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Finishing strong

As the school year comes to a close for more schools, let's remember our commitment to students and families that we will continue to meet them where they are at in their learning from home. Please be mindful about engaging with students until the last day of school. For those students still needing to submit work or complete assignments we need to stick with them and encourage them to complete as much work as possible.

We recognize that typically, there is a transition in the last weeks of school toward more active and experiential learning. Consider engaging with students by providing suggestions of doable outdoor activities, self-guided learning or educational activities that students can do with minimal supervision, staying in contact through phone and Zoom calls, providing self-assessments, or planning appropriate outdoor small group activities that follow the existing Health and Safety guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns about these possibilities, talk with your administrator.

Yukon Graduate Day - June 10, 2020

Wednesday June 10, 2020 has been [proclaimed Yukon Graduate Day by the Commissioner of Yukon](#) to recognize and celebrate the success and achievements of each and every Yukon graduating student. We encourage teachers and school staff to honour and celebrate all Yukon graduates on June 10th.

Moodle

To help transition to the year ahead, please submit your course requests for the 2020-21 school year to <https://yukonedu.service-now.com> by June 13. View course offerings in the [2020 Course Release Plan](#).

To reduce the number of unused courses on the Moodle server and to align with the redesigned curriculum, all Moodle courses dated before 2019-20 will be removed at the end of the 2019-20 school year. If you have concerns about removing a course, please contact itss@yesnet.yk.ca help desk to ensure they are not removed. If you are using Moodle, we encourage you to create a Western Canadian Learning Network (WCLN) account, which gives you access to all available courses and support.

- [Create an account](#)
- Contact Jane.Downing@gov.yk.ca if you have any questions.

While planning for the year ahead, learn more about Moodle in the Learning Continuity Toolkit. The toolkit also has lots of other helpful resources developed to support you with various technology platforms that are sanctioned and supported by Yukon Department of Education. [English](#) / [French](#).

Reporting and Assessments

- **Reminder from last week: Aspen down for maintenance**

Aspen will be down from Friday, June 5th at 5:00 pm until Monday, June 8th at 7:00 am for maintenance. This is determined by BC, and we realize that it may impact report cards.

- **FreshGrade classic for Fall 2020**

FreshGrade has decided to stay the course and use FG Classic in the Fall of 2020. For those of you waiting for FG Next, it will not be available next year, classic will remain. For more information, email yukonportfolios@yesnet.yk.ca.

Curriculum

- **Sexual health education and tobacco and vaping reduction lessons over Zoom**

The Health Promotion Unit is offering comprehensive sexual health lessons over Zoom.. Please contact Adria.Collins@gov.yk.ca for the following:

Comprehensive Sexual Health Education presentations over Zoom:

- K-3: Safe and unsafe touch and names of private parts (30 mins)
- Gr. 4-7: Puberty and reproduction (60 to 70 mins)
- Gr. 8-12: Sexual decision making 101 (60-80 mins). This covers anatomy, consent, health/STIs and contraception
- Parent/teacher nights (60-80 mins)

The Health Promotion Unit also offers zoom lessons on tobacco and vaping reduction. Contact the HPU at health.promotion@gov.yk.ca or 867-667-3003.

Professional learning opportunities

- **Online Opportunities for June - August PD sessions**

Check out [Online Opportunities for June - August](#). This will take you to the Rapid Identity login page. You will need your Rapid ID credentials (yesnet email address) and your Rapid ID Password. Continue to check the link for professional learning opportunities over the months ahead.

- **Recorded PD day sessions available online**

You can review [recorded videos of the sessions from April 4, 2020 PD day](#).

You can review [recorded videos of the sessions from the May 15, 2020 PD day](#).

- **Microsoft webinar on student assessment and wrapping up the school year – June 9th, 3 pm**

Microsoft trainers are hosting a one-hour webinar specific to the BC learning environment and Curriculum Core Competencies. Learn how Microsoft tools can support student assessment and student self-assessment and wrapping up the school year. [Join the session](#) on June 9th 3 pm – 4 pm PST.

- **Yukon Education Professional Development Day Wednesday, June 10th**

Join us for an additional day geared to help wrap up this school year and to plan for next fall. More information will be available soon at: [June 10 Professional Development Day Opportunities](#)

- **STEMS² 2nd Annual Symposium June 25-26 and/or submit a proposal to speak by June 5**

Share your vision. STEMS² integrates science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) with the social sciences and sense of place (S²). At the heart of STEMS² is a network of individuals and community partners who seek to foster student engagement and achievement. Consider submitting a [symposium proposal](#) due June 5th, 2020. The free STEMS² symposium fully on-line via ZOOM this year. <https://coe.hawaii.edu/stems2/>

Other opportunities for schools

- **School bus registration**

Parents can register by June 19, 2020 to reserve their child's seat by visiting yukon.ca/bus

For more information, email student.transportation@gov.yk.ca or 667-5172.

- **[Yukon Excellence in Education Award](#)**: Deadline for nominations extended to Friday June 10, 2020

- **[Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#)**: Deadline for nominations is June 15, 2020

Resources for educators

- **Yukon Educational Music Videos from The EnviroSongsters- Now available online**

In lieu of their COVID-cancelled Community School Touring Program (CSTP) Tour, Peter and Remy have collaborated to present six of their most popular educational songs in video format. These videos are accessible on [YouTube](#) and are aimed at the K-7 school-family community. These [short videos](#) are a resource for Yukon educational content online during COVID-19, and include a companion [learning document with curriculum links and activity ideas](#) (EnviroSongsters.ca).

- **Documentary on eating only local in Dawson - Until June 6, 2020**

A [Dawson City filmmaker documented her family's](#) year of eating only local food. Her three children and husband willingly participated, even though it was challenging. "[First We Eat](#)" can be streamed on [hotdocs.ca](#) online film festival until June 6, 2020.

- **Focused Education Resources**

[Focused Education Resources](#) (formerly ERAC) has a wealth of [Digital Resources](#) available to Yukon Teachers and Students, recently [evaluated resources](#), as well as information about Privacy & Security.

- **CodeToLearn@home and ConnectedNorth@home - Sessions for this week**

<http://codetolearn.ca/athome> and <http://connectednorth.org/athome>

- **Learning Continuity Toolkit**

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- **Sharepoint site for Education staff**

The updated Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements can be found in the [Documents for Education Staff site](#). The tweaks are highlighted in yellow.

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