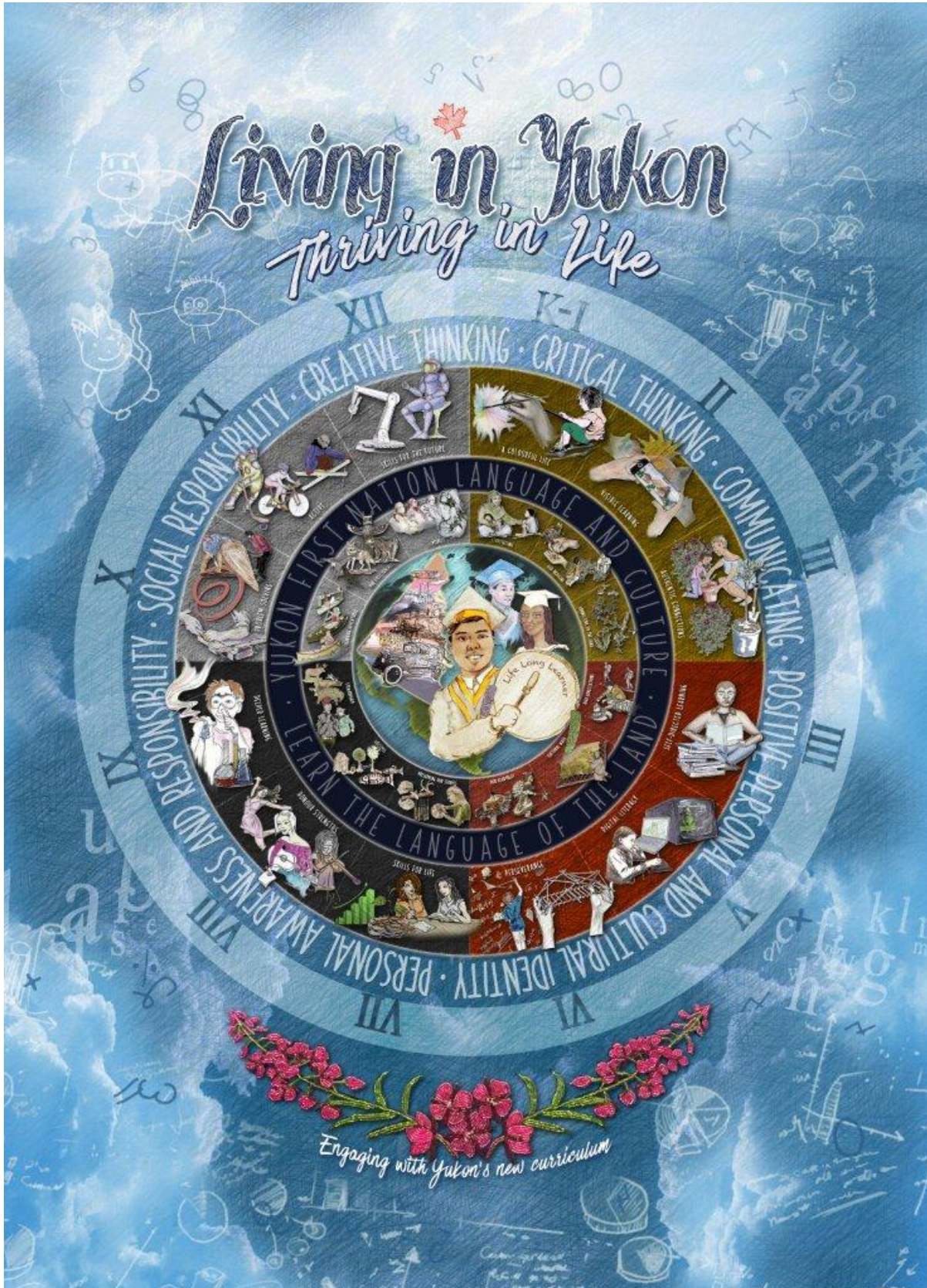


Educator Update



December 2018



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Happy Holidays

Schools are starting to wrap-up before the holiday break and have been hosting some great activities the past couple weeks. Staff from the Department of Education are taking some holiday field trips to some of our schools to check them out. Field trips include stops to F.H. Collins to check out their “Make Christmas Great Again” play, Selkirk, Christ the King and Grey Mountain Primary for their Christmas concerts and craft days and to Vanier Secondary for their talent show. Also, check out the attached Christmas logic puzzle!

This will be the last Educator Update until the new year. Please see some important updates down below. Thank you to all educators for your hard work so far this school year!

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

Graduation Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (update from B.C.): B.C. [recently announced](#) an additional change to the new graduation program. There will now be two Literacy Assessments for students in Grades 10-12 required before graduation. Next year, students in Grade 10 will write a Grade 10 Literacy Assessment. In January 2021, students in Grade 12 will start writing a Grade 12 Literacy Assessment. The Numeracy Assessment is already being used this school year and B.C. is now referring to it as the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment. We are still determining what this means for our schools and the best way to transition students into writing these assessments. We will have further updates in the new year. However, we wanted to ensure you are all aware of the change from B.C.

The November Graduation Numeracy Assessment results were released on December 14, 2018. The January sitting will take place Jan. 21-25, 2019. To prepare your students, please consider the [pre-assessment activities](#) to support their success on this assessment.

