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Welcome Back to School!

On behalf of the Yukon Koyukuk Regional School Board, I want to personally welcome you to the 2015-16 school year. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer with family and friends. Whether you are new to Yukon Koyukuk or a returning student/family, we look forward to you being a part of the district and hope you become involved in our schools. I encourage every student and parent to embrace the opportunity to make this a great school year!

Important Dates:

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11th and 12th

9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Student registration for both new and returning students.

Staff will be available at your local school for assistance if needed. If you have already registered online, your students are ready to show up on the first day of school.

Tuesday, August 25th

Students' 1st day of school.

Students are expected to be on time. YKSD will be offering an attendance incentive again this year. Details will come out in September.

Over the summer, YKSD staff have participated in professional development to improve the instructional opportunities for students. Throughout the year, we will continue to refine assessments, align instruction to standards, and improve communication. It is important for parents to be aware of what students are learning in the classroom and homework assignments. Homework is expected for students in all grades. We will continue our focus on teaching and learning so that our students graduate college and career ready.

While maintaining the implementation of the initiatives already in place, this year we will also focus on addressing targeted mental health and school safety initiatives. If at any time you have a question about what is occurring in your student's class room or the school, please contact your student's teacher. We all need to work together to benefit our students.

YKSD also realizes that learning takes place in an inviting environment. YKSD maintenance staff and local community members have been busy cleaning and preparing the buildings and grounds for the return of students. Each school will be scheduling a local *Meet and Greet* the week of August 31st- September 4th. This is a great opportunity for you and your student to meet new teachers and to say hello to returning teachers. It is also an opportunity to learn about seats available on the Community School Committee (CSC) that will be open in October.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer. I look forward to a year filled with stories of great success and student learning. Please be sure to register your children prior to our first student day. We wish you the best for a successful 2015-16 school year!