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Happy Holidays

As schools are wrapping up for the holiday break, this will be the last Educator Update until the new year. Thank you to all educators for your hard work so far this school year. We wish you a happy holiday break with friends and family.

You may see some staff from the Department of Education at your school during your Christmas concerts, craft days and talent shows this week. Staff are taking some holiday field trips to schools to check them out. Field trips include stops at Selkirk, Christ the King, Grey Mountain Primary and Vanier Secondary. Thank you for welcoming us to see your hard work and celebrate the holiday season!



Assessments

- **Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments**

Teachers can help prepare your Grade 10 students for the upcoming Numeracy and Literacy Assessments in the new year by working through the pre-assessment activities available on the BC website:

- [Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment](#)
- [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment](#)

- **Yukon Foundation Skills Assessments for Grades 4 and 7**

Thank you to all the educators who participated in the standards-based collaborative marking of the YFSAs and the professional learning session in November. Results have been entered into the system and booklets will be sent back to schools. Final student results will be available in February.

K-12 Curriculum

- **Career Education 10-12 Guide**

You can now access the finalized [Career Education 10-12 Guide](#) (Overview, Delivery Examples, and Capstone). This guide has been created to support both ongoing career education implementation efforts, and secondary school teams as they explore and refine career-life development practices.

- **Agencies in the Schools**

Agencies are great community resources that can help promote the delivery of the curriculum. They are approved for use in the schools through the [Agencies in the School process](#). The Project Approval Committee met in November and a meeting is planned for February 2020.

View the [full list of approved resources](#) to support your class programming.

"Junior Astronauts" will be here in the New Year!

- **Yukon Physical Literacy Program resource**

The updated Yukon Physical Literacy Program resource is now available for download in both French and English. This is a PDF document that you will find in Self Service.

For help finding Self Service on your iPad, laptop, or computer, go to: [Software & App Self Service](#).

You can also contact ITSS for help accessing Self Service at 667-8535 or itss@yesnet.yk.ca

Reporting and Assessment Guidelines: K-12

- [Assessments That Empower Learning](#)

Find interesting articles with resources on assessment in service of the whole child at ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) Express.

- [Visible Learning: Feedback](#)

Feedback is one of the top 10 influences on student achievement. To learn more and refine your skills, consider this webinar by John Hattie. He explains the power of feedback, how to distinguish between effective and ineffective feedback, and offers strategies.

Check out John Hattie's [250+ Influences on Student Achievement](#) resource to inform your practice.

Professional learning opportunities

- [Early Childhood professional development opportunity in French](#)

You are invited to a conference on Early Childhood in French, in Whitehorse, January 16 -19, 2020.

Two activities are offered for free but require registration at Genevieve.Tremblay@gov.yk.ca:

- Lecture on "Discipline is more than punishment" by SOS Nancy. January 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Theatre performance "L'habit de lumière", for children 2-7. January 19, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Find complete information at [Association Francophone du Yukon](#).

[How to Help ELLs Develop Oral Language Skills and Become Engaged Participants](#)

In this Webinar, learn about practical strategies that challenge, engage, and encourage ELL students to keep the conversation going both in and out of school.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

If you are unable to attend the live event, register anyway to access the recording.

- [Science of Reading: Podcasts](#)

Listen to the latest episodes of a podcast about the science of how kids learn to read.

- A conversation with *Tim Rasinski*. He discusses aspects of good fluency instruction, and the relationship between fluency and comprehension. "Fluency is the bridge and we can't ignore it."
- A conversation with *Lois Letchford*. She shares personal accounts of her son's struggles with learning how to read as well as her own in school with dyslexia "Believe in your child. Believe they are capable of anything—and tell them that."

- [Jumpstart Student Reasoning and Number Sense in Elementary Grades and Beyond](#)

In this session, John SanGiovanni talks about dynamic, practical routines for developing number sense and fluency with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, ratio, and operations. He offers ready-for-use resources as well as classroom clips that model how to use the resources.

Other opportunities for schools

- ["Echoes 2020"](#)

"Echoes 2020" is a follow up to the first Echoes project which took place 15 years ago to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland. Canada being instrumental in that effort, the Global Teenager Project is hosting a second Echoes initiative as we approach the 75th anniversary. Echoes 2020 will connect Canadian and Dutch schools to engage in shared learning projects about the Liberation ... how Canada was involved and what it was like for Dutch citizens to be liberated from Nazi occupation.

The project is open to students aged 10 - 18. You have until January 29, 2020 to [register](#).

Resources for educators

- Resources for [Connecting to Yukon First Nations Ways of Knowing and Doing](#)
- [Curriculum and Assessment website](#)
- [The Spiral Playbook](#): Leading With an Inquiring Mindset in School Systems and Schools
- [B.C. Curriculum Website](#)
- [New teen audiobook additions at Yukon Public Libraries](#) – All you need is a public library card
- [Tinlids](#) has some wonderful book lists.
- You will also find lots of resources at [The Canadian Children's Book Centre](#).

Action items for consideration

- Use these [Numeracy](#) and [Literacy](#) activities to prepare your Grade 10 students for assessments
- Access the finalized [Career Education 10-12 Guide](#)

- View the [full list of approved Agencies](#) and invite one into your classroom
- Find the Yukon Physical Literacy Program resource in English and French on Self Service
- Read articles on [Assessments That Empower Learning](#)
- Watch this webinar on [Visible Learning: Feedback](#)
- [Early Childhood conference in French](#) - January 16 -19, 2020
- Watch the webinar: [How to Help ELLs Develop Oral Language Skills and Become Engaged Participants](#)
- Listen to the [Science of Reading: Podcasts](#)
- Watch [Jumpstart Student Reasoning and Number Sense in Elementary Grades and Beyond](#)
- Visit the website and participate in [“Echoes 2020”](#)