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Yukon Education/YTA Retirement Evening

It is very important to recognize and celebrate those staff who have chosen to retire, and rather than cancel this event due to uncertainty associated with the pandemic, YTA and Education are postponing the Retirement Evening until further notice. As soon as restrictions are lifted, we will work collaboratively to establish a new date for the event, and provide everyone with as much advance notice as possible. Nominations for Yukon Excellence in Education Award will continue to be received until Friday, June 12. The recipients for this award and the Ben Sheardown Award will be recognized at the Retirement Evening.

Assessment and reporting

- **Creating Reporting Standards in Grades 8 – 12 PD – Wednesday, May 20 at 1:00 pm**

Join us for an hour-long session on how to create Reporting Standards for your summative report card. Using the guidelines laid out in the Communicating Student Learning Resource and Professional Development Tool, we will demonstrate a few different ways you can create reporting standards, answer any burning questions, and give you an opportunity to try creating some reporting standards.

Join the [Secondary Reporting Standards PD Zoom Meeting](#)

- **Student Self-Assessment Samples and Resources**

Samples and resources are available to help with final reporting and student self-assessment of their core competencies: [Elementary self-assessment](#) / [Secondary self-assessment](#).

Kindergarten orientation packages

Kindergarten orientation packages are being sent to each school to welcome new students. They include learning materials for the new students and information to plan a successful orientation. Each school is doing something a little different regarding Kindergarten orientations in the current situation, but we are still providing the packages that can be handed out to families. Contact denise.mcdiarmid@gov.yk.ca for any questions.

Professional learning opportunities

- **Tips and Tricks to Virtual and Home Learning – Thursday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m.**

We will share some ideas that have really made a difference to the success of others in the field during this time, provide a few tid-bits we have learned and answer any questions you may have. Bring your questions and share your ideas. Join the [Zoom for Tips and Tricks to Virtual and Home Learning](#).

- **Professional Development Day – Friday, May 15 at Various Times**

Apple, Microsoft, Taking it Global, Google Classroom, Zoom, Boreal Tales Writing for Grades 3-6, along with other professional development sessions prepared by our Curriculum and Assessment Unit, please see <http://msnider.yukonschools.ca/may-15th-2020.html>.

- **Tluuwaay 'Waadluxan Mathematical Adventures – Tuesday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m.**

Participants will be given a copy of the book and guided through an exploration activity that can be shared with your students remotely. Groups will be subdivided in grade levels: K-3, 4-7, and 8-12. If you are interested, contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca.

- **Pre-Apprenticeship in Canada – Tuesday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m.**

This Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF-FCA) report describes experiential learning opportunities in high school for Indigenous students interested in learning about the skilled trades. Access the report [here](#). Learn about the findings from nine CAF-FCA conducted consultations about pre-apprenticeship in various regions of Canada. [Register now](#).

- **Online Opportunities for May PD sessions**

We encourage you to check the Google document containing a list of online opportunities for May.

Go to [Online Opportunities for May](#) and enter your e-mail address. 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.

- **Recordings of April 24 PD day Sessions Available Online Anytime**

To review a session from the April 24, 2020 PD day, visit [Mike Snider's website](#) for the archives.

- **Free Webinars from Solution Tree**

Watch [free webinars or access recordings from Solution Tree](#):

- [Mind the Gaps, Session 1](#) Wednesday, May 13 & Thursday, May 14, 2020

The three essential academic outcomes of an effective multi-tiered system of support and four critical actions that leaders should take to embed these supports in the school's master schedule will be discussed.

- [Mind the Gaps, Session 2](#) Wednesday, May 20 & Thursday, May 21, 2020

This webinar will challenge participants to consider how to begin to prepare now for the critical targeted instruction that takes into consideration the impact of the recent disruption in face-to-face learning.

- **Microsoft Canada webinar sessions**

Topics include: Supporting Parents, Remote Learning, Digital Storytelling, Assessment, Lesson Design, Minecraft and more! For full offerings or to register, please click [here](#).

- **Apple Canada virtual conferences**

Topics include: Accessibility to Improve Reading Fluency, Movie making in Keynote, Engaging Audiences with Clips and more. Sessions are available in both English and French. [Click for English](#) [Click for French](#)

Other opportunities for schools

- **Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board Safety Build at home**

Build a safety scene using LEGO® models, recycling, craft supplies, stuff from nature (whatever you can find!) that show how you keep safe. Head to their [website](#) to learn how your kids can take part.

- Safety Build Contest 2, May 4 to 17, 2020: What is something you can do to stay healthy?
- Safety Build Contest 3, May 18 to 31, 2020: What is something you do to stay active and keep safe when you are doing it?

- **A Yukon paleontologist could visit your digital classroom**

Beringia Centre is offering grade 5 to 12 science teachers a chance to bring a Yukon paleontologist into their digital classrooms to talk about a recent documentary called *Polar Extremes*. This film examines how past climate changes on our planet can help us better understand present climate change. For more information contact Keshah.Austin@gov.yk.ca

- **LDAY: changes in the ways we help, same team helping!**

LDAY staff are working remotely, creating resources, developing new workshops, and providing support to Yukon learners of all ages through phone and email. Please reach out to them at any time:

- Chris (Adult Learners): learning@LDAYukon.com
- Arlin (Tutor Program): connect@LDAYukon.com
- Kim (Children/Youth/Families): tutoring@LDAYukon.com
- Krista (Dawson City): dawson@LDAYukon.com
- Leigh (AURORA Workshops): aurora@LDAYukon.com
- Fawn (AURORA Workshops): marketing@LDAYukon.com
- Jamie-Lee (Office Manager): office@LDAYukon.com
- Stephanie (Executive Director): ed@LDAYukon.com

Resources for educators

- **Learning Continuity Toolkit**

You will find a lot of helpful resources developed to support you with various technology platforms that are sanctioned and supported by Yukon Department of Education. [Learning Continuity Toolkit](#).

[Now available in French](#)

- **Yukonnect site for educators**

Yukon's Learning Continuity Requirements and other important resources for teachers are available on the [Yukonnect site for Education Staff](#). Use your Rapid ID credentials (yesnet email address) and your Rapid ID Password to login.

- **Rapid Identity login**

To access a lot of important information on Yukonnect, you will need Rapid ID credentials. If you have not set up Rapid ID before, you can do that using these [Rapid Identity Login instructions](#)

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