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Mental Health and Wellness Resources

New Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (EASE) Resources

<u>EASE</u> is a collection of classroom resources and online professional development created by the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). New EASE resources include a <u>promotional video</u> highlighting the full EASE collection, <u>EASE At Home</u>, and <u>French EASE 8-12</u> (AISE 8 à 12). Visit the <u>Healthy Minds BC</u> website to register.

Curriculum and Assessment

New Locally Developed Course

The Locally Developed Curriculum Committee has approved its latest courses, "Youth for Dignity 11" and "Youth for Dignity 12" at Watson Lake Secondary School. Youth for Dignity 11 and 12 focus on gender-based and relationship violence and is grounded in the system of Dena Au'Nazen and the local First Nation system of wellness based on the medicine wheel. For permission to offer these courses outside of Watson Lake Secondary School, please fill out the <u>permission form</u> and contact <u>David Schroeder</u>.

Moodle Teachers

It is anticipated that the 2022 versions of Moodle courses from the WCLN will be available in May and June. Please follow the link below for the summer release plan, which provides details of the courses to be updated and the extent of the updates.

2022 Summer Release Plan

Technology and Student Information (TSI) recommends using the most recent versions of Moodle courses to ensure that all content is accessible and aligns with the new curriculum (which is not so new now). This is particularity important since many older courses were created with Flash elements and as Flash was decommissioned worldwide December 2020, Flash elements will no longer function.

It would be appreciated if you could please submit your course requests for the 2022-2023 school year to <u>ServiceNow</u> by Friday June 10, 2022.

If you do not already have a WCLN account, please create one so you will have access to the discussion forums and all other features. You can create an account @ WCLN.

Upcoming Workshops offered through LDAY Centre for Learning

Workshops will take place from 6-7:30 pm at 4201 4th Avenue, Suite 330. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Contact Megan Sharp at 867-332-0934 or megan.sharp@yukon.ca to register.

Workshop: Learning Differently

Learning differently gives and overview of what learning disabilities are, including learning strategies and interactive simulations to increase compassion and reduce stigma.

Workshop: Scattered to Skilled

"I can't find it!" Is that due today? Oops, I forgot!" Does this sound like someone in your family? Learn strategies for getting "to do" lists DONE with less nagging.

Contest Winners

Microsoft Learning Pathways Contest

Congratulations to the following winners of Apple Gift cards for their participation in the M365 Learning Pathways Contest. Your gift cards will be sent to your at your schools.

Alysha Coates

Corrie Lalonde

Rebecca MacCulloch

Marie Belanger

Microsoft 365 Learning Pathways is an on-demand learning solution designed to increase usage and adoption of Microsoft 365 services. This has been developed for Yukon education specific to our environment. We have built learning portals that specifically target Principals, Teachers, Students, and district support staff. You can access the Learning Pathways site (lp.yesnet.yk.ca) in your Rapid ID portal.

Human Resources Photo Contest

Voting has come to a close and the winners have been selected for the Human Resources branch photo contest! We had 86 photos submitted by the wonderful folks across the department. Thank you to everyone for participating. Whether you submitted a photo or voted for your favourite submission, the levels of participation were outstanding. Now it's finally time to announce the winners.

The winners are:

1st place: Arctic Cotton, Krisandra Reid

2nd place: Yukon River Adventure, Shapoval Valerii

3rd place: Swan Haven, Shelly Wang

Tie for 4th place: Peekaboo out in the Wheaton, Tannis Preete and Emerald Night, Liza Manolis

Congratulations to our winners and thank you again to those who submitted their beautiful photos. It's without a doubt there are some talented photographers in our midst. Our winners will be contacted shortly to discuss the next steps. The Human Resources branch will be working closely with the 5 winners to ensure that the integrity of their work is represented when printed. Proper acknowledgements will be made on the photos to the photographers as well as the traditional territories of the Yukon First Nations.

Summer Employment Opportunity for Educators

We continue to seek applicants for the upcoming PISA and PCAP coding sessions. In total, we require approximately 170 coders and 12 team leaders for the months of June and July 2022. Please note that applications from individuals who do not possess teaching experience are also being considered. This is especially true for applications to the PISA occupational (ISCO) coding session.

An advantage to a remote coding session is that we can employ coders from across Canada. This enables educators from all provinces/territories to participate who would not have otherwise had this opportunity during centralized coding sessions which are generally scheduled in Ontario.

The job postings are available on CMEC's website (and are also attached for your

convenience): https://www.cmec.ca/593/Job_Postings.html

English - https://www.cmec.ca/docs/jobs/96/PISA22MS PCAP23FT Request for Coders and Team Leaders EN.pdf
French - https://www.cmec.ca/docs/jobs/96/PISA22MS PCAP23FT Request for Coders and Team Leaders FR.pdf

The deadline to apply is **May 27, 2022.** However, applications after this point may still be considered until all positions have been filled.

Canoe Instructor Course Opportunity

This 40 hour course will be facilitated by Jim Boyde through the Recreational Canoe Association of BC. The course is taking place at Five Mile Lake in Yukon June 6-9. Registration deadline is today. To register, please contact Angela Edmunds at angela.edmunds@yesnet.yk.ca

Action items for consideration

- Register for Canoe Instructor Course
- View Summer job Opportunty

Quick links to resources related to our COVID-19 response

- K-12 School Guidelines for 2021-22: COVID-19
- Yukon Education Recovery
 Document: Guidelines for K-12
 Schools
- Can your child go to school or return to regular activities?
- Education updates and supports on COVID-19

- Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19
- COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness
- Mental health and wellness support during COVID-19
- Wellness Together Canada free resources and support

- Yukon COVID-19 information
- COVID-19 self-assessment
- Practice the Safe 6 plus 1
- Non-medical masks in the workplace
- Canada's response and Health Canada information
- Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub