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Assessment and Reporting

Professional Development Opportunity for Math Teachers, February 24 & 25, 9 AM - Noon

Engage with [Larry Ainsworth](#) to identify priority and supporting learning standards in two half day sessions set for K-12 Math teachers. Ainsworth will also relate best assessment practices to the type of learning standard. RSVP: Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca.

November 2020 Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessment Results

The results are available. Please advise your students that they can access their results from the "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Examinations" link after logging in to their account on the [Student Transcripts Service](#).

Professional Learning Opportunities

ShareEDBC Update

- There are now 2100 resources that have been posted from around BC and Yukon.
- There are 6200 users and over 40 school districts including the Yukon offering access to educators.
- An update that provides a French option for ShareEdBC and improved search functions was just released.
- [ShareEdBC Webinar Schedule](#) For example, an "Open House" will provide opportunities to share and ask questions about ShareEdBC on Feb. 16 @ 4:45 PM.
- Contribute a resource to the www.shareEdBC.ca collection & earn up to \$75 in classroom resources.

Connect2Learning Free Webinar – I Love to Read: Assess Your Way to Success, Feb. 10, 11 AM

Practical ideas and strategies will be shared. You'll learn how to: use teacher modelling to co-construct criteria in literacy instruction; connect criteria to feedback that feeds learning forward; and collect triangulated evidence of growth and progress in literacy development. **Register.**

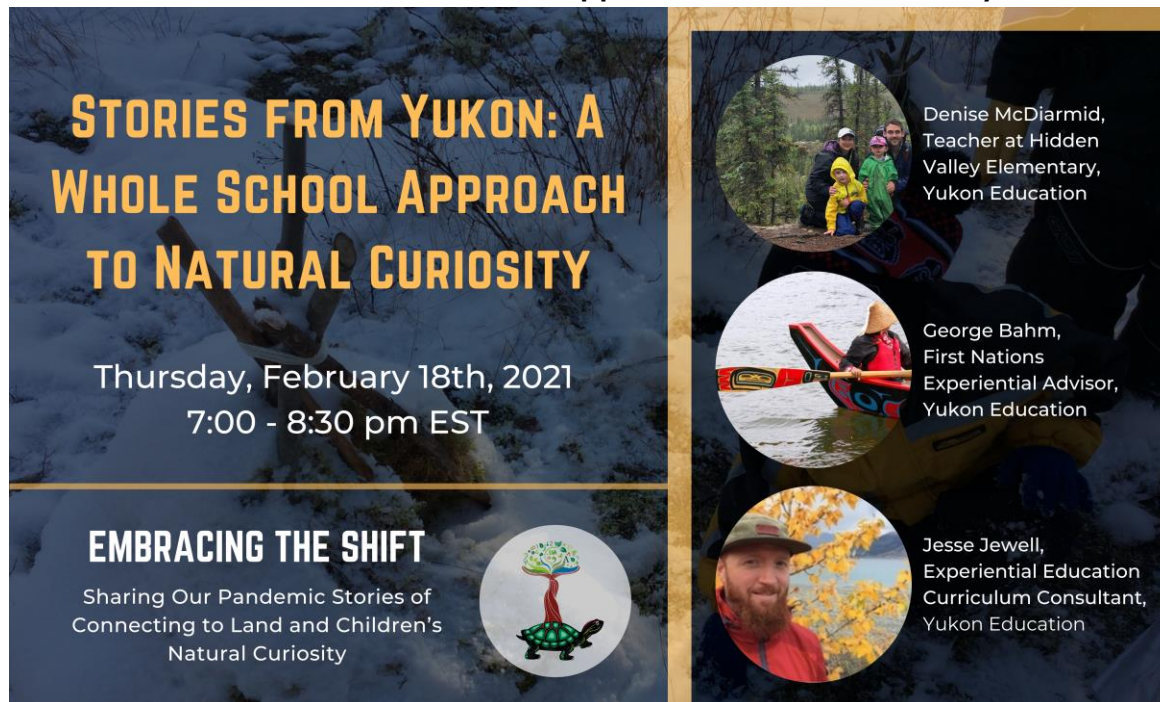
Zoom's "Mindful Meetings" Checklist

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Zoom recently shared [this helpful checklist](#) of simple steps for happier, more productive meetings. We love that it begins with this question, "Is this meeting necessary?"

Stories from Yukon: A Whole School Approach to Natural Curiosity



STORIES FROM YUKON: A WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO NATURAL CURIOSITY

Thursday, February 18th, 2021
7:00 - 8:30 pm EST

EMBRACING THE SHIFT
Sharing Our Pandemic Stories of Connecting to Land and Children's Natural Curiosity

Denise McDiarmid,
Teacher at Hidden Valley Elementary,
Yukon Education

George Bahm,
First Nations Experiential Advisor,
Yukon Education

Jesse Jewell,
Experiential Education Curriculum Consultant,
Yukon Education

[More info and registration.](#)

Communication Styles for (Online) Collaboration with Aurora, February 9, 10 AM - Noon

This is an interactive workshop via Zoom. Learn strategies for making communication more effective. Discover four different ways of presenting ideas and how to combine them to get your message across. [Register](#).

