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Kindergarten Pre-registration for Whitehorse Schools

Kindergarten pre-registration for Whitehorse students opens on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Pre-registration link: yukon.ca/en/register-child-school#register-your-child-for-kindergarten. There will be a Kindergarten pre-registration and Early French Immersion information night Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6:00 PM online as a Zoom Webinar. To join the meeting, parents will need to click on the Zoom link that will be posted on the [Register your Child for Kindergarten Yukon.ca page](#) on Monday, February 1.

Results of our Second Learning During COVID Survey

The results of our second Learning during COVID-19 survey are now available. This survey was conducted at the end of November to check in with students, parents/guardians and school staff on how getting back to face-to-face learning is going this school year.

Along with ongoing monitoring and check-ins at the school level, the Learning during COVID-19 surveys and the work we are doing with our partners have supported how we are responding to student learning needs during the pandemic.

The survey results have been shared with school administrators, Yukon First Nations, school council chairs and our partners. You can review the results and learn more about these surveys at yukon.ca/en/engagements/student-learning-during-pandemic.

Miss the Live Rural Early Kindergarten Engagement Session?

Rural Administrators and Rural Kindergarten Educators gathered online earlier this week after reading

- [Early Kindergarten Letter](#)
- [Early Kindergarten Program](#)
- [Early Kindergarten FAQ](#)

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As promised, if you were unable to attend live, here is the [recording](#). Please send your comments and any additional questions to our team via email to curriculum@gov.yk.ca by February 15, 2021.

Assessment and Reporting

Sample Letter: Help Explain Your Progress Reports for K-7 to Parents

Administrators have been a sample letter that can be used on school letter head to explain behaviours for success and proficiency scale for progress reports for K-7. The sample letter can be viewed for your understanding in [Primary](#) and [Intermediate](#) TEAMS.

Yukon Foundation Skills Assessment (YFSA) Update

YFSA will begin Monday, Feb. 15 and run until Friday, Mar. 12, 2021. More information can be found at the [Intermediate Website](#) or [Intermediate Educators Yukon TEAMS page](#). After School Online YFSA Information Sessions run from Monday Feb. 8 to Thursday Feb. 11. Click the [Zoom link](#) to join. Grades 3 – 8 educators interested in an opportunity to gather with colleagues in a standards-based collaborative marking session of the YFSAs on March 29 - 31, 2021 are encouraged to sign up at [YFSA Collaborative Marking Session](#).

Professional Learning Opportunities

ShareEdBC

- ShareEdBC playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbER4Sxdn0R4iDjI3ARpj6j97RnAKSEfK>

Resources for Educators

Roots of Resilience Education Foundation

In an upcoming student-led online series, *Future Voices of Equity and Justice*, we will hear from courageous student leaders in grades 3-6 from across Canada speaking about equity and justice for First Nations, Metis and Inuit children. The foundation is an Indigenous organization working with, and supporting, the work of Cindy Blackstock and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. For more information and to register for this opportunity head to <https://www.rootsofresilience.info/events>. Events are being held on Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

[8 Virtual Field Trips for STEM Engagement](#)

Virtual field trips can help students get a front-row look at STEM outside of the classroom. Here is one of the eight, [Slime in Space](#): What happens when you send Nickelodeon slime to the International Space Station? This free 15-minute virtual field trip will take kids 250 miles above earth to see how slime, and water, react in a microgravity environment. It's truly out of this world!

CanCode ICTC Cyber Security National Program Opportunity

The best defense is a good offense. In [@ICTC_CTIC](#) student-led, asynchronous, and ready to use 4-course program, students learn about cyber security and become equipped to defend themselves like a security pro. Enroll your class for free today: <http://ow.ly/COGc50DbMG1>

Other Opportunities for Schools

A Celebration of Swans 2021 Annual Art Contest Call for Submissions

Once again Environment Yukon is running an art contest for students in grades 2 to 6 as part of the A Celebration of Swans festival. Schools will be receiving a printed version of the attached flyer about this

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contest. Entry deadline: March 19, 2021 (late entries are accepted). Submit to: Government of Yukon 10 Burns Road, Box 2703 (V-5R) Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6. For more details visit yukon.ca/swans.

For questions, please contact Olivia Masters from the Fish and Wildlife Branch by email at olivia.masters@yukon.ca or phone (867) 667-8291.

Action Items for Consideration

- Review the results of the second learning during COVID survey [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.
- View the sample parent progress report letter in [Primary](#) and [Intermediate](#) TEAMS
- Consider engaging in either live or on-demand [professional learning opportunity](#) with colleagues.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week including [8 Virtual Field Trips for STEM Engagement](#)
- Share the [Other Opportunities for Schools](#) with your students.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- Numeracy Learning Recovery: For anyone who has missed 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, and Apr. 14. The session dates for Primary/Intermediate (K-7) are Feb. 11, Mar. 4, and Apr. 15. The time for all sessions is 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM.
- Critical Thinking Consortium explanation of the new inquiry projects for Grades 5-12 free online session Feb. 12 @ WCLN.ca > [Teacher Support](#) > [Pro-D Opportunities](#).
- January 15 PD Day recordings are available on-demand [here](#).
- Additional Tutoring Support: The Innovative Enhancement Program (IEP) Learning organization is accepting K-12 students for online or in-person tutoring every Mon. – Fri. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Saturdays 10 AM - 6 PM. Email: iep@northwestel.net.
- Grade 12 students are invited to participate in a [field test](#) of three new assessments (Grade 12 Literacy Assessment, Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion, and Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue première)
- The administration of the YFSAs has been postponed until February 15 – March 12, 2021.
- YFSA Exemption and Adaptation forms can be filled out and emailed to Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca.
- 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](#))
- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English](#) [French](#). For example, xxxxxx

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- Virtual Youth Forum on Climate Action for Grades 7-12 from Jan. 13 – Feb. 18. [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](#)
- Leaders Harnessing the Power of Goal Setting by Connect2Learning on Jan. 27 @ 11 AM [Register](#)
- Stillness Workshop Feb. 5. [More info and registration.](#)
- RSVP for the Online Info Session: [Ed Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon EdD Cohort Program](#) taking place on February 18.
- Reading and Writing Strategies for the Online and In-Person Classroom webinar series (March 2, 9, and 16, 2021) Tickets are on sale via [Eventbrite](#). This webinar series will help you pinpoint goals for your readers and writers and support them over time as they work toward those goals in online or brick-and mortar classrooms.
- 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](#)