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emotions. When we name how we feel, it helps us understand and process our emotions, which is all a part of good mental health. English Mental Health Week website: www.mentalhealthweek.ca | [English School Toolkit](#)
French Mental Health Week website: www.semainesantementale.ca | [French School Toolkit](#)

Connected North: New Yukon Spotlight Session: Springboard to Stories, May 3 @ 1:30 for Gr. 4-8

Kids author and playwright Marty Chan shares the secret origins behind his books to show students how their own lives can be springboards to great stories. He will reveal the real stories behind his funny and scary novels to illustrate how personal settings, events, and people can be a wellspring of creative inspiration. And with a little bit of stage magic, he will share a fun writing exercise that highlights how details can make stories come to life. Spots are limited. If you are interested in signing up please contact our Connected North representative, Brenda Sherry at: brenda@takingitglobal.org

Black and Indigenous Realities: an RCTv Livestream Series, April 21 @ 9:45 AM for Grades 9 & Up

REEL CANADA's Anti-Racism Programme centres on a series of three interactive livestreams featuring Canadian films that address Black and Indigenous Realities in Canada. Students watch the films that correspond with each livestream, and then log into an interactive experience with the filmmakers, and with their peers from across the country.

Marilyn Burns Numeracy: New Blog Posts for All Ages

- [What is \$100 \div 3\$? Why We Ask and What We Learn](#)
- [Five Twists on Tic-Tac-Toe](#)
- [What's the Longest Number String Possible?](#)
- [Race for 20—A Counting Game for All Ages](#)
- [Riddles That Rhyme \(not entirely a math post\)](#)

Professional Learning Opportunities

Learning Networks Celebration of Learning – Monday, April 19 6 PM – 9 PM

In January 2021 "COVID-19 adapted Learning Networks" were launched. With excellent uptake from Yukon educators, Curriculum and Assessment and First Nation Initiatives worked with smaller groups of educators with attention to facilitating highly differentiated Inquiry Cohorts based on the interests expressed by participants. Over sixty Yukon educators were involved in Networked Inquiry in 2021. Topics include: Yukon First Nations Pedagogy and Place-based/Experiential Teaching – Standards Based Assessment – Trauma Informed Pedagogy – The Teaching of Reading – French Immersion Pedagogy- Teaching in an Early Learning Context – The Role of the Learning Commons in Facilitating 21st – Century Learning – Blended Learning – Enhancing Numeracy through the Thinking Classroom – Student Centered Literacy Interventions. Participants will be sharing their learning. The in-person spots are full at 50 but you can still join the celebration virtually at: <https://zoom.us/j/95861184664?pwd=SWtwM2RON2NhQ0dTM2pmUHF2UE00QT09>

Updated YTA PD Website

The newly updated YTA PD Website @ <https://bit.ly/YTApd> is currently hosting a contest that invites educators to explore this new resource portal which supports professional growth.

Indigenous Relations Academy – Self-Guided Professional Learning

- Self-paced, online learning
- Cost-effective

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- Free & paid options (apply to the [YTA PD](#) Committee for funding)
- [More info and registration](#)

Other Opportunities for Schools

Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM and Excellence in Early Childhood Education

The nomination period for the 2021 competition is being extended until April 27 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Canada's educators are showing unparalleled resilience and commitment to students in the face of COVID-19. If you know an educator who has gone above and beyond, nominate them for a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM, or Excellence in Early Childhood Education. Download your nomination package today at www.canada.ca/pm-awards. www.canada.ca/prix-du-pm.

