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Inclusive and Special Education Updates

Inclusive and special education webpage and blog up and running

After taking two weeks to incorporate the feedback we have received, the Communities of Inquiry addressing Inclusive and Special Education are moving forward with new insight. We are continuing our monthly progress updates on our work to improve inclusive and special education in Yukon schools. We recently launched [a new blog](#) and [web page](#) on inclusive and special education. You will now be able to find all our progress updates posted each month on our inclusive and special education blog. The web page has more information on the project overall and how we are moving forward to address the findings of the Final Report on the Review of Inclusive and Special Education and the Review on Student Attendance.

March's update is now live for you to read on the blog. You can also look back on the previous updates we've shared to help track our work.

- [March 2022 update](#)
- [Reimagining inclusive and special education in Yukon web page.](#)

As always, if you have a question or want to be more involved, please contact me directly at, Kendra.black@yukon.ca or 867-334-684.

Provide your feedback on a staff intranet to support communications with school staff

The Community Relations and Engagement team is working with the Schools and Student Services branch to develop a new staff intranet site. This project is intended to centralize information and improve collaboration with school-based staff by creating an easy-to-access, user-friendly website for school staff that has all the important information and resources they need to be successful in their work. For example:

- Department of Education policies;

- Curriculum and assessment professional development, resources and supports;
- Student Support Services professional development, resources and supports;
- Human Resources information; and
- IT Support.

As educators, you are in the best position to determine the information you need to access on a regular basis to be successful. We are eager to work with you to create this site.

To provide your feedback:

- Survey: Fill out our short, 4-question survey. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete. [Click here to fill out the survey](#) by May 6.
- E-mail: E-mail your thoughts and feedback to the Communications team at edu-communications@yukon.ca by May 6.

We encourage you to provide your feedback. Your thoughts and ideas will help us build an intranet site that will better meet your needs. If you have any questions, you can send them to us at edu-communications@yukon.ca.

Yukon Art Contest

Contest for Yukon Educators

The Human Resources branch is almost done with renovations and the team is looking for some art to help decorate their newly painted walls. And what better way to celebrate this fun improvement than to host a photo contest and display your stunning photographs of the Yukon.

A part of being a learning organization is sharing your experiences and telling your story. The saying goes: A picture is worth a thousand words, so the HR team invites you to share your 'why the Yukon is a special place to live and work' story with us!

The folks at HR are asking you to tap into your creativity and submit a photo that is 'Uniquely Yukon' through a lens that can include language, art, songs, ceremony, and land of the Yukon; ideas may include:

- A Yukon landscape/ or outdoor photo;
- Heritage and Culture;
- Northern wonders (fauna, flora, weather);
- A photo that has a special meaning to you;
- An abstract or 'unique' photo; or
- A photo that shares your relationship with Yukon.

How to participate?

- Please submit your photos to Rowan.Hutchison@yukon.ca;
- We will accept submissions up to May 2nd but encourage you not to delay;
- Submit your photos with a small caption or photo name;
- Photos must be at least 300 dpi and uploaded as .png, .jpg, or .jpeg;
- Photos must be taken in the Yukon;
- Please do not include recognizable faces.

If you are selected as a winner, employees will retain ownership of the photo's rights and it will not be used for other than the purpose intended. At the end of the two weeks, folks in the Department of Education can vote for their favorite photos. The winning photos will be hung up in the HR Office for everyone to see and enjoy. Winners will also receive a prize and be acknowledged for their contribution.

Photos will be available for viewing and voting by May 4, 2022 and the winners will be announced the following week on May 13, 2022.

If you have any questions, contact Rowan.Hutchison@yukon.ca. We look forward to seeing all the entries.

Microsoft M365 Learning Pathways Contest

Microsoft Learning Pathways Contest

Students, teachers, and staff can participate in the [M365 Learning Pathways Quiz](#), designed to help users become familiar with the M365 Learning Pathways website and M365 apps. Participate until April 29th 5:00pm for a chance to win a \$50 iTunes card. Three random participants will be drawn to win an iTunes gift card. One entry per participant.

Access the M365 Learning Pathways website through the Learning Pathways tile in [Rapid ID](#).

Professional learning opportunities

Connected North PD Session- Differentiation with Judy Connor - April 28 - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

A workshop full of strategies that you can use to differentiate your content, process, and product. Judy Connor is currently a Professor at St. Francis Xavier University in the Education Department. Her focus has been on inclusive education and creating cultural responsive pedagogy for new educators. She spent eighteen years teaching in both the private and the public system as a classroom teacher, a guidance counselor, vice-principal and principal. Several years were spent in the Territory of Nunavut. Register for this session at tigurl.org/yukonsignup or email Brenda Sherry at bsherry@takingitglobal.org

Resources for educators and students

Media Smarts Resources

MediaSmarts has designed [#ForYou: A Game About Algorithms](#), a new educational card game for ages 13+ to simulate the different roles that recommendation algorithms play in delivering videos and ads online. #ForYou is accompanied by both a lesson plan (for classroom use) and a discussion guide (for use in a home, workshop or community group).

Find out how to order free sets of cards to use in your classroom or community group [here](#).

National Ballet- YOU dance Program

YOU dance stands for Youth, Outreach and Understanding dance and was designed to introduce students in grades 4-6 to the world of dance. We are so fortunate to be able to offer these workshops to students for FREE. Over the last 12 years, YOU dance programming has reached over 300,000 students.

Registration is now open for elementary school students across the country.

In May 2021, over 25,000 students across Canada tuned in to the livestream from each province and territory. Read what teachers have said about the Livestream [Here](#).

2022 Livestream details:

Friday, May 20, 2022

From 12:15pm-1:15pm EST (please note the time difference)

Recommended Grade levels: 4-6

To register your school/board, please visit the [Livestream Registration Link](#)

To learn more about our YOU dance programme, [Read and Watch Here](#).

Canoe Bookings: Spring & Fall 2022

Spring is right around the corner and that means the Yukon Education Canoe Program will be in full swing. If you are planning a canoe experience this spring or upcoming fall for your class, complete a canoe booking form. Canoe booking forms are found here: <http://jjewell.yukonschools.ca/canoe-program.html>

The Yukon Education Canoe Program provides wrangling, canoes, paddles, PFD's, and other associated gear to Yukon schools. Wrangling means the delivery and pickup of canoes and gear to and from Yukon lakes and rivers. Please complete one form for each individual canoe experience.

All canoe bookings are due April 22nd. See you on the water! Questions: jesse.jewell@yukon.ca

Assessment and Reporting

EYE and BOEHM Assessments

Eye assessments are now in progress for all Kindergarten, tier 2 and 3 students and students not previously assessed in the fall. The deadline for entry is May 6th.

All Kindergarten students are to complete the BOEHM assessment and complete data entry by May 31st.

Please reach out to Ann.Larnder@yukon.ca with any questions or support needs.

Action items for consideration

- Check out the [Professional learning opportunities](#) featured in this update.
- Check out the featured [youth opportunities](#) this week

Quick links to resources related to our COVID-19 response

- [K-12 School Guidelines for 2021-22: COVID-19](#)
- [Yukon Education Recovery Document: Guidelines for K-12 Schools](#)
- [Can your child go to school or return to regular activities?](#)
- [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 COVID-19 information](#)
- [COVID-19 self-assessment](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6 plus 1](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada's response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)