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COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule



Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Hanley has a [special message](#) for Yukon government employees about the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Hanley encourages everyone to take advantage of the vaccine. Yukon's goal is to get at least 75% of Yukoners immunized to protect our communities and be in a position to begin lifting our public health measures. It is expected that Yukon will receive enough doses of the vaccine to ensure that anyone that wants to be immunized will have access to be immunized. Starting Jan. 18, vaccine clinics will begin in rural Yukon communities and limited clinics will start in Whitehorse. You will need to book an appointment to receive your vaccine. More information: yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot.

Assessment and Reporting

Grades 4 and 7 Yukon Foundation Skills Assessment (YFSA)

The most recent information from the [BC Ministry of Education](#) is that the administration of the YFSAs is being postponed until February 15 – March 12, 2021. Booklets were sent out to schools last week and need to be kept in a secure place until the assessment begins. Exemption and Adaptation forms can be filled out and emailed to Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca.

January 2021 Graduation Assessment Administration Session Extended

The session has been extended to two weeks (January 18 - 29, 2021) to give schools additional time to administer the assessments. The updated assessment schedule is available on the Graduation Assessments web page [here](#). The following documents are available on the [SSW](#) under the Graduation Assessment Materials and Forms link:

- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Administration Guide (updated version available January 11)
- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment Administration Guide
- Évaluation De Numératie De 10e Année Guide D'Organisation

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- Évaluation De Littérature De La 10e Année Guide D'organisation
Technical manuals for administration are available [here](#). Questions: Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Yukon First Nation Education Directorate 2nd Annual First Nation Education Conference: Building Our Voices Through, Land, Language and Culture

On January 20-21, 75 in-person and 200 virtual participants will be in attendance at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. More info: <https://www.yfned.ca/>. Myron Dueck is one of the featured presenters. Fans of Myron Dueck's previous book, [Grading Harder, Not Smarter](#) love his strategies for making grades contribute to, rather than hinder, students' success. Now, Dueck goes a level deeper in his latest book - [Giving Students a Say: Smarter Assessment Practices to Empower and Engage](#). In this practical, engaging guide, Dueck explores how student-centered assessment improves student engagement and achievement and ensures accurate, meaningful, and fair assessment. [Learn more. Click here](#) to hear Dueck detail the book's contents and benefits.

Storytelling as a Means of Inclusion on January 28 5 PM – 6 PM Yukon Time

Encouraging students to share their ideas in writing can be challenging. Pages on iPad provides a powerful tool that allows users to create exciting visual narratives and written stories. This session will show how media literacy can be used to foster creativity in your students. Pictures, text and audio clips will be integrated into a digital book. Register for this session or other sessions that are part of the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series in [English](#) or [French](#).

January 15 PD Day Update

Permissions were in place for the recording of several of the sessions that were delivered virtually on January 15 and the access links will become available in the days ahead [here](#). Several on-demand/asynchronous sessions were also available and can be viewed at any time.

Numeracy Learning Recovery: Assessing with Intention in Math for Early Kindergarten to Grade 8, LATs, Numeracy Support Teachers and New Teachers

As more learning recovery related jobs are posted and filled, Yukon educators and the mathematics teachers sub-association (BCAMT) of the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) colleagues who are:

- Interested in straightforward and diagnostics that uncover your students' understanding?
- Want to reveal foundational misunderstandings at older grade levels?
- Want to implement tasks that intentionally address specific numeracy concepts?

are connecting and collaborating.

- Log into TEAMS ([Primary](#), [Intermediate](#) or [Secondary](#)) to view after school sessions on Assessing with Intention put on through BCAMT. The first session is January 20, 3:30-4:30 online.

Further, on-going opportunities will continue to be available after today's sessions with Dr. Peter Lijedahl from Simon Fraser University. It is expected that building more direct relationships with Peter and Yukon educators will generate more interest in the establishment the second Master of Education in Mathematics for Yukon.

Assessment of Learning from a Distance Institute - Special Sat. Jan. 30 Edition by Corwin

Learning; that's our goal. Assessment connects the teaching and the learning and allows us to design additional experiences to close the gap between what students already know and what they need to

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know. Less in-person learning in the Whitehorse secondary schools has created an assessment challenge. There are tools and formats that teachers can use to assess students' understanding. [Register and pay](#) for the session that runs from 9 AM – 1 PM Yukon Time. Apply to the YTA PD Committee for reimbursement.

Leaders Harnessing the Power of Goal Setting by Connect2Learning

Join us on January 27 @ 11 AM for a free webinar. In this webinar, we will help you in making realistic and achievable goals that motivate both teachers and students. You'll learn how effective leaders help others set goals and set goals for themselves, ways to keep people working towards their goals, ways to consider moving beyond numbers to more leading data indicators. Can't attend in person? [Register](#) to access the recording.

Introduction to Restorative Practices (Level 1)

Jan. 28 - 29, 9 AM -3 PM. Registration: \$300. Register here: <https://forms.gle/VXSpJeXKF8eikbLV6>.

In this highly interactive, two-day workshop, you will be introduced to proactive Restorative Practices and learn how to implement them immediately into your interactions at work, at home and in your community.

Stillness Workshop

Stillness is found through sustaining a quiet body and mind. Stillness is the ideal entrance for meditation, concentration and thought. It is a tool to ameliorate anxiety, stress and hypertension. You'll learn to assess, occupy and empty your minds through an assortment of exercises, and we'll co-create personal pathways for you to reach stillness. [More info and registration](#).

Resources for Educators

[New Numeracy Resource! MORE Good Questions for grades 5-8](#)

by mindfull (Carole Fullerton) More Good Questions: A Year of Open Ended Math Problems for Grades 5-8 is exactly that - a series of 220 tasks to inspire thinking, connection-making and reasoning for today's diverse math classrooms. [...] [Read more of this post](#)

Action Items for Consideration

- Watch Dr. Hanley's [special message](#) for Yukon government employees about the COVID-19 vaccine.
- YFSA Exemption and Adaptation forms can be filled out and emailed to Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca.
- Visit TEAMS for important details on these [Grade 10 Literacy](#) and [Grade 10 Numeracy](#) Assessments.
- Consider engaging in a [professional learning opportunity](#) with colleagues including some of the recorded sessions from previous PD days.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week including Carole Fullerton, a Yukon favourite, latest publication.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- 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.
- Contribute a resource to the www.shareEdBC.ca collection and earn up to \$75 in classroom resources.
- 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](#))

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- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English French](#).
- Virtual Youth Forum on Climate Action for Grades 7-12 from Jan. 13 – Feb. 18. Including interactive student workshops, PD workshops for teachers, and action project funding. [Register](#)
- Additional (Literacy) Fountas & Pinnell Implementation Support Webinar Registration: [Feb 10th | 4pm EST](#), [Feb 10th | 6pm EST](#), [Mar 10th | 4pm EST](#), or [Mar 10th | 6pm EST](#)
- Register for [EdCamp](#) and join colleagues about the Core Competencies on Jan. 23 @
- Participate in the [Inclusive and Special Education Review](#) that is open until January 24.
- Contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca for more info about a series of short, focused Communicating Student Learning after school sessions starting Jan. 26. Details on TEAMS: [Primary](#), [Intermediate](#), and [Secondary](#).
- RSVP for the Online Info Session: [Ed Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon EdD Cohort Program](#) taking place on February 18.
- The 2021 Annual Visible Learning Conference by Corwin is now virtual and is on July 20-23. [Register now](#).
- 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](#)