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Welcome Back to School!

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, over 300 River School students will be walking through the doors of our schools, and over 1100 Raven Correspondence Students will be homeschooling. The start of a new school year always brings a promise of new hope, new challenges, new learning, and new fun. This year, YKSD is welcoming over a dozen new staff members including three new principals. They each are looking forward to their new positions and we are thrilled to have them on our team.

There is much to be excited about in this school year with regard to teaching and learning. Two curricular areas will be a priority for growth in our district this year: Math and Language Arts. In addition to aligning these subjects with the more rigorous Alaska Standards, implementation of our new curriculum provides an opportunity to refine our instructional practices to improve student achievement. For the first time ever, a CNA program will be offered to seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing. Included with this letter is a flyer about available career course options for students.

In addition to our emphasis on math and language arts, YKSD continues to build our Native language program. Denaakk'e (Koyukon) and Benhti Kenaga' (Lower Tanana) classes will be offered over video-conference for pre-Kindergarten to High School. Students will be expected to learn from the speakers and to teach the non-speakers in their family. Help us celebrate and revitalize our languages by practicing with your student at home.

Along with celebrating each student's culture, one of the most important influences on student achievement is attendance. *It is essential for your student to be in school, on time, ready to learn every day.* YKSD is pleased to announce our 2014/2015 attendance incentive. Each school will have an attendance incentive for students. Additionally, the YKSD Regional School Board is offering as the grand prize, a brand new Yamaha Bravo, to be issued in May 2015 to one student district-wide for exemplary attendance!

We are looking forward to working with you throughout the year, and invite all of you to attend the open house that will be hosted by your school. Please come welcome both new and returning staff, find about exciting events about your school, and learn about ways you can support your student's success.

Sincerely,

Kerry Boyd

**Important Dates:**

- ✓ August 15<sup>th</sup> New and Returning Student Registration
- ✓ August 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Principal & Teacher training in Fairbanks
- ✓ **August 26<sup>th</sup> First Day of School**
- ✓ Second/Third Week of School: Open House

The mission of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District, in active partnership with its families and communities, is to provide our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become contributing members of their families, communities and society.



# 2014-2015 School Calendar

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<b>AUGUST</b>	7-8 Principals on-site 11-12 Principals & New Teachers at District Office 13 Teacher Workday at site 14 Teacher In-service Day at site 15 Teacher Workday at site 18-22 District-wide Inservice in Fairbanks 25 Teacher Workday at site 26 First Day of School
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1 Labor Day Holiday 6 Principal Workday 19 Mid-term Progress Reports
<b>OCTOBER</b>	HSGQE Retakes 4 Principal Workday 17 End of 1st Quarter/Early Dismissal for Students/Report Cards 27 Parent Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal for Students
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1 Principal Workday 14 Mid-term Progress Reports 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday
<b>DECEMBER</b>	6 Principal Workday 20 End of Semester/Early Dismissal for Students/Report Cards 23-31 Holiday Break-No School

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<b>JANUARY</b>	1-2 Holiday Break - No School 5 Teacher Workday - No School 10 Principal Workday
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	7 Principal Workday 13 Mid-term Progress Reports
<b>MARCH</b>	7 Principal Workday 20 End of Semester/Early Dismissal for Students/Report Cards 23-27 Spring Break 30 Parent Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal for Students
<b>APRIL</b>	4 Principal Workday 7-9 Testing 24 Mid-term Progress Reports
<b>MAY</b>	21 Last Day of School for Students/Report Cards 22 Teacher Workday 25 Memorial Holiday 26-30 Principal Workdays

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<b>E</b>	End of Quarter-Early Dismissal for Students/Report Cards
<b>H</b>	Legal Holiday
<b>I</b>	Inservice Day
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<b>O</b>	Regional School Board Meetings

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