

Dear Student:

Below is a list of contact people, if you should need to call upon. We are here to help you as you go through High School.

Good Luck in your schooling this year 2009/10. Be proud to be Gwich'in!

CONTACT PERSONS:

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OFFICE HOURS: (except statutory holidays)

Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 1 pm to 4:30 pm

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM:

The High School Program is to provide financial assistance to Vuntut Gwitchin (VGFN) students, who resides permanently in Old Crow, attending a secondary school in Whitehorse or another community and students who live in Whitehorse, are in Grades 10, 11, 12 which are not available in Old Crow. This program will provide funding for enrolled VGFN citizens attending high school. The following expenses, that students are eligible for are:

- Room and Board, if living in a boarding home \$225.00 per month
NOTE: Subsidy is available from YTG
- Student personal allowance \$ 40.00 per month
- Books and Supplies \$ 65.00 per year
- Winter Clothing Allowance \$400.00 per school year. This amount will be issued in a Purchase Order form with a store vendor of the students' choice.

WHO QUALIFIES:

- VGFN students who have completed grade 9.
- VGFN students that permanently reside in Old Crow and in the Yukon; who are in grades 10, 11, & 12, and in a Yukon secondary school.
- Students that chose to do homeschooling in Old Crow will receive the monthly and school supply allowance.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Once you're notified that you will be attending high school in Whitehorse or another community, you will get in touch with the Education Support Worker (ESW) to prepare your transition to High School.
- With your parent(s) you can arrange for a Boarding Home in Whitehorse. Usually students choose to stay with relatives OR you may apply to Gadzoosdaa Residence by calling the Housemaster at (867) 667-5495 or (867) 667-8067.
- Once you have found a place to stay in Whitehorse you can complete your Home Subsidy application forms with VGFN & YTG. Submit these to VGFN, to the attention of the Education Director, Tracy Rispin.

STUDENT:

- Must inform the ESW in Old Crow of your intention to attend high school in Whitehorse or another community.
- Must obtain a Home Subsidy application form from VGFN Department of Education, complete it and return by due date: **August 15th**.
- Provide your TD Account number, if you would like your student allowance deposited. A bank confirmation note is mandatory for direct deposit; a form to take to the bank is attached. If you do not have a TD account, your monthly allowance will be sent to the Education Support Worker - Area II for pick up.

PARENT:

- Must make accommodation arrangements for your child/children in Whitehorse either in a private boarding home or Gadzoosdaa Residence.
- Must assist your child/children to complete the Home Subsidy application form and ensure it is returned by due date: **August 15th**
- If you are planning to move to Whitehorse or any other community, that offers high school; you can apply to YTG, Dept of Education for a Relocation Private Home Subsidy. This pays \$ 270.00 per month. Forms can be picked up at the ESW II office, located at F. H. Collins Secondary or VGFN Department of Education.

BOARDING HOME PARENT(S):

- Must provide us with your name, residence and mailing address, phone number (first and second contact numbers in case of emergency).
- Must keep in touch with the teacher(s), school and ESW II regularly.
- Must ensure that the student(s) attend school regularly (4 absences equals 1 day and \$10.00 will be deducted per day for **unexcused** absences).
- May provide your TD Bank Account number if you would like your monthly payment deposited directly.

VGFN Dept of Education ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITY:

- Will provide funding to those who have completed an application form and returned by August 15th.
- Ensure applications fit high school program eligibility.
- Will ensure funding is received on a monthly basis.

- Will obtain monthly attendance record from school through ESW II.
- Will deduct \$10.00 per day for unexcused absences per attendance report.
- Will be in daily contact with ESW II.

TRAVEL:

Travel arrangements are made and paid for by Yukon Territorial Government (YTG). YTG is responsible for the safety of students once they leave their homes in Old Crow until they arrive at their Boarding Homes and/or Residence in Whitehorse, travel dates and times are set by YTG. The following are dates for student travel:

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| • Return to School in the Fall | Day after Labour Day |
| • Return home at year end | Day after completion of Exam Or next available scheduled flight |
| • Travel home for Christmas | Day after school closes or TBD* |
| • Return to school after Christmas | Day before school begins |
| • Return home for Spring break | Day after school ends or TBD* |
| • Return to school after Spring break | Day before school begins |

*TBD means you may be sent home on a Friday even if school ends that day.

PLEASE NOTE that if students travel at any other times, then the student's travel is the parents' responsibility. Arrangements must be made with the parent, housemaster of Gadzoosdaa Residence and the school.

- Students are not allowed to change travel arrangements made by YTG.
- Students are responsible to get to and from the airport.
- If a student misses his/her flight, it is their responsibility to contact the airlines. If there is an additional charge then the student must pay.
- Students are responsible for their own excess baggage.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR:

**Wednesday, September 2, 2009
begins**

FHC opens and school

Monday, September 7, 2009

Labour Day

Monday, October 12, 2009

Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Remembrance Day

Friday, December 18, 2009

Last day of school (Christmas break)

Monday, January 4, 2010

First day of school

**Friday, March 5, 2010
To Monday, March 15, 2010**

Spring Break

Friday, February 26, 2010

Heritage Day (school holiday)

Friday, April 2, 2010

Easter holidays (school holiday)

To

Monday, April 5, 2010

Monday, May 24, 2010

Victoria Day (school holiday)

Friday, June 25, 2010

Last day of school

Total days of school @ FHC = 184

NOTE: Exam schedules will be provided as they become available.

The William “Bill” Ferguson Memorial Scholarship

For the first time, the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Education department is offering a scholarship worth \$ 2650.00, to a graduating VGFN Grade 12 student.

The student must reside in the Yukon, have an overall grade point average equivalent to 75% or better, be a full-time student, and provide a letter of Intent to the VG Education Committee. The student must also show school and community leadership.

Deadline for this scholarship is June 15th of each year.

VGFN
High School Program
For Vuntut Gwitchin students
in
Grades 10 to 12

