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Welcome Back to School!

On behalf of the Yukon Koyukuk Regional School Board, welcome to the 2016-2017 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 or family, we look forward to you being a part of the district and hope you become involved in our schools. We have over 300 students in our River Schools and over 1200 in Raven Home School. I encourage every student and parent to embrace the opportunity to make this a great school year! Please also help welcome Rampart School as they join our district for the upcoming school year!

### **Important Dates:**

**Student Registration:** Tuesday-Friday, August 16-19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Student registration is 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. All registration is online only.

**Students' 1st Day of School:** Monday, August 22

Students are expected to be on time and ready to learn! YKSD will be offering an attendance incentive again this year. Be sure to check the schedule at your school for start and end times.

**Meet and Greet:** Monday-Wednesday, August 29-August 31

Each school will hold a 'Meet and Greet' which 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.

### **Sports Physicals:**

All students must have a sports physical completed and on file before participating in athletic activities. Running season begins in September and Basketball Season opens in November. It is best to get the physicals completed before school begins.


Over the summer, YKSD teachers, support staff, and principals 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.

While maintaining the implementation of the initiatives already in place, this year we will continue our focus on addressing targeted well-being and school safety initiatives. We have made significant gains across the district with student leadership and resiliency and also with reading proficiency. To continue this momentum, we ask for your support to ensure your child reads at least 20 minutes each evening. Every school has a variety of reading material that will appeal to the students to check-out.

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. I hope you will be able to attend your school's 'meet and greet' as mentioned above and take advantage of the opportunities throughout the year to be involved in your child's education.

If at any time you have a question about what is occurring in your student's classroom or the school, please contact your student's teacher. Also, you can visit our Facebook page for district-wide updates and photos. Be sure to register your children prior to the first day of school, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. I look forward to a year filled with stories of great success and student learning!

Thank you,

  
Kerry Boyd, Superintendent

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.