# **Educator Update**April 6, 2022



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# **Inclusive and Special Education Review**

## Inclusive and special education webpage and blog up and running

We are continuing our monthly progress updates on our work to improve inclusive and special education in Yukon schools. We recently launched <u>a new blog</u> and <u>web page</u> 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.

# **Moose Hide Campaign Day**

The Moose Hide Campaign family, is honored to invite you to join them in ceremony and solidarity for Moose Hide Campaign Day, May  $12^{th}$ , 2022. In joining for the day, you are invited to support an issue that transcends all partisan, cultural and social differences, and brings Canadians together to make tangible progress on reconciliation and the creation of a safe country for all women and children.

Register both your team and yourself to join the livestream broadcast of Moose Hide Campaign Day, <u>order</u>, <u>wear and share moose hide pins</u> and consider organizing your own local event with your family, friends,

organizations, and community. Please spread the message of the campaign amongst your networks and encourage them to register for Moose Hide Campaign Day!

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss your involvement in the Moose Hide Campaign, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jenna Brodersen, Education Outreach and Engagement Officer at <a href="mailto:ibrodersen@moosehidecampaign.ca">ibrodersen@moosehidecampaign.ca</a>.

# **Youth Opportunities**

#### Yukon Youth Summit - Yukon Youth Invited!

The Yukon Youth Summit is excited to collaborate with the Yukon Government Department of Education for its upcoming Youth Summit happening April 19-23<sup>rd</sup> from 11-2pm each day. The Youth Summit offers the opportunity for students in Grades 9-12 to become involved and engaged with community leaders, governments, and policy writers to assist with territorial reforms on themes of Education, Health-Mental Wellness, Environment & Climate Change. Most of all, we are inviting Yukon Youth to inspire and drive these important conversations. Please click here to register and to get more details.

#### Prime Minister's Youth Council

The Government of Canada is committed to engaging with youth from across the country and investing in their future. As strong and vocal advocates for fundamental change, the contributions of Canadian youth are essential to building an inclusive and equitable Canada. On March 10, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, along with the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Youth, launched a recruitment campaign to find new members for the Prime Minister's Youth Council (PMYC).

Established in 2016, the PMYC is a group of young Canadians who provide non-partisan advice to the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada on issues of importance to them and to all Canadians.

We therefore ask you to encourage youth between the ages of 16 and 24 to apply for this opportunity to 'be the change' they want to see in Canada. We're looking for Canadian youth from every region, background and lived experience who are excited to help shape a more equal, diverse and inclusive future for all Canadians. Visit Canada.ca/youth-council for information and updates.

# **Microsoft M365 Learning Pathways Contest**

#### Staff and students have a chance to learn and win prizes

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**

#### Fountas and Pinnell PD for Kindergarten teachers

Curriculum and Assessment will be hosting a follow-up PD on May 2 for kindergarten teachers who are using Fountas and Pinnell. This PD will be a half-day session (AM) hosted by Susan Burrows. In order to

make this PD as relevant as possible for you, please submit any questions or inquiries you have to Ann Larnder (ann.larnder@yukon.ca) by April 22.

### **Connected North Recording**

If you missed the Feb.23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 session to learn more about French Language Connected North Sessions for Yukon schools, please review the recording. (Please note that the recorded information is in French).

Meeting Recording: French Language Connected North Sessions

Teachers can access the online menu of sessions here: <u>tiqurl.org/cnmanuel</u>

Once your email address is added into the booking system, you can begin to search or request sessions here: <a href="mailto:sessions.connectednorth.org">sessions.connectednorth.org</a>. Reach out to Brenda Sherry at <a href="mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org">bsherry@takingitglobal.org</a> for support, in either English or French!.

## Resources for educators and students

### 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: <a href="http://ijewell.yukonschools.ca/canoe-program.html">http://ijewell.yukonschools.ca/canoe-program.html</a>

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 22**<sup>nd</sup>. See you on the water! Questions: jesse.jewell@yukon.ca

## Free livestream of Indigenous movie Night Raiders

This year Reel Canada is offering a free livestream of *Night Raiders* for your class. The new Indigenous-made thriller was nominated for 11 Canadian Screen Awards including Best Picture. After watching the film, students from across the country will engage in insightful conversation with the filmmakers in a free live-streamed event. This event is dynamic and interactive, allowing for engagement through the online platform in live polls, chat, quiz questions, and extensive discussion boards. Teachers will also receive lesson plans and support resources geared specifically toward this programme, to enrich student learning. Best of all, it's entirely free of charge.

Night Raiders is presented as part of the ninth annual National Canadian Film Day on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. However, if the live date and time doesn't work for teachers' schedules, it will be possible to watch an interactive recording afterwards. See this <u>programme flyer</u> for more details.

#### Parks Canada Yukon Field Trips 2022

See linked <u>flyer for details</u> on Parks Canada Yukon Field Trips 2022.

## 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.

Register for this session or email Brenda Sherry at bsherry@takingitglobal.org.

#### Kids on the Farm Yukon

Consider getting your students out on a local farm with the Kids on the Farm program. Tours cost only \$7/student with transportation subsidies available. The spring farm tour season is May 1st - June 16th. There are many diversified farms to choose from. Visit a farm that's new to you! Consider touring a different farm from your colleagues, then have your students share and compare their experiences.

Check out Kids on the Farm for complete farm descriptions, more info and to book tours.

## **Assessment and Reporting**

## Graduation Assessments - April 25-29 2022

The April 2022 session of the 2021/22 Graduation Assessments takes place April 25-29, 2022. Students planning to write any of the Graduation Assessments offered in April can be pre-registered in the School Secure Web (SSW) via a TRAX upload until April 8 2022. Anne Copland is hosting support sessions for this on April 8, 2022. Please email her for more details (<a href="mailto:anne.copland@yukon.ca">anne.copland@yukon.ca</a>).

## **Graduation Exemptions for Grade 12 students**

The BC Ministry of Education confirmed that following the cancellation of the January 2022 assessment session, Grade 12 students who had completed all coursework required for graduation by March 31, 2022, may receive an Exemption for Grades 10 and 12 Literacy Assessments (LTE10, LTE12, LTP10 and LTP12) and an Aegrotat Standing for the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment (NME10 and NMF10). Provide a list of any Grade 12 students that are eligible for the above Exemption(s) or Aegrotat Standing to your administrator who can then send to <a href="mailto:anne.copland@yukon.ca">anne.copland@yukon.ca</a> and she will forward that to the BC Ministry on the school's behalf.

## **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