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Celebration of Learning

On April 13, the Department of Education held its annual Celebration of Learning event. Teachers and Educational Assistants delved deeply into their practices and learning through an inquiry process to make informed changes to improve outcomes for students. The presentations demonstrated dedication to building positive relationships, challenging colonial perspectives, collaboration, and making informed changes for the benefit of students.

This celebration event is just a small example of your dedication and the hard work being done for the betterment of Yukon students. We would like to express our gratitude to all educational staff for the work that you do!

Red Dress Day

Otherwise known as Red Dress Day, May 5 marks a day to raise awareness and take action for missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.

The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund (DWF) has compiled a [resource list](#) that educators can use to teach their students what this important day means.

DWF encourages all educators to use these resources, including [Reclaiming Power and Place: The National Inquiry's Final Report](#). This report reveals that persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are the root cause behind Canada's high rates of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ2S+ people.

Job Opportunity

Early Learning Program Specialist

The Department of Education is currently seeking an Early Learning Program Specialist to join our dynamic team. This position will play a crucial role in developing and implementing new programs and services that align with priority initiatives, including the Canada-Yukon Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

We are looking for a candidate who demonstrates leadership, a growth mindset, strong communication skills, and the ability to develop respectful partnerships with internal and external partners. If you are passionate about early childhood development and making a positive impact on the lives of young children, we encourage you to apply! For more details, please view the [job posting](#).

Learning opportunities for students and teachers

Canadian Geographic Giant Floor Map

From May 2-5, the Canadian Geographic Giant Floor Map will be on display at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. We welcome classes from across the Yukon to visit and explore the map. Facilitated activities will be offered during this week. The Giant Floor Map is an exceptional educational resource, providing students with a unique and interactive way to discover and explore the diverse aspects of geography. We encourage educators to take advantage of this opportunity to engage their students in an interactive and educational experience. Don't miss this chance to explore geography in a whole new way!

We are offering pre-booked one-hour sessions: 9-10, 10:15-11:15, 11:30-12:30 and 1:15-2:15 from Tuesday, May 2 through Friday, May 5. Please reach out to Tammy.Stoneman@yukon.ca to reserve a spot for your class.

Yukon field trips with Parks Canada

Please see attached posters for details on Parks Canada Yukon field trips 2023. Some featured field trips include the S.S. Klondike National Historic Site and Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre.

Yukon Breeze Sailing Society pilot program

The Yukon Breeze Sailing Society (YBSS) is thrilled to introduce Yukon's first School Sailing Program. This program is designed to introduce students in Grades 5 to 12 to the exciting sport of sailing at YBSS' site on Schwatka Lake. Students will learn the basics of sailing, including rigging a boat, steering, tacking, getting in and out of irons, heading up, bearing off, and following a windward and leeward course.

This program aligns with many of the core competencies and outcomes of the Grade 5-12 curriculum, making it an excellent opportunity for students to broaden their horizons while also meeting educational goals. The School Sailing Program is offered over 2 full-days or 4 half-days, with a total of 10 hours of instruction. We encourage all interested students to join us and discover the joys of sailing!

The cost is \$500 per session. Programming runs from May 29 to June 15. See yukonsailing.com/schoolsailing for more information and to register.

Yukon Pickleball Day

The Yukon Pickleball Association and Canada Games Centre are excited to announce free educators clinic from on May 7 from 11:30 to 1:30 for those interested in learning more about this popular sport. This is an excellent chance for educators to learn more about pickleball and how to incorporate this fun and exciting sport into their school's activities. We encourage all interested educators to join us and discover the joys of pickleball!

To register for the clinic, please use program ID #40941 and register through the Canada Games Centre.

St. Francis Shoe Shuffle

All grades are invited to run the 3 and 5 km routes on Thursday, May 18 at 1:15 pm at SFACSS. There is no runner registration but please let us know the approximate number of runners who are coming by emailing sfacc@yukon.ca. Free popsicles for all participants.

Resources

IDÉLLO, which is one of the digital resources available to Yukon educators and students, is launching version 2 soon. Please be aware of the following.

1. Teacher's **username and password will remain the same**, however "favorites" may be lost during migration. They recommend listing your favorite resources, or taking a screen capture so that you can easily find them later.
2. **The links of the resources in the thematic files** will be manually reconnected. This might take a few days, and users may notice some unconnected links until that time.

Direct access to all Yukon Digital Resources is through the [Yukon Digital Resources Portal](#). You can access the portal through the Digital Resources tile in Rapid ID.

IDÉLLO offers thousands of rich, up-to-date educational resources in French, as well as functions and a workspace that encourage communication between communities of users with common interests.

Quick Links

- [Check Teams for the PD opportunities](#)
- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness supports](#)
- [Can your child go to school, daycare or return to regular activities?](#)
- [Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)
- [Yukon vaccination clinics and information about the vaccine](#)
- [First Nation School Board](#)

