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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 safe and happy holiday break.

Experience a seasonal favorite with a Yukon twist from home over the holidays. We invite you to grab an egg nog, a computer and sound system, and gather the family around to experience Yukon teacher and Klwane First Nation citizen [Diyet van Lieshout](#) as the featured soloist in an innovative visual interpretation of



Handel's Messiah, filmed against iconic Canadian landscapes. It showcases multilingual translations and features a diverse cast of soloists and choirs representing every province and territory across Canada, accompanied by the exceptional sounds of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Johannes Debus (Canadian Opera Company). [Learn more about this National Messiah.](#)



This online stream is available for free or by donation until December 26. [Details and access here.](#)



Primary Curriculum Consultant Support Shift

As you know, last month we were pleased to welcome Michelle Gillard to the Curriculum and Assessment Unit as the Early Learning Curriculum Consultant. Last week, while maintaining projects within the Yukon Education First Nations Initiatives Unit specific to her secondary-level role there, Flora.Asp@gov.yk.ca joined the Curriculum and Assessment team and is bolstering support for primary educators.

- Learning Together program educators and rural primary educators are asked to reach out through Michelle.Gillard@gov.yk.ca for support.
- Whitehorse primary educators are asked to reach out through Flora.Asp@gov.yk.ca for support.

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As previously highlighted, as a large part of the mandate of the current government, Education is tasked to plan and implement the transition of child care and early learning from Health and Social. Betty Burns remains on special assignment as the lead of the transition.

Assessment and Reporting

Grade 10 Graduation Assessments Due Date Extended from Dec. 11 to Jan. 8

The due date for schools to submit [registrations for the Grade 10 graduation assessments](#) through a TRAX data transfer and confirm them on the Online Graduation Assessment Register has been extended from Dec. 11, 2020 to Jan. 8, 2021. Schools must download and print the numeracy response sheets for the assessment and then scan them back to AWIS upon assessment completion.

Resources for Educators

Agencies in the Schools

Caribou in the Classroom and Salmon in the Classroom are the two latest approvals. Agencies are a great community resource 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 late November and another meeting is planned for February 2021. View the [full list of approvals](#) to support your class programming.

Assembly of First Nations Website

A First Nations digital toolkit of Learning Modules is available in English and French @ <http://www.afn.ca/policy-sectors/education/its-our-time-first-nations-digital-toolkit/>

Professional Learning Opportunities

Ladysmith School District Reconciliation Message

The information in the [short video](#) connects to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and First Nation ways of knowing, doing, and being in terms of the land, language, culture, and why Yukon's embedding of First Nation knowledge is important and connected.

January 15 PD Day Updated

For those of you that have a PD day on January 15 (most Yukon schools) and have some unplanned times throughout the day, there are some offerings compiled, both live and on-demand, by Yukon Education and some also by the YTA PD Chair. Many more sessions are still to be incorporated, and are available for viewing [here](#) after you have logged into [Rapid Identity](#) with your yesnet e-mail and Rapid Identity password. Further, Hidden Valley Elementary School (HVES) as secured [Peter Liljedahl \(SFU\)](#) for the January 15 and April 30 PD days, along with some follow up after school sessions in between. Peter is highly regarded for his work on creating Thinking Classrooms and Developing Numeracy Competencies. Visit [his website](#) to view the great resources he offers. K-12 Yukon Educators are invited to join HVES on these two full day virtual PD sessions. Please email Tanya Lewis to secure a spot at Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca or phone 332-0491, as she is supporting the school with organizing these days.

Literacy Learning Recovery

The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Kit Gr. 3-8 is an excellent tool to assess a student's reading level and will assist you in planning for literacy instruction. For those who missed the Yukon-specific Fountas

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& Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Kit Gr. 3-8 Workshop, both of the recordings are now available and can be found on the [Intermediate Educators Yukon Team page](#). Future collaborative and professional development opportunities around literacy will be posted to the Intermediate Teams page as well. Questions?

