

Welcome to MAD 9/10

The MAD Program is designed for youth all over the Yukon to come together and learn about the arts, specifically theatre. Theatre can prepare you and help you in your everyday life by:

- building your confidence
- encouraging your creative thinking
- leading you to develop your self-advocacy skills
- working together with your peers and other professionals - introducing you to the theatre world in Whitehorse
- developing organizational and communication skills

This program will bring you out of your comfort zone at times and our advice is to embrace that step, try your best! We're here to support you.

Items Needed

If you are unable to acquire items, please let us know. We will do our best to support you.

- Pencils, pens and highlighters
- Clean indoor shoes (ones you can dance and run in)
- Lock for your locker
- Blacks (these are for shows): black shirt (long sleeves are preferred) and
- black pants. No logos please.

- Make sure, with your day to day clothing, that you can move freely without exposing yourself or having to adjust your clothing. We also have a no jeans - policy - no exceptions.

- Binder(s): Socials/PE and English/Theatre (it is essential that you keep your subjects organized but how you do that is up to you).
- USB
- A fully sealable water bottle - this means it can't have a straw coming out the top and preferably no crinkly plastic bottles.
- A watch (not a requirement, just useful as you will not be using your phones in

class. Wood Street Centre is void of clocks and being early is essential).
You will not need lined paper (we have enough to last decades)

MAD has a Website!!

The purpose of this website is to inform and provide students and parents with assignments, due dates, big events, etc.

We do our best to update this website.

www.musicartanddrama.weebly.com

Photo Release Form

During our days we may be taking photos of students as they are working/creating. These photos will sometimes appear on our website. Please fill out the Photo Release Form. If you or your guardians do not feel comfortable with your picture being taken, choose the opt-out option on the form.

About Your Teachers

Dave Canary

Social Studies and Drama Teacher



Dave is a storyteller, a teacher, a dad, and hails from the magical land of Cape Breton, in the province of NS. Having been a teacher for K-12, and even for adults, he brings a variety of knowledge and experience in teaching at MAD. As a visual artist as well as a writer, Dave has been involved in drama for decades and specializes in scriptwriting, improv, clown, movement theatre, set building and design, as well as being a tech guru in lights and sound. He's been back and forth to the Yukon since 1993 and settled finally a decade ago. Happy to be tackling new shows for 2023-24!

Ken Symanski

English and Physical Education Teacher



Ken is from Winnipeg but visited the Yukon several times before permanently moving here in 2009. He's been teaching in Haines Junction for the last 12 years, but recently moved to Whitehorse.

Family Life: Ken has been married to Dianna for 31 years and has three amazing grown kids - all of them alumni of the MAD program.

As well as being a high school teacher for the last 27 years, he also has a theatre degree in mime and improv, as well as training in Music. In addition to teaching high school English and Social studies, Ken has created drama programs in every school he's taught at, and had the privilege of taking over the music program at St. Elias Community School. He's wanted to be teaching in the MAD program since he heard about it in 1994. This year his dream finally comes true!

We're very excited to meet all of you and can't wait to start working on our semester's shows!

How to Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support our students.

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If you are going to be late or absent please call the school and inform Susanne (our office admin): 867-667-8413

If you know you will be absent ahead of time please email the teachers.

About Your Teachers

Dave Kanary

Social Studies and Drama Teacher



Carolyn is a Yukoner, born in Yukon. She was a student in the MAD program. Her post secondary education includes a diploma at Blanche Macdonald and a degree in English at Malaspina (VIU) and Queens University. She's been teaching English since 2016.

Family Life: Carolyn has been married for 10 years and has a beautiful little girl, a son, and a dog. She has a passion for acting, mask making, mask play and puppetry.

Ken Symanski

Socials and Physical Education Teacher

Ken is from Winnipeg but before permanently moving here he was teaching in Haines Junction. He recently moved to Whitecourt. Family Life: Ken has been married for 15 years and has three amazing girls. He's been a part of the MAD program.

As well as being a high school teacher, he also has a theatre degree and training in Music. In addition to his English and Social studies classes, he runs programs in every school. It was a privilege of taking over the role at Community School. He's been a part of the program since he heard about it and his dream finally comes true.

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