

# Educator Update

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### Enjoy The Break

As you are all getting ready to wrap up for a well-deserved March Break, we would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication so far during this challenging year. This will be the last Educator Update until after the break. The next update will be sent out on April 2.

### Easing Some Restrictions

Yukon is in a position to start planning to welcome students in Grades 10-12 at F.H. Collins, Porter Creek and Vanier Catholic secondary schools back to full in-class school days during this school year. From the outset of the pandemic, our goal has been to ensure as many students can be learning in class as possible, while ensuring communities, staff and students' health and safety. We are fortunate to be in a position that we will be able to ease some of the health and safety guidelines in the coming weeks.

### Reporting and Assessments

#### 2021-22 Graduation Assessment Schedule Available Now

The graduation assessment schedule for BC, Yukon, and Offshore is available now [here](#) for next year.

### Resources for Educators

#### Changes to Microsoft Teams

The Department of Education has been working with a Microsoft Partner organization with K-12 education system experience. We are working to ensure our use of Teams is appropriately secure, supports privacy requirements, and is safe for employee and student use. We will be making some minor changes to our Teams settings, and plan to do these over the break. For details on the changes refer to the First Class Staff Global Conferences. Further questions? [David.McInnes@yukon.ca](mailto:David.McInnes@yukon.ca).

#### New Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF) Educator Guide in Development

In partnership with Skills Canada, CAF is enhancing its [Educator Guide](#), a resource for high school teachers and career counselors. The guide provides facts about skilled trades and includes activities and lesson plans that will engage students and get them thinking of apprenticeship and the skilled trades as a first-choice

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career. Virtual meetings for educators interested in providing content feedback are being scheduled March to April 2021. Interested? Contact [emily@caf-fca.org](mailto:emily@caf-fca.org).

## Natural Curiosity

The Natural Curiosity 2021 Webinar Series: Embracing the Shift – Part 2: Stories from the Yukon recording is now available for download from the University of Toronto Press @ <https://www.utpguidancecentre.com/Natural-Curiosity-Webinar-2021-Part-2-Stories-from-Yukon.html>. In this webinar, George Bahm, Jesse Jewell, from the Department of Education and Denise McDiarmid from Hidden Valley Elementary School share about their approaches to land-based learning, integrating local Indigenous perspectives into practice, and using *Natural Curiosity: The Importance of Indigenous Perspectives in Children's Environmental Inquiry 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* to support an ongoing journey towards connecting children to the land. Payment options for the recording are available in a pay-what-you-can format. You have the choice to check out at the set rate of \$10, or enter the following discount codes to check out for \$5 (coupon code: natural5) or \$0 (coupon code: natural0). If using coupon code natural0 please choose UTP Account as payment method. If you choose to view the recording with your team and would like a copy of the book, *Natural Curiosity: The Importance of Indigenous Perspectives in Children's Environmental Inquiry 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, please reach out to [Jesse.Jewell@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Jesse.Jewell@gov.yk.ca).

## Literacy Recovery

[Measuring the Effectiveness of Literacy Interventions](#) is a new resource that was just provided to administrators who are faced with determining the most effective early literacy interventions for their students. This tool makes it possible to score proposed literacy interventions and compare their strengths and weaknesses. Further, due to the pandemic, day to day progress in literacy is a concern of many classroom teachers. Most schools have a Reading Recovery teacher. A tremendous asset is in your midst. If you are the Reading Recovery teacher, you know just what is possible! How can a Reading Recovery teacher help with classroom instruction during a pandemic? [Download](#) this resource to find out.

## Professional Learning Opportunities

### Educational Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon EdD

Reminder: Application Deadline is March 15 for this SFU Program. [Learn more.](#)

### **Queen's University Post-Grad Math Certificate for BC (and Yukon) Teachers**

The courses are created and instructed by experienced BC teachers from across the province. Each course is infused with BC Ministry of Education curriculum, and with current research-driven theory.