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Other Opportunities for Schools

As you know, ShareEdBC is an online platform that provides Educators and Educational Contributors across BC and Yukon access to curated content aligned with the curriculum. Go to www.shareEdBC.ca, explore resources, and contribute your resources to the collection. Yukon Teachers – if you share, you can earn up to \$75, via the YTA, per resource up-loaded for resources for your classroom.

Action Items for Consideration

- Have a Happy Holiday.
- Enjoy [Diyet](#) in Messiah until December 26. [Details and access here](#).
- Learning Together program educators and rural primary educators are asked to reach out through Michelle.Gillard@gov.yk.ca for support.
- Whitehorse primary educators are asked to reach out through Flora.Asp@gov.yk.ca for support.
- Let your students know that the registration deadline for the grade 10 graduation assessments has been extended to January 8.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week.
- Consider engaging in a [professional learning opportunity](#) with colleagues in the New Year.
- Contribute a resource to the www.shareEdBC.ca collection and earn up to \$75 in classroom resources.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- Register for the 2020-21 Yukon Education Learning Networks @ <https://bit.ly/3mEQrpg>.
- Participate in the Inclusive and Special Education Review @ <https://app.spryng.io/goto/6DhtiyieGZSruKpi2Mypyb>.
- Consider joining the NOIIE Jan. 18 event with Kath Murdoch, the author of *The Power of Inquiry*, will be the speaker of this NOIIE event. Here's a [link](#) to express your interest in attending.
- Register for EdCamp and join colleagues about the Core Competencies on Jan. 23 @ <https://edcampbcc.weebly.com>
- [Collaborate with colleagues](#) on assessing the competencies in math.
- Check out the links below and contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for a Virtual Field Trips or to engage with an Indigenous Role Model. Website: <https://connectednorth.org/en/>. Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#)
- For those of you that have a PD day on January 15 (most Yukon schools) and have some unplanned times throughout the day check out [January 15 PD Day](#)
- Additional Fountas & Pinnell Implementation Support Webinar Registration: [Jan 13th | 4pm EST](#), [Jan 13th | 6pm EST](#), [Feb 10th | 4pm EST](#), [Feb 10th | 6pm EST](#), [Mar 10th | 4pm EST](#), or [Mar 10th | 6pm EST](#)

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- Become a part of the Let's Talk Science Educator Advisory Panel by contacting rmascarenhas@letstalkscience.ca.
- Contact exams@gov.bc.ca if interested in becoming credentialed to mark the Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment
- View the updated Math First People (Elementary and Secondary) @ <http://www.fnesc.ca/math-first-peoples/>.
- [Register](#) a team of your grades 9-12 students for the Ethics Bowl.
- [Register](#) your grades 5-8 students for the You Be The Chemist Challenge.
- Visit the Yukon Education Resource Services [Digital Resources page](#).
- [What Happens If There is a COVID-19 Case Connected to a School?](#)
- [Roles and Responsibilities if a COVID-19 Case is Connected to a School](#)
- Review the updated guidelines for K-12 school settings are now posted on Yukon.ca.
- RSVP for the Online Info Session: [Ed Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon EdD Cohort Program](#) that is taking place in February.
- Review the Laser Cutter Resources Page which includes the [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) and FAQs as there is a location shift soon.
- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English French](#).
- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#) and [YESNet Portal](#).

Quick Education Links for 2020-21 School Year

- [Education updates and supports on COVID-19](#)
- [Updated 2020-21 school calendar important dates](#)
- [Find your school operational plan](#)
- [School bus information and schedules](#)
- [Health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings](#)

Quick Links to Resources on COVID-19 Related Topics

- [COVID-19 Directive 6](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [How to wear a non-medical mask poster](#)
- [Mental health and wellness supports](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](#)
- [COVID-19 counselling and crisis support](#)
- [Practice Safe 6](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations](#)