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Summer Break

This year has been challenging for all of us as we collectively had to adapt our lives to limit the spread of a worldwide pandemic.

We recognize that as educators, your work has been more demanding than usual, and we want to thank you for the immense resiliency, commitment and flexibility you have demonstrated. You surprised us with many creative ideas and activities, and have served as role models in the face of adversity to our students.

As you and your students leave your classrooms for the summer, we hope that you will take time to recharge, relax, and connect with your families and friends while enjoying the vast and beautiful landscapes Yukon has to offer. Enjoy the time away from work!

Third Learning During COVID Survey Launched

The third Learning during COVID-19 survey is now available. This survey is meant to gather feedback from students, families and school staff on their experiences and perspectives related to learning as well as health and safety during the last half of the school year.

The survey includes new questions on how the pandemic has impacted mental health and wellness; the types of mental health and wellness services being accessed; and awareness of support services and the preferences for accessing them. Questions were also expanded to explore whether respondents felt there was lost learning this year.

A link to the online survey was sent directly to families and school staff by email on Wednesday, June 9.

We encourage all students, parents and school staff to participate!

The survey will remain open until the end of the day on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

Professional Learning Opportunities

August 17 and 18 PD Days

For those of you that have a PD day on August 17 or August 18 (most Yukon schools) and have some unplanned times throughout the day, there will be repeated offerings available both live and on-demand, by the Department of Education and the YTA. Explore the [preliminary schedule](#). Sessions are still to come.

Summer Professional Development Opportunity

Level up your skills this summer with [Fair Chance Learning](#). Learn online from subject-matter experts for one week (just 3 hours/day).

- Advancing Teacher Practice: Explore the power of renewed relationships between teachers and students as co-learners in critical inquiry.
- Introduction to ISTE Standards for Educators: Dig into the challenges that many educators face and the guidance and support that the standards provide.

Resources for Educators

Connected North

We are thrilled to announce that Connected North will be running again next year so that Early K-12 educators can book engaging sessions to support the implementation of the Yukon curriculum at no cost to you or your school. Stay tuned for professional learning sessions coming when school resumes in August!

- [Informative video about the very successful impact of the Yukon Connected North program this year](#)
- [A video to describe what educators can expect when they participate in the program](#)

For more information about the program, or to get started for next year, contact Connected North School Lead: Brenda Sherry, at bsherry@takingitglobal.org.

Your Opinion is Needed to Create an Interesting Initiative

The [Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre](#) in partnership with the [Alliance of Natural History Museums of Canada \(ANHMC\)](#) and [Environment and Climate Change Canada \(ECCC\)](#) would like to better understand the needs of teachers to help make their scientists and experts available in classrooms across the country, whether virtual or in the classroom (post-pandemic). The goal is to complement your ongoing efforts in the classroom to engage students on various environmental issues, promote the importance of science, pique their interest in the scientific field, and encourage them to pursue a career in STEM. The survey asks questions regarding, but is not limited to, what climate change and environmental science topics would be of interest and the preferred format of guest speaker presentations. [Participate in this short 5 min survey](#) until June 25.

Moodle Course Updates and Clean Up

It is anticipated that the 2021 versions of Moodle courses from the WCLN will be available on August 1. The [2021 Summer Release Plan](#) provides details of the courses to be updated and the extent of the updates. Use the most recent Moodle courses to help ensure that all content is accessible and aligns with the new curriculum (which is not so new now). This is particularly important since many older courses were created with Flash elements, and Flash was decommissioned worldwide December 2020, meaning those elements will no longer function.

Submit your course requests for the 2021-2022 school year to [ServiceNow](#) as soon as possible.

We would also appreciate it if you could identify and submit lists of courses that would need to be deleted. We expect to remove all courses dated earlier than 2019-2020.

Resources for Entrepreneurship and Marketing 10 and Entrepreneurship 12

Schools offering Entrepreneurship and Marketing 10 are encouraged to use the Paul Martin Foundation

Entrepreneurship 11 Teacher resource to support this course. Their resource for Entrepreneurship 12 is also valuable for the subject of the same name. If you have not received these resources (they were sent out to schools a couple of years ago) and are offering these courses, or if you have other course suggestions, contact Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca.

Action Items for Consideration

- Complete the third Learning during COVID survey.
- Explore the [preliminary schedule](#) for the August 17 and 18 PD days
- Watch this year's [highlight reel about the impact of the Yukon Connected North program](#) and learn about [what you can expect by participating](#). Get started for next year by contacting bsherry@takingitglobal.org.
- [Participate in this short 5 min survey](#) from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC).
- Submit your Moodle course requests for the 2021-2022 school year to [ServiceNow](#)
- Contact Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca to receive the Paul Martin Foundation Entrepreneurship 11 and 12 Teacher resources
- Enjoy your vacation.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

Quick Links to Resources Related to Our COVID-19 Response

- [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](#)
- ["Traffic lights" symptom check tool](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6](#)
- [COVID-19 Directive 6: masks in Yukon government workplaces](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)
- [Yukon vaccination clinics and information about the vaccine](#)