Curriculum K-12

Locally developed courses for Grades 11 and 12 that you wish to continue next year need to be updated to reflect the new guidelines and new template. **Please submit revised courses to Tanya Lewis by January 31 2019.** Attached to this e-mail are the new guidelines and template. If you need assistance with this process, please contact Tanya at Tanya.Lewis@yesnet.yk.ca.

Curriculum and Assessment video series

Self-assessment video: As part of our curriculum video series ([Yukon's curriculum](#), [Yukon's curriculum and First Nations](#), [Performance Reports](#)), we will be producing a video on student self-assessment of the core competencies in the new year. Our goal is to help parents gain a better understanding of this way of assessing student learning within the new curriculum. We are looking for a teacher and student to participate. We are planning to shoot the video in February 2019 for release in March 2019. **If you are interested** and have a student candidate in mind, please contact kyle.nightingale@gov.yk.ca or call 867-336-0653. You can also contact paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca.

Second video ideas: Our goal is to make a second video focused on a key aspect of the new school curriculum that parents may want to learn more about. Some ideas include hands-on and personalized learning and place-based learning. If you have an idea and want to get involved, please contact kyle.nightingale@gov.yk.ca or paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca.

Agencies in the schools:

There are several new community resources available following the [Agency in the Schools](#) committee meeting in November:

- ✓ Bringing Skills into the Classroom: Exploring Trades & Technology from Skills Canada Yukon for Grades 8-9 Career Education
 - ✓ FOXY/SMASH Workshops for Grades 7-10 Physical and Health Education about how healthy choices influence our physical, emotional, and mental well-being.
 - ✓ Pursue Your Passion – Cannabis Education School Tour for Grades 8-12
 - ✓ Connecting With Yukon Forests from Rivers to Ridges for Grades K-5 Science
 - ✓ Protect Your Pal from Yukon Emergency Medical Services for Grades 8-10 Physical and Health Education about how healthy choices influence our physical, emotional, and mental well-being and how advocating for the health and well-being of others connects us to our community
 - ✓ Technology Sector in the Yukon with Dan Johnson of Tech Yukon for senior secondary Career-Life Education (CLE)
 - ✓ Healthcare Travelling Roadshow with UBC Faculty of Medicine, Northern Medical Program for senior secondary Career-Life Education (CLE)
- View the [full list of approved resources](#) to support your class programming.

Reporting and Assessment Guidelines: K-12

Schools continue to phase in our new assessment guidelines this school year. Schools are following Option 1 or Option 2 from the Interim Assessment Guidelines ([K-9](#), [Grade 10](#), [Grades 11-12](#)) in their assessment plans this year and all schools will be shifting to Option 1 for the 2019-20 school year.

Student assessment survey: We want to know how the implementation of these new requirements is going. We will be reaching out to collect feedback from parents and School Councils at schools who started Option 1 last school year and have experienced the new communicating student learning requirements for one full school year. The data we collect will be shared with all schools to support the development of their Assessment and Reporting Plans next school year. We will be surveying parents and School Councils at all schools once they have used Option 1 for one full school year. This means we will be surveying school communities during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years until we have captured all schools.

Other opportunities for schools and students

Arctic Winter Games Mascot Contest: Schools and students are invited to participate in the Arctic Winter Games Mascot contest for the 2020 Arctic Winter Games. The winning selection will have their design chosen as the mascot for the 2020 Arctic Winter Games. The deadline to submit a design is **January 31, 2019**. **Please submit your design to:** School Engagement Committee, Whitehorse 2020 Arctic Winter Games Host Society, Suite 300 - 4201 4th Avenue, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5A1. Further instructions are below:

- Open to all children and youth – ages 8 to 18 years – in a Yukon Public School.
- Only one entry per participant
- The Mascot must be culturally relevant to the North.
- It must be an original creation by the individual submitting the artwork.
- A detailed description of the design must be submitted with the artwork.
- Computer generated designs are eligible.
- The full name and contact information must accompany the design.
- The Mascot will be selected by committee.
- Three finalists will be selected.
- Deadline for submissions is **Thursday January 31, 2019**

Youth Video Contest: workplace safety: The Yukon Workers' Compensation Board would like to let schools know that the 2019 Youth Video Contest is now open. The Youth Video Contest is an annual competition that challenges high school students to create a short video about workplace safety. This year's theme is "mind the job: not all injuries are physical". Videos should explore mental health in the workplace. Winners receive a cash prize and join Team Yukon at the Skills Canada National Competition. This year there is a total of \$3,500 in prize money and a chance for two high school

students to travel to Halifax, Nova Scotia to join Team Yukon at the Skills Canada National Competition. There is also a new category this year for elementary school students in Grades 4 to 7.

The deadline to submit a project is **March 22, 2019**. For more information and to get your students involved, check out: wcb.yk.ca/QuestionResults/Contests/Q0283.aspx. Contact Natalie Thivierge if you have any questions at natalie.thivierge@gov.yk.ca or 332-1056.

Resources for educators

- BC has published new resources for [classroom assessment and reporting](#).
- [First Nations teaching resources](#)
- [Curriculum and Assessment website](#) (including past educator updates)

Action items for consideration

- Submit locally developed courses for Grades 11 and 12 to Tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca by January 31, 2019.
- Contact kyle.nightingale@gov.yk.ca or paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca to participate in the Curriculum and Assessment Video Series.
- Get your students involved with the Arctic Winter Games Mascot Contest.
- Get your students involved in Yukon Workers' Compensation Board's [Youth Video Contest](#).