



John Fredson School

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NEWSLETTER

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Culture Week

Dancing with the Spirit

For the week Monday, November 11, 2024 to Friday, November 15, 2024, The program "Dancing with the Spirit". The program included music lessons (guitar, ukulele, and violin). The group also include "Storytime with Elders". The program ended with a presentation show for the community .

Archery

Archery lessons were provided by Mr. Carson Cleveland. Students learned how to stand, hold the bow, and aim. Students seemed excited having time to shoot at the bullseye targets.

Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 26th, John Fredson school opened its doors to the community for a shared Thanksgiving lunch.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5th was Election Day. The polling place was the community center. Also, mail-in ballots was another option.



PD - Naloxone Training

Sam Garcia, a Native American military veteran (certified chemical dependency counselor) came to John Fredson School for a couple of days to do presentations for the staff on the importance of Naloxone training for dealing with overdose help. He also talked to each class about his past personal struggles with substance abuse.

K-9 Presentation

Troopers arrived to do a brief presentation on the training of K-9 dogs.



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My name is Vanessa Fe M. Carmona, a 31-year-old woman born and raised in the beautiful province of Davao de Oro, Philippines. I am the eldest among three siblings, with two brothers—one is married, while the other is currently pursuing his degree in criminology. My mother served as a government employee in our local municipality, while my father, who was a great influence in my early years, passed away when I was 18. At the age of 24, I married Jestoni Carmona, a fellow teacher I had the pleasure of meeting while we were both working at a private institution. Today, I am a proud wife and a devoted mother to a lively 2-year-old son who fills my life with joy and inspiration.

I earned my Bachelor of Secondary Education degree, majoring in English, from the University of Southeastern Philippines. Shortly after graduation, I embarked on my teaching career at a private institution in my hometown, where I dedicated three enriching years. Following this, I was fortunate to secure a position in a public school, where I served as a teacher for seven years.

During this time, I remained committed to my personal and professional development by pursuing and completing a Master of Arts in Education, majoring in English, at St. Mary's College of Tagum, Inc. This academic journey not only enhanced my expertise in English education but also strengthened my passion for fostering learning environments that inspire and empower students. Throughout my career, I have consistently strived to blend innovative teaching methods with a deep commitment to student success, making a positive and lasting impact in every classroom I have had the privilege of leading.

While my husband and I were working as public-school teachers, we felt inspired to step out of our comfort zone and explore new opportunities. This led me to consider pursuing a teaching career abroad. Determined to achieve this goal, I began researching various application processes and strategies online. I dedicated my free time—and often stayed up late into the night—submitting applications and reaching out to potential employers. After six months of persistence and effort, I was thrilled to receive a job offer from the Yukon Flats School District, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in my professional journey.

Currently, I am a teacher at John Fredson School, where I handle subjects such as Language Arts, Reading, Social Studies, and U.S. History. While the transition to this new environment came with its challenges, I am truly grateful to have found myself in such a beautiful place, surrounded by wonderful and supportive people. Reflecting on my journey, I take pride in the courage it took to step out of my comfort zone and pursue new opportunities. I have no regrets about the decisions I made because every step has been undeniably worth it. I am deeply thankful to the administration, teachers, and staff of this institution for their warmth and support, which have made my adjustment seamless and fulfilling. Above all, I give thanks to the Lord for blessing my family and me with these incredible experiences and opportunities.

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November Dates

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National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month

- Nov 2nd - New teacher (Ms. Vanessa [and her family]) arrives in the village.
- Nov. 5th - Election Day
- Nov. 5th - Special YFSD Board of Education Meeting 5PM
- Nov. 4th to 8th - Progress Monitoring #3
- Nov. 8th - Special YFSD Board of Education Meeting 1PM "Audit Approval"
- Nov. 11th - Veterans Day
- Nov. 13th - AKCIS Training during PLC meeting time.
- Nov. 11th - 15th - Cultural Week Activities (Dancing with the Spirit & Archery Lessons)
- Nov. 19th - YFSD Board Meeting 3PM
- Nov. 20th - PLC "Naloxone Training with Sam Garcia
- Nov. 21st. - Banyan/Naloxone Presentation to individual classes
- Nov. 22nd. - K-9 Presentation with Troopers
- Nov. 25th to Nov. 27th - Progress Monitoring #4
- Nov. 26th - School Community Lunch TBA

John Fredson Staff

Principal/Teacher	- Ms. Diane Olmstead
Classroom Teacher	- Mr. Joel Brooks
Classroom Teacher	- Mrs. Kathleen Brady
Classroom Teacher	- Mr. Patrick Brady
Gwich'in Teacher	- Ms. Kathleen Tritt
Paraprofessional	- Ms. Darlene Christian
Paraprofessional	- Ms. Jamie Frank
Maintenance	- Mr. Jeremiah Druck
School Cook	- Ms. Audrey Rolfe

Next Month

- Dec. 10th - The Brady's Last Day
- Dec. 9th to Dec. 13th - NWEA MAP Testing
- Dec. 17th - BOE Meeting at 3pm
- Dec. 20th - End of Quarter 2
- Dec. 21st. to Jan. 3rd - Winter Break

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