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New Curriculum Consultant

Curriculum and Assessment is pleased to welcome Ann Larnder to the team. Ann spent 10 years in Ross River with her family. While there she worked as an EA and a teacher, as well as delivering speech and language programming. Since moving to Whitehorse she has worked as a primary teacher and an administrator. Ann has extensive experience as a primary teacher. She has taught Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2. She has a passion for delivering rich play-based programming and outdoor experiential programming for primary grades. Please reach out to Ann for support (Ann.Larnder@yukon.ca) in primary classrooms.

Further to welcoming Ann, please feel free to reach out to any [education curriculum consultants](#) for curriculum and assessment support.

Digital portfolios working group

Yukon schools will be transitioning away from Freshgrade digital portfolios for the 2022-23 school year. We are looking for teachers, administrators and EAs to create a working group to assess the best new options for digital portfolios. This group will be meeting approximately once per month online, after school, for the rest of the 2021-22 school year.

If you are interested in being part of this working group, e-mail [Melissa Halpenny](#) or [David McInnes](#).

Assessment and reporting

January 2022 Graduation Assessment Session

The January administration session has been extended to run from January 24 – February 3. The updated schedule can be accessed on the [assessment website](#). BC Ministry of Education has contracted Vretta Inc. to deliver the assessments. School administrators will receive communication from Vretta on January 17 regarding accessing the system. Schools experiencing technical and access issues should contact Vretta at bced-support@vretta.com or 1-888-887-3882.

Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion (LTF 12)

The LTF 12 Written Component is administered on January 25. The Oral Component can be administered from January 17–28. Schools administering this assessment will receive communication from Vretta on January 13. Schools experiencing technical issues should contact Vretta at bced-support@vretta.com or 1-888-887-3882. To support schools administering LTF 12 this school year, an additional session will be administered in April. Please see the [updated assessment schedule](#).

Opportunities for Students

Girls on Ice Canada

Applications for Girls on Ice Canada expedition are now open for the 2022 expeditions. Yukon girls / non-binary / gender non-conforming youth aged 16-18 are welcome [to apply](#). Tuition is covered and if travel costs are a barrier to a student attending they are encouraged to let the organization know. Expeditions will run between July and August 2022. [Apply](#) by January 24, 2022.

Team Canada Champion Chats live chat event – February 23, 2022

Please join Team Canada Champion Chats... and Team Canada Olympians and Paralympians for a live chat event. Students from across the country will connect directly to some of Canada's most inspiring athletes to be empowered to pursue their personal level of excellence and embrace what it means to be a champion.

When joining Team Canada Champion Chats, teachers will receive accompanying messages and lessons from world-class Team Canada athletes, discussion questions to start important conversations in the classroom, reflection templates for students, and additional resources to get teachers and students into the spirit of the Games.

The Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are a special teachable moment that occurs only once every four years and we don't want you to miss out on this incredible opportunity.

Sign up for free at championchats.olympic.ca

Resources and opportunities for educators

[Learning for a Sustainable Future](#)'s virtual programs and online resources are available to teachers. Whether you're teaching online, in class, or some combination of both, Learning for a Sustainable Future's free virtual Forums can help engage your students and connect them to the world outside their homes.

Join a forum for remote/Indigenous communities targeting grades 5-8, starting on January 19th.

Forums include PD sessions for teachers, speakers and hands-on workshops for students, and \$500 grants to support student-led sustainability Action Projects.

"Our flexible virtual delivery means your class can participate from anywhere on your own schedule."

Find more details at: [Winter 2022 Virtual "Climate Action" Youth Forums](#).

Digital Tools for Teaching and Learning

Yukon is licensed for the [BC Digital Classroom](#) collection and have direct on-site and (password enabled) at-home access to resources. Many of these resources include lesson planning supports and enable varied reading levels, text-to-speech, and language translation.

Login Credentials for Home Access

URL: [Yukon Digital Resources](#)

Username: YukonED

Password: resources

You can create an account using your Outlook (@yesnet.yk.ca) email account for [TigTagJr, TigTag, and Twig](#) science resources which include videos, experiments, and instructional support materials at the [Focused Education Resources](#) Website.

Direct Links

- For All Ages: [4Canoes](#) - A Canadian resource sharing stories, traditional knowledge, and experiences of Indigenous communities across Canada and North America.
- For Early Learners: [World Book Early Years](#) and [TigTagJr](#)
- For Science Studies: [National Geographic Kids](#) (K-7), [TigTag](#) (Gr. 3-5), [Twig](#) (Gr. 6-9), and [Science in Context](#) (Gr. 8-12)
- For FSL: [World Book Découverte](#), 200 science videos within [Twig](#) (Gr. 6-9), and Magazines in [EBSCO](#)
- World Book Series: [Kids](#), [Student](#), [Discover](#) (Revised Dec. 2021), and [Advanced](#)
- About B.C. and Canada: [KnowBC](#), [B.C. Historical Newspaper Archive](#), and [Canada in Context](#) (Gr. 8-12)

Tips

- Read [product details](#) for resources in the BC Digital Collection.

- Check out Focused ED's [professional learning supports](#).

Action items for consideration

- Sign up to become a part of Digital Porfolios Workshop
- 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 information on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6 plus 1](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)