the school.

I use technology appropriately:

- I am aware of the rules concerning the use of computers in the school and I follow them.
- I never use my iPod or other listening device inside the school unless I have specific permission.
- I never use my cellular phone inside the school. I keep it turned off and safely stowed away.
- I leave my electronic games at home.

**THESE SCHOOL RULES APPLY AT SCHOOL, ON THE SCHOOL BUS, WHILE A CHILD IS GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL, AND WHILE STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.**