Action Items for Consideration

- Watch for the YFSA booklets that will begin returning to schools next week.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week like the [Marilyn Burns Numeracy: New Blog Posts](#).
- Consider engaging in [PD](#) with colleagues like the [Indigenous Relations Academy – Self-Guided Professional Learning](#).
- Consider nominating a colleague for one of the Prime Minister's Awards by April 27.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- Queen's University Post-Grad Math Certificate for BC (and Yukon). [Register](#).
- Yukon-based SFU Master of Education in Numeracy continues to be explored with Peter Liljedahl for Sept. 2022 or 2024. If you are interested and have not already done so, contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca. For more info, here is a [similar program that is currently running](#). 16-18 applicants are required to run a program. Usually about ½ of those who express interest end up applying.
- [Register](#) for the Virtual Reading Series For Grades 7-12 on April 28-29, in lieu of the Young Authors Conference this year. Eight Zoom sessions are planned, with writers who will present their work, talk about writing, and offer a writing challenge to the students. [Register](#)
- April 30 PD day [menu of offerings](#). Have a look at the [recordings from Jan. 15](#) & [recordings from Nov. 20](#).
- International TELP: Starting August 2021/ Application Deadline: May 31. [Apply now](#). [Learn more](#).
- UBC Transformative Educational Leadership Program (TELP) for BC/Yukon educators starting October 2021/ Application Deadline: July 11. [Apply now](#).
- Check out the [2021-22 Graduation Assessment Schedule](#) for the next school year.
- Read the [News Release](#) on Grades 10-12 students returning to full-time in-person learning.
- Complete this anonymous [Microsoft Teams survey](#) from April 6-16.
- Please refer to the [memos](#) about the Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments on Apr. 12-16, for details regarding upcoming assessments.
- The Yukon Education Canoe Program provides wrangling, canoes, and associated gear for spring field trips. Please complete a [canoe booking form](#) by Wed., April 21 for each trip. ?s: Jesse.Jewell@yukon.ca.
- This year the theme of the Minecraft challenge is Future Frontiers - Earth, the Moon, Mars and beyond! [Register](#), then attend the info session or view the recording, then you can decide your time

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commitment, from just giving students access, to using the 6 lesson plans in class and helping students with their Challenge entry, and everything in between. The challenge is taking place on April 22.

- Senior Secondary: Submit TRAX Spring/Interim Data and remind graduating students to make their PSI selections in the StudentTranscripts Service (STS) by April 23.
- [Learning for a Sustainable Future](#) (LSF) Virtual Climate Action Youth Leadership Forum Mar. 25 – Apr. 27.
- May 12-13 Network of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIE) Virtual Symposium. [Register](#).
- ASCD [2021 Early Kindergarten and Kindergarten Conference](#): [Register](#) to view recordings until May 2.
- Visit wcb.yk.ca/contests for info about the Safety Culture Contest for K-12 Students. Deadline: May 14.
- Code to Learn with Connected North. [Register](#). High School 10:30am - 2:00pm EST. New date: May 15
- The Kids on the Farm Bookings spring farm tour season is May 1 - June 11. [More info and bookings](#).
- BC Early Years Professional Development (EYPD) – Explore – Learn – Grow: <https://earlyyearsbc.ca/events/>
- Early Childhood Investigations Webinars and recordings: [Early Childhood Webinars](#)
- Go to www.shareedbc.ca to explore resources from the growing curated collection.
- Contact Natalie.Thivierge@wcb.yk.ca for the delivery of lessons in the areas of mental health, digital citizenship and internet safety for grades 6, 8, 9 and 12.
- In the free [@ICTC_CTIC](#) 4-course program, students learn about cyber security. [Enroll your class](#).
- Contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for free Virtual Field Trips or to engage with an Indigenous Role Model. [Website](#). Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#). ([Session Statistics](#))
- Review the Laser Cutter Resources Page which includes the [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) and FAQs.
- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#), [Resource Services Digital Resources](#), [YESNet Portal](#), and the updated [YTA PD Site](#).

Quick Links to Resources Related to Our COVID-19 Response

- [Education updates and supports on COVID-19](#)
- [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](#)
- [Mental health and wellness support during COVID-19](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- ["Traffic lights" symptom check tool](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6](#)
- [COVID-19 Directive 6: masks in Yukon government workplaces](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)
- [Yukon vaccination clinics and information about the vaccine](#)