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### Mental health supports

#### Professional development for educators

Inquiry and Experiential Workshops using Stillness & Breathwork to support Mental Health in the classroom  
Are you interested in learning more about [strategies to support your students with mental health?](#)

Please register for one or more of the online after school sessions to dig deeper into supporting students overall mental health and well-being:

- Strategies for Grades K-3, Tuesday, March 1 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Strategies for Grades 4-7, Wednesday, March 2 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Strategies for Grades 8-12, Thursday, March 3 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To register – or for more information – contact [Nikki.Krocker@yukon.ca](mailto:Nikki.Krocker@yukon.ca) or 867-332-0631

All sessions will be online via zoom at: <https://yukonedu.zoom.us/j/3098451674>

### Assessment and reporting

#### Update on the April and June 2022 Provincial Graduation Assessment administration sessions

All graduation assessments will be available for students in Grades 10–12 to write or rewrite during the April and June administration sessions, with the exception of l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF 12). Sessions will be administered as previously scheduled on April 25–29 and June 13–17, 2022. A [Q&A document](#) and [parent communication for French immersion students](#) are available to help answer key questions. Any additional questions can be directed to [exams@gov.bc.ca](mailto:exams@gov.bc.ca).

### Professional learning opportunities

#### Connected North

Join us to learn about French Language Connected North Sessions for Yukon Schools. This PD Orientation will be in French, hosted by our French School Lead, Anne-Marie Cote on February 23 at 3:30 pm.

Sign up link: [tigurl.org/yukonsignup](https://tigurl.org/yukonsignup)  
[French Language Connected North Session Flyer](#)

Primary/Jr Writing and Self-Regulation in the Classroom. Annette Berry will be presenting the following two excellent PD Sessions exclusively for Yukon. Teachers: Self-Regulation in the Classroom (Feb 22) and Writer's Workshop (Mar 3). Sign up for just one, or for both!

Sign up link: [tigurl.org/yukonsignup](https://tigurl.org/yukonsignup)      [Flyer - PD Sessions with Annette Berry](#)

### **Comprehensive sexual health education: Body Parts and Safe Touch video resource Grades K to 3**

This lesson plan and video resource [youtube.com/watch?v=wlsh0qRHh0U](https://youtube.com/watch?v=wlsh0qRHh0U) aims to increase students' protective factors around sexual health.

Curious to learn more about this new resource and how you can be teaching the sexual health curriculum in the K-3 classroom? Join Erin McArthur from Health Promotion and Nikki Krocker from Yukon Education for one of the following zoom sessions (Zoom Meeting Room : <https://yukonedu.zoom.us/j/3098451674>):

- Wednesday February 23 from 3:30 – 4:40
- Wednesday March 23 from 3:30 – 4:30

No sign up required. Contact Nikki Krocker at (867) 332-0631 or [nikki.krocker@yukon.ca](mailto:nikki.krocker@yukon.ca) with any questions.

## **Resources for educators and students**

### **Black History of the Yukon**

The [What's happening](#) blog post on Friday will include a Yukon Archives publication — Hidden History: Black History of the Yukon — with historical information and photos presented in three different sections:

- The Early Years;
- Building the Alaska Highway; and
- Women.

### **Use of historical language**

The references made to noteworthy Black people or groups in Canadian history include original descriptions to ensure that attitudes and viewpoints are not erased from the historical record. Please note that some may consider this use of historical language and content as offensive. However, it is important to accurately represent history and to withhold from harmful erasure.

### **Black History Month**

[REEL CANADA](#) is hosting an opportunity for Grades 6 to 8 teachers who would like to participate in our upcoming Black History Month livestream.

This national webcast will showcase a variety of Canadian short films focused on Black stories and perspectives on the theme of anti-racism. The livestream will feature an insightful conversation with an award-winning filmmaker, and questions from students across the country. Best of all, it's entirely free of charge.

Complete with lesson plans, the event is dynamic and interactive, allowing for engagement through our online platform in live polls, Q&A, chat, discussion boards, etc.

It's suitable for both in-class or remote learning, and even if the live date (Wed. Feb 23) doesn't work for your schedule, you can still watch an interactive recording afterwards.

This programme [flyer](#) has more details, including the special guests, the films, and how it all works.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or want to preview the films, please don't hesitate to email us at [contactus@reelcanada.ca](mailto:contactus@reelcanada.ca), or to give us a call at 1-888-508-0881, ext. 231.

### **Collaborate with other Yukon educators and curriculum consultants**

[Primary](#), [Intermediate](#), and [Secondary](#) educator TEAMS were created last year. If any teacher, administrator or educational assistant is not a part of a team, please consider joining. These teams are a great place for accessing information and professional development opportunities, as well as sharing ideas with one another.

## **Other information**

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration for Whitehorse children born in 2017 opens on Monday, February 14 at 9 a.m. To register your child for Kindergarten, visit the Government of Yukon's website.

Registration link: [yukon.ca/en/register-child-school#register-your-child-for-kindergarten](http://yukon.ca/en/register-child-school#register-your-child-for-kindergarten)

If you missed the parent info meeting for Kindergarten registration and French Immersion, you can [watch the recording](#) of the meeting. The process for Kindergarten registration is explained, and the Early French Immersion program is presented. Many questions were answered during the session.

## **Action items for consideration**

- Check out the [Professional learning opportunities](#) featured in this update.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) 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](#)