### **Network of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIIE)**

- The virtual symposium registration is now open @ <https://noiie.ca/symposium/>. It is on May 12 from 3:45 – 5 PM PST and May 13 from 3:45 – 6:00pm PST.
- Transformative Educational Leadership Program (TELP) is looking forward to working with a new cohort of TELP participants in BC and the Yukon next fall and are pleased to have been invited to develop an international version of [TELP](#) that will be open to anyone anywhere in the world. This cohort-based program is for highly-motivated individuals who already have a masters degree and want to expand their

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worldview, gain new experiences and raise their academic credentials to new levels. Starting October 2021/ Application Deadline: July 11. [Apply now](#). Learn more: [telp.educ.ubc.ca](http://telp.educ.ubc.ca).

## **ASCD 2021 Early Kindergarten and Kindergarten Conference**

The live event was on March 4–5; but, you can still [register](#) to view the session recordings until May 2.

## **20 Tips for Less Terrible Zoom Meetings** 🧑🏻💻

April 7 10 AM to noon. Register [here](#). This is an interactive workshop on Zoom. By the end of this workshop, participants will: identify 20 strategies to improve engagement over Zoom; discuss how to incorporate strategies into their work; practice specific Zoom tools, like annotate and breakout rooms.

## **MindWell U**

MindWell U has rounded up 20 webinar highlights from some of their favourite guests in 2020. Check them out! [Watch Now](#)

## **Other Opportunities for Schools**

### **Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Concours virtuel 2021**

CPF is inviting students from across Canada to submit videos in French on anything from their favourite hobbies to their takes on current events – they want to learn all about what students are passionate about! [Concours virtuel 2021 Info Package](#): Find eligibility and submission guidelines, evaluation criteria, FAQs and more in our program info package.

## **Action Items for Consideration**

- Check out the [2021-22 Graduation Assessment Schedule](#) for the next school year.
- For details about the changes to Microsoft Teams please refer to the First Class Staff Global Conferences.
- Utilize the Reading Recovery teacher in your school to help you with your classroom instruction.
- Consider engaging in either live or on-demand [professional learning opportunity](#) with colleagues like [Natural Curiosity 2021 Webinar: Embracing the Shift – Part 2: Stories from the Yukon](#) recording.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week.
- Let your students know about the [Other Opportunities for Schools](#).

## **Some Reminders from Previous Updates**

- [Learning for a Sustainable Future](#) (LSF) Virtual Climate Action Youth Leadership Forum Mar. 25 – Apr. 27.
- Kids on the Farm Bookings Start April 1. The spring farm tour season is May 1 - June 11. More info and to book tours: [Kids on the Farm](#).
- Code to Learn with Connected North. Register at [codetolearn.ca/north](http://codetolearn.ca/north). Junior High Mar. 13, 10:30am - 2:00pm EST, High School Mar. 27, 10:30am - 2:00pm EST.
- Apple Canada's Apple Teacher is designed to support educators. [Join Apple Teacher](#).
- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English French](#). For example, Essays in Sound: Creating a Podcast with GarageBand on Sat. Mar. 13 @ 12 PM EST. [Register](#).
- Add students who plan to write a Graduation Assessment to the Online Registry in the School Secure Web (SSW) via a TRAX upload between March 9 and 19
- Teacher One-to-One Device Cost Sharing Program Sign-up Open Until Mar. 19 @ 5 PM [Sign up](#).

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- April 30 Professional Development Day [menu of innovative PD sessions during this day](#). Have a look at the recordings from Jan 15 <https://bit.ly/PD-Jan15> and Nov 20 <https://bit.ly/PD-Nov20>.
- BC Early Years Professional Development (EYPD) – Explore – Learn – Grow: <https://earlyyearsbc.ca/events/>
- Early Childhood Investigations Webinars and recordings: [Early Childhood Webinars](#)
- Go to [www.shareedbc.ca](http://www.shareedbc.ca) to explore resources from the growing curated collection.
- Contact [Natalie.Thivierge@wcb.yk.ca](mailto:Natalie.Thivierge@wcb.yk.ca) for the delivery of lessons in the areas of mental health, digital citizenship and internet safety for grades 6, 8, 9 and 12.
- Read about: [Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework](#), [full federal news release](#), and Yukon government [plans for early learning](#) in 2021.
- In the free [@ICTC\\_CTIC](#) 4-course program, students learn about cyber security. [Enroll your class](#).
- Western Canadian Learning Network PD Opportunities. [Access to Session Recordings](#).
- Contact [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto: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](#))
- 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](#)

## 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](#)