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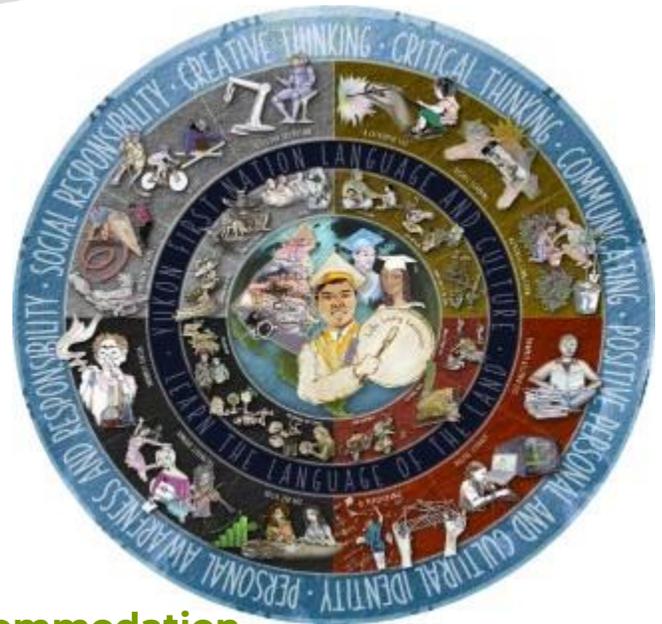
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Overnight Off-Site Experiential Trips – Accommodation

Previously on overnight trips a maximum of 2 people were allowed in tents, hotel rooms, cabins, wall tents etc. We are now permitted to accommodate up to 4 people within the same classroom bubble per tent/hotel room/cabin/wall tent.

Please continue to be diligent in managing the risk posed by Covid-19 during off-site trips.

Reporting and Assessments

The April 2021 session of the Graduation Assessments is scheduled for April 12-16. Students who plan to write a Graduation Assessment during this session can be added to the Online Registry in the School Secure Web (SSW) via a TRAX upload between March 9 and 19. Contact your principal for more information.

Resources for Educators

Teacher One-to-One Device Cost Sharing Program Sign-up Open Until Mar. 19 @ 5 PM

This program is available to teachers and principals with a minimum of a one-year contract, and unfortunately not to Educational Assistants or other YG employees. The program is intended to help teachers cost-share devices for their use. If you are interested, read the [FAQ](#) for the One-to-One. [Sign up](#).

Pandemic Teaching – Leveraging the Reading Recovery Teacher in Your School

If you are in a school with a Reading Recovery teacher, you have a tremendous asset in your midst. If you are that 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.

Public Health Youth Association of Canada (PHYAC) Secondary Career Education Presentation

The [PHYAC](#) is a new by-youth-for-youth organization whose aim is to increase youth participation and leadership in addressing public health issues across Canada. If you would be interested in a 45-min. Zoom presentation in your classroom: "An Introduction to Public Health and Career Opportunities for Secondary School Students", email contact@phyac.com.

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Let's Talk Science

With the winter still freezing us up, Let's Talk Science can warm you up with lots happening this month! There are events for every grade level. More info: letstalkscience.ca/events

Kids on the Farm Bookings Start April 1

Consider getting your students out on a local farm this spring with the Kids on the Farm program. Tours cost \$7/student with transportation subsidies available. The spring farm tour season is May 1 - June 11. Visit a farm that's new to you! Consider touring a different farm from your colleagues, then have your students share and compare their experiences. Students will learn about plants and animals, where food comes from, and achieve specific curriculum connection. More info and to book tours: [Kids on the Farm](#).

[Learning for a Sustainable Future \(LSF\) Virtual Climate Action Youth Leadership Forum](#)

From Mar 25 – Apr 27, students and teachers will have the opportunity to connect, learn and share in meaningful ways to take climate action with other 7-12 grade teachers and students. Classes can expect:

- Two 90-min. PD sessions designed to equip teachers with resources, tools, strategies, and a network of co-learners based on [Empowering Learners in a Warming World](#).
- One Kickoff Event featuring a keynote speech from a youth climate leader & activist.
- Participate in 3 workshops (live or recorded based on your needs) that provide expertise, knowledge, and skills on a variety of climate topics including [Polar Bears International](#) and [Ecology North](#)
- Action Project Planning workshop by LSF to support students in the beginning stages
- A \$400 grant to each class to support their action project! [Sign your class up today](#).

