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Due to March break this month, this will be our only Educator Update for March. There will be no Educator Update on March 18. Our Next Educator Update will be on April 1 and we will resume our first and third Wednesday of the month schedule.

## Reporting and Assessments

- **The 2020/21 Graduation Assessment Schedule has been posted**

There are four sessions in the 2020/21 school year. However, the June 2021 session is solely for Grade 12 literacy assessments.

In the 2020/21 school year, the Grade 12 French Immersion assessment will be offered at two sessions: January and June 2021.

See the assessment schedule for details, available as a [PDF](#), or follow the link to the [Provincial Graduation Assessments and Exams: Information for Administrators](#) page.

- **Student assessment survey for 2019-20 school year**

This year, we are surveying schools that started following the new assessment and reporting requirements in 2018-19. The survey opened Feb. 17 and will run to March 15. The link to read more

about the survey and to look at the results from last year has changed. Updated link: [engageyukon.ca/en/2020/student-assessment-survey](http://engageyukon.ca/en/2020/student-assessment-survey).

## K-12 Curriculum

- **March 31 is National Indigenous Languages Day**

There are eight First Nations languages spoken in Yukon. Each language group has distinct dialects, and many have more than one community residing within its larger nation. While planning, consider these Yukon First Nation language resources:

<http://lss.yukonschools.ca/yukon-first-nations-languages.html>.



- **2020 Territorial Skills Competition**

Registration is open to secondary students from across Yukon to compete in the trade or technology field of choice, for a chance to represent Yukon at the National Skills Competition in Vancouver taking place in May 2020. Registration can be completed online, where you will also find a list of competition areas: <http://skillsyukon.com/competitions/territorial-skills-competition-info/>. The remaining competitions will be taking place at Yukon University on Saturday, April 4. The last day for registration is today.

- **Promoting the skilled trades among students**

Find tips on how to [promote the skilled trades among youth](#) in this EdCan Network article that encourages teachers and parents to consider vocational programs for their students and children. Teachers, school administrators, employers, and community organizations all have important roles to play in encouraging students to learn “about” and “through” work, rather than simply “for” work. You can download the fact sheet: [How can parents and teachers help K-12 students enter careers in skilled trades? \(Français\)](#)

## Professional learning opportunities

- **Everyone who registers for any of these free webinars will receive a recording to view anytime**

Fountas and Pinnell Classroom Webinars: The joy of reading, expanding children’s vocabulary, helping advance students into more challenging texts, and enhancing their ability to process books with fluency and comprehension. [Register](#)

Mathology.ca Webinars: Mathology.ca is a carefully curated on-line resource of curriculum focused K-3 Math lessons that supports engaging and powerful teaching and learning on:

- Early Fractions
- Subtraction
- Fluency in Mathematics

[Register](#)

Strategies to Support Striving Readers During Small Group Instruction: [Register](#)

Visit the [edWebinar Calendar](#) and register for this or other free webinars.

The New Art and Science of Teaching Classroom Assessment in Music, Arts, PE, and Other Non-Core Areas: Participants will learn how assessment theory connects with practice and take away a variety of strategies they can begin using immediately in classrooms. [Register](#).

[Other archived Marzano Resources webinars](#).

## Other opportunities for schools

**March 1-31:** [Rendezvous de la Francophonie](#). Stay tuned for more news on Yukon school events celebrating French culture month.

**March 12:** Applications due for [Every Student, Every Day](#) (ESED) Yukon student attendance initiative. Contact [Simon Blakesley](#) for more information.

**March 20:** Deadline to apply for [CBC New Indigenous Voices media training program](#), presented by the National Screen Institute. Seeking applications from Indigenous creators aged 18 to 35, interested in developing a career in film, television and digital media.

## Resources for educators

- **Yukon Education Canoe Program (YECPP)**

Canoe Bookings for the Spring 2020 season are now being accepted. Canoes and associated gear can be booked via an electronic form or a scanned and emailed form. Please email forms to [jesse.jewell@gov.yk.ca](mailto:jesse.jewell@gov.yk.ca). The canoe program provides wrangling for canoe bookings in the Spring only. Wrangling service delivers and returns canoes and gear for canoeing experiences. Schools are responsible for arranging their own canoe instructor. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's requests while working within the program budget. All canoe bookings are due

Wednesday, April 22. The electronic form, along with other information relating to the canoe program can be found here: <http://jjewell.yukonschools.ca/canoe-program.html>.

- **Resources through Connected North**

There are still a few spots available in the Connected North Expanded Pilot Program where teachers have access to resources/services to support the implementation of the curriculum in their classrooms. Check out the [February 5, 2020 Educator Update](#) for more information or simply e-mail [Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca) to express your interest.

- **Wave 11 Teacher One-to-One Device Cost Share Program**

Intake for new MacBook Airs and iPads opened March 2 and ends March 13. For more information go to: <https://kb.yesnet.yk.ca/teacher-one-to-one-cost-share/> or in First Class – Staff Global Notes.

- **Resolved Issue with YESNet Users Accessing HRMS**

The issue with YESNet users being unable to connect to HRMS for things like completing online leave forms or accessing their T4 has been resolved.

## Action items for consideration

- Download the [2020/21 Graduation Assessment Schedule](#).
- Look at the student assessment survey [results from last year](#).
- Make a plan for National Indigenous Languages Day using some [language resources](#).
- Today is the last day to register for the [2020 Territorial Skills Competition](#).
- [Promote the skilled trades among youth](#).
- Register for the [Fountas and Pinnell Classroom Webinars](#)
- Register for the [Mathology.ca Webinars](#)
- Register for [Strategies to Support Striving Readers During Small Group Instruction](#) or [other edWebinars](#).
- Register for [The New Art and Science of Teaching Classroom Assessment in Music, Arts, PE, and Other Non-Core Areas](#) or [other Marzano Resources webinars](#).
- Take part in [Rendezvous de la Francophonie](#) this month.
- Submit your [Every Student, Every Day](#) attendance initiative application.
- Submit applications for the [CBC New Indigenous Voices media training program](#).
- Make your [Spring Yukon Education Canoe Program bookings](#).
- Access the resources that are being made available for your classroom through the [Connected North Expanded Pilot Program](#).
- Express your interest in a new MacBook Air or Ipad at [Teacher One-to-One Device Cost Share Program](#).