NOIIE Learning Burst, February 10, 5 PM – 5:30 PM

We are excited to announce that Joanna Macintosh and Sherri Hoffer will be hosting the next NOIIE Learning Burst! These sessions are designed as a chance to have a quick burst of new learning provided by two NOIIE schools – complete with book prizes. These events are offered free of charge and open to anyone interested in learning more about the impact of inquiry on the ground in BC schools. [Learn more.](#) [Register.](#)

21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act Live Q&A with Bob Joseph, Feb. 21, 2 PM



Do you have questions for Bob? This virtual event was designed for learners who have read 21 Things You May Not Know About The Indian Act or anyone who is curious to learn more about how The Indian Act continues to impact Indigenous Peoples in Canada today. [Register.](#)

Resources for Educators

Online Privacy for Children and Youth from the Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner

The office of the commissioner launched a [new section on the website](#), focusing on online privacy for youth. The Teaching Tools sub-page includes lesson plans, a poster, a graphic novel, games, and more. The Commissioner is also interested in feedback or suggestions for the For Youth section of the website.

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The Commissioner of Yukon's Guest Reader Program

Join the Commissioner on Wednesdays and Fridays for her Guest Reader Program on her Facebook page. Guests include His Honour, Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of SK, Her Honour Liz Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of ON, MLAs Liz Hanson, Kate White and Paolo Gallina, and many more! [More info.](#)

Focused Education BC Digital Classroom Webinars

Focused Education Resources (formerly BCERAC) has created a February Webinar Series to support teachers in their use of BC Digital Classroom resources. Register for these live sessions, or view the archived webinars after they take place. [More info.](#)

Short Articles From eschoolnews.com

In [8 Ways to Create Virtual Classroom Routines](#) & [7 Ways to Engage Students in Remote Learning](#) learn how to use classroom routines to help students with virtual learning and learn about how thinking outside the classroom can lead to engaging ways to inspire students.

Other Opportunities for Schools

A Celebration of Swans 2021 Annual Art Contest Call for Submissions

With Environment Yukon for students in grades 2 to 6 as part of the A Celebration of Swans festival. Entry deadline: March 19. [More info.](#) ?s: olivia.masters@yukon.ca.

Registration for the 2021 Let's Talk Science Challenge is Open!

The Let's Talk Science Challenge engages youth in STEM learning. The virtual format will feature an exciting question and answer competition and a hands-on, engineering challenge. [Register.](#)

Action Items for Consideration

- RSVP Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca to engage with a network of math educators and [Larry Ainsworth](#) in assessment professional development.
- Consider engaging in either live or on-demand [professional learning opportunity](#) with colleagues.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week.
- Share the [Other Opportunities for Schools](#) with your students.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- Sample letters to help explain your progress reports for K-7 are in the [Primary](#) and [Intermediate](#) TEAMS.
- January 15 PD Day recordings are available on-demand [here](#).
- Rural administrators and rural Kindergarten educators please provide comments and any additional questions about the planned program enhancements to our team via email to curriculum@gov.yk.ca by February 15, 2021.
- Miss Peter Liljedah's session on Creating Thinking Classrooms and building numeracy competencies? The recording has been posted in TEAMS. Please join upcoming after school sessions with Peter along with another full day on April 30. Reserve your spot with Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca. The session dates for Secondary (8-12) are Feb. 10, Mar. 3, & Apr. 14. The session dates for Primary/Intermediate (K-7) are Feb. 11, Mar. 4, & Apr. 15. Time: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM.
- In Future Voices of Equity and Justice, we continue to hear from courageous student leaders in grades 3-6 speaking about equity and justice for First Nations, Metis and Inuit children on Feb. 12, 19, & 26. [More info.](#)

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- In the [@ICTC_CTIC](#) 4-course program, students learn about cyber. Enroll your class for free today [here](#).
- Western Canadian Learning Network PD Opportunities on Feb. 12. [More info](#).
- Gr. 12 students are invited to participate in a [field test](#) of grade 12 literacy assessments, Feb. 22 – Mar. 4.
- The administration of the YFSAs has been postponed until Feb. 15 – Mar. 12. [More info](#).
- After School Online YFSA Information Sessions run from Feb. 8 - 11 from 3:30 – 4:15. [Join here](#).
- Grades 3 – 8 educators, [register here](#), to collaboratively score the YFSAs, Mar. 29 – 31.
- YFSA Exemption and Adaptation forms can be filled out and emailed to Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca.
- Contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for Virtual Field Trips or to engage with an Indigenous Role Model. Website: <https://connectednorth.org/en/>. Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#). ([Session Statistics](#))
- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English](#) [French](#). For example, [Thinking Routines with Numbers](#) on Feb. 18, 5 PM – 6 PM.
- Fountas & Pinnell Implementation Support [Feb 10, 2 PM](#), [Feb. 10, 4 PM](#), [Mar. 10, 2 PM](#), or [Mar. 10, 4 PM](#)
- Stillness Workshop Sessions: Online Feb. 12, in person Feb. 19 and March 5. [More info and registration](#).
- Reading and Writing Strategies for the Online and In-Person Classroom webinar series to help you pinpoint goals for your readers and writers and support them over time. March 2, 9, and 16. [Register](#).
- View the [updated Math First People \(Elementary and Secondary\)](#).
- Review the Laser Cutter Resources Page which includes the [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) and FAQs.
- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#), Resource Services [Digital Resources](#), 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 setting \(updated November 2020\)](#)

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](#)