Professional Learning Opportunities

Apple Canada

Apple Teacher is designed to support and celebrate educators using Apple products for teaching and learning. As an educator you can build skills on iPad and Mac that directly apply to activities with your students, earn recognition for the new things you learn, and be rewarded for the great work you do every day. [Join Apple Teacher](#). [Already a member? Sign in](#)

Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English](#) [French](#).

Design, Delivery and Documentation - Getting the most from your iPad on Sat., Mar. 6, 10 AM – 11:30 AM.

Developing & Using Success Criteria to Maximize Teaching and Learning Mar. 8 @ 4:30 PM

When both we and our students have clarity about learning through high-quality success criteria, there is a greater likelihood that learning will happen and that all students will experience success in their learning. This webinar will introduce how to support the development and implementation of high-quality success criteria. If you're not able to make it, just register to get the recording afterwards. [Save my spot](#).

Microsoft

On March 10, from 3:30 to 4:30 Microsoft is providing a Teams professional learning session. A certified educator from [Logic Technology](#) will discuss the new features but also talk about best practises for using Teams in your classroom and for professional collaboration. You can register even if you can't attend, and you will receive a recording of the session. [Click here to register](#). Contact djohnston@logicsacademy.com.

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Elementary Core French Resource Share and Support Group

Join a monthly meet-up to discuss Core French concerns. Chat with other teachers teaching Core French, check on your pronunciations, and come together to plan and implement lessons around using questions, dialogues, and cultural events to help you and your students learn and communicate.

[Join us](#) at 4pm on Wednesday, March 10th. Meeting ID: 836 8631 9560 Passcode: 779013.

Topics for this month are: Seasons/Telling Time by the Seasons; Easter/April Fool's Day; Prepositions.

Open School BC Courses and Webinars

- Blended Learning - Creating a Flexible Classroom: This free self-paced course is designed to provide tools and strategies for incorporating blended learning into your classroom. It consists of three components: foundation, application, and collaboration. The foundation section focuses on the “what” and “why” while the application section focuses on the “how”. Both sections come together in collaboration: a community of practice where teachers to ask questions, share resources, and discuss experiences. [Register](#) with your YESNet e-mail.
- Teaching Tenaciously – A Webinar Series to Support Educators as They Navigate Through Times of Uncertainty and Change. Registration is required, using your YESNet email, to gain access to the upcoming webinar “What do I do? Trauma-sensitive Strategies for Challenging Behaviours” on Thurs., Mar. 11 at 4:30 PM Yukon Time. [Register or view previously recorded events.](#)

Code to Learn with Connected North

Attendees will receive \$500 in program materials to help put this learning into practice.

Register at codetolearn.ca/north. Questions: info@codetra.in

- Junior High Mar. 13, 10:30am - 2:00pm EST: This workshop will demonstrate tools to introduce coding to your classroom regardless of the teacher’s or students’ prior experience.
- High School Mar. 27, 10:30am - 2:00pm EST: This workshop will demonstrate ways you can bring coding to your classroom. Lessons will involve music samples prepared by Indigenous artists specially for this program to allow students to explore coding to create music.

Action Items for Consideration

- 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.
- Consider engaging in either live or on-demand [professional learning opportunity](#) with colleagues.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- 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 to explore resources from the growing curated collection.
- Contact 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.

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- Stillness Workshop on March 5. [More info and registration.](#)
- Reading and Writing Strategies for the Online and In-Person Classroom webinar series to help you pinpoint goals for your readers and writers and support them over time. March 2, 9, and 16. [Register.](#)
- Read about: [Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework](#), [full federal news release](#), and Yukon government [plans for early learning](#) in 2021.
- Run the online Yukon Foundation Skills Assessments on your computer's web browser with popup blockers turned off. [Help to turn off popup blockers.](#)
- 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.](#)
- Grades 3 – 8 educators, [register here](#), to collaboratively score the YFSAs, Mar. 29 – 30.
- 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](#))
- Fountas & Pinnell Implementation Support [Mar. 10, 2 PM](#), or [Mar. 10, 4 PM](#)
- 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](#)