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Yukon First Nations Education Directorate Conference

Yukon First Nations Education Directorate is advertising their annual conference to take place March 20-21, 2024. For more information and those interested in registering, please visit their website: [First Nation Education Conference — Yukon First Nation Education Directorate \(yfned.ca\)](https://yfned.ca). This year, they are inviting Yukon First Nation Language teachers to a special session “Working in two worlds” taking place on March 19th. This workshop brings together YFN education workers to build connections, celebrate success, and talk about how best to support First Nation learners. For more information, contact Reg McGinty at reg.mcginty@yfned.ca.

Enhancing education on climate change in your classroom

Yukon University now has an Outreach Climatologist to support Yukon educators in facilitating a clear understanding of the central issues surrounding climate change (mechanism, impacts, and responses) in their classrooms. The Outreach Climatologist works with educators to identify specific needs and capacity, then develops and delivers an action plan, which may include:

- One-time or recurring classroom visit(s) from the Outreach Climatologist to deliver or support guest lectures, workshops, or activities.
- Providing educators with age- and curriculum-appropriate climate change resources they can use in their classrooms (e.g. readings, audiovisual material, lesson plans).
- Professional development for educators (e.g. climate change science basics, tips for teaching climate change, resources for supporting students with eco anxiety/grief).

Content for any of the above may include climate change science and knowledge, impacts, responses, communication, health, and resilience, with an emphasis on local context, reconciliation, and different worldviews.

For more details and contact information, please visit: [Yukon Outreach Climatologist | Yukon University](https://yukon.ca/outreach-climatologist)

Students invited to Funders Meet and Greet

The Department of Economic Development invites senior students from all high schools to attend the **2nd Annual Funders Meet and Greet** at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on February 28. Doors are open to the public from 9 am to 4:30 pm. This event is free and does not require registration.

This event will be a great opportunity for students to prepare for life after graduation by learning about the available resources offered by the Government of Yukon and its partners. This is an open house event, so teachers who would like to bring their class may do so at any time throughout the day. If you'd like more information, please feel free to email Shirley.Ng@yukon.ca or phone 667-3568. Additionally, you can find more information in the attached letter or at the [event Facebook page](#).

Agriculture in the Classroom

[Agriculture in the Classroom](#) is excited to invite Yukon schools to participate in a national competition. The four-week program, **Mission Explorium**, starts on February 19, with registration open until January 31. This engaging cross-curricular program requires students to dedicate 1-2 hours weekly to complete various activities, including videos, quizzes, and individual workbooks.

Designed for **Grades 6-8**, Mission Explorium aligns with curricula across Canada, challenging classes to navigate four quests on a deserted island, focusing on Ecosystems, Agriculture, Food, and Culture. This free resource groups classes into regions, culminating in a competition where the top class from each region showcases their projects, competing for the national champion title. Teachers need only a computer to access the resources and a class eager to showcase their creativity and understanding of sustainability.

Videos about Ready-to-Learn Schools (R2L)

Seven short videos are now available that provide helpful information about the Ready-to-Learn (R2L) initiative, the Neurosequential Model in Education (NME), and the positive changes that we have already seen at Takhini Elementary because of this initiative.

The purpose of these videos is to increase understanding about the initiative among all administrators, teachers, and school communities.

The videos are available on Yukon.ca/ready-to-learn, on the Department of Education's [YouTube channel](#) and at the direct links below:

- [Ready-to-Learn Schools in Action](#)
- [Ready-to-Learn: Brain development in children](#)
- [Ready-to-Learn: The power of relationships](#)
- [Ready-to-Learn: What does stress do to our brain?](#)
- [Ready-to-Learn: What does Neurosequential mean?](#)
- [Ready-to-Learn testimonial: Gary Morgan, Takhini Elementary School](#)
- [Ready-to-Learn testimonial: Lisa Evans, Takhini Elementary School](#)

We encourage you to watch these videos and to share them widely with your school communities. If you have any questions about the Ready-to-Learn Schools initiative, please get in touch with Liza Manolis at liza.manolis@yukon.ca

Quick Links

- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness support](#)
- [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](#)