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Learning Networks Celebration Recordings

The recordings from the celebration are now available for online streaming. The professional Learning Networks proved to be a positive and effective way for educators to continue to adapt their practice by learning from each other in a spirit of inquiry and collaboration. In January 2021, we launched new “COVID-19 adapted Learning Networks,” which allowed us to learn about how student and teachers’ needs have evolved during the pandemic and to adapt the supports needed during this challenging time.

We are grateful that so many Yukon educators took the time to participate in these Learning Networks. Our Curriculum and Assessment and First Nations Initiatives teams worked with smaller groups of educators to allow for targeted inquiry groups based on the interests expressed by participants. More than 60 Yukon educators were involved in 2021.

On Monday, April 19, participants came together in a Celebration of Learning held at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Center to share their experiences and learning with their community of peers. Educators presented in person, while some joined the celebration online.

Presentations provided an overview of innovative approaches to Numeracy, Assessment and Literacy: The Thinking Classroom, Critical Autoethnographic Reflection on Learning Systems Using the Metaphor of Athabaskan Fiddle Music, Yukon First Nation Ways of Knowing, Being and Doing, Experiential Education, Place Based Education, Self-Paced – Mastery Learning Leveraging Blended Instruction, The Importance of the Information Commons in Supporting 21st Century Learning, The Ukulele Project, the Learn Together Program and “Learning to Love Problems”.

If you are interested in viewing any of the recorded presentations, contact Mark Connell @ mark.connell@gov.yk.ca.

Off-Site Trips: Cell Phone or Satellite Phone/inReach?

Are you wondering if you require a communication device on all trips and what type of device is required and when?

Regardless of whether your trip is Simple, Complex, or Out-of-Territory, a communication device is necessary. Which device you pack depends on where you go. If your trip takes you out of cell phone reception, then you will need to pack a satellite phone or inReach device. Otherwise, a cell phone is sufficient.

Be sure to check that batteries are charged on all devices and familiarize yourself with devices such as satellite phones and carry emergency contact numbers. For more information relating to off-site trip planning:

jewell.yukonschools.ca/field-trips--activity-standards.html.

Reporting and Assessments

- Teachers can use Aspen to email parent contacts for their whole class, a single student, or a subgroup of the class. Please refer to Section 11 of [MyEducation BC Fundamentals](#) for more information.
- Please refer to the attached memos in the Secondary Educators Team outlining important details about the upcoming [Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment](#) and [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment](#). If you have any questions about the assessments, please email Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca or phone 332-0491.

Resources for Educators

Catalogue of Curriculum Materials Update

We will be updating some of the Resource Services processes and are continuing to streamline the physical Resource Services spaces. Currently, resources warehoused to fill orders from schools from the Catalogue of Curriculum Materials, are being offered to schools. As promised, a full list of available titles are now available on the [Primary](#), [Intermediate](#), and [Secondary](#) Educator Teams.

Materials will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while quantities last. To request any of the items on the list, please indicate the catalogue number and quantity of each resource that you would like, and return the [form](#) to Resource Services.

You can either fax the form to 867-667-5347 or email your wish list to resserv@yukon.ca. They will follow up to let you know if we are able to fulfill your request.

The UBC Faculty of Education Indigenous Mathematics K-12 Network

The goal of the network is to bring together teachers, students, parents, administrators and academics to explore and re-imagine ways of improving mathematics education for Indigenous learners.

Newly released: Living Culturally Responsive Mathematics Education with/in Indigenous Communities. More info: indigenous.mathnetwork.educ.ubc.ca/.



ShareEDBC

ShareEdBC now has almost 10 000 users, including many Yukon educators, a redesigned internal homepage, a webinar schedule and much more. See “What’s New” at ShareEdBC.ca.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Maintaining Mathematical Momentum Early Mathematics Symposium

Join teachers and early childhood educators to learn about the math found in children's play, exploration, reading and conversations. This is a [free virtual symposium](#) on June 25, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Restorative Practices

- Level 1: Introduction to Restorative Practices on June 17 – 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Register [here](#).
- Level 2: Using Restorative Practices to Respond to Harm, Conflict or Challenging Behaviour on July 7 – July 8, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Register [here](#). More info: yukoncircleofchange@gmail.com or 867-333-9936.

Action Items for Consideration

- Contact Mark.Connell@yukon.ca to be granted access to the Learning Network Celebration recordings.
- For information related to off-site trip planning refer to [field-trips--activity-standards](#).
- Consider using the email functionality within Aspen. (Note: An updated link was provided this week.)
- Read the linked memos to get all of the details about the upcoming [Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment](#) and [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment](#).
- Check out the list of warehoused resources from the Catalogue of Curriculum Materials.
- Get involved with the UBC Indigenous Math K-12 Network: <https://indigenous.mathnetwork.educ.ubc.ca/>
- Check out "What's New" at www.ShareEdBC.ca.
- Engage in [PD](#) with colleagues like [Maintaining Mathematical Momentum Early Mathematics Symposium](#).

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- Go to the [Primary](#), [Intermediate](#), or [Secondary](#) Team for access to Science K-9 and Math 6-9 resources.
- The K Boehm and EYE assessments and the gr. 2-9 SWW's and DART's should now all be completed.
- Check out the [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) resources to support student self-assessment of the core competencies.
- Check out the current locally developed courses, guidelines for developing locally developed courses, and permission forms to offer any of them in the school year ahead on the [Secondary Curriculum Website](#).
- Learn more about the graduation assessments. Refer to the links for [English Program \(PDF\)](#), [Francophone Program \(PDF\) \(en français\)](#) and [French Immersion \(PDF\)](#) on the [Graduation Assessments webpage](#). The [Graduation Assessment Schedule](#) details the remaining June 2021 session dates.
- Queen's University Post-Grad Math Certificate for BC (and Yukon). [Register](#).
- A Yukon-based SFU Master of Education in Numeracy continues to be explored with Peter Liljedahl. If you are interested, contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca. For more info, here is a [similar program](#).
- [Register](#) for the BC Intermediate Teachers Association Spring Online Conference on May 21.
- Virtual [Drum Across Kanata](#) event [registration](#) deadline is May 28.
- Register your students for the June sitting of the grad. assessments by the extended deadline of May 28.
- UBC International TELP: Starting August 2021/Application Deadline: May 31. [Apply now](#). [Learn more](#).
- [Join a session](#) about observations and conversations for assessment in K-12 on Jun. 2, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Check out <https://letstalkscience.ca/events> for events with your students during May and June.
- The Kids on the Farm Bookings spring farm tour season is May 1 – June 11. [More info and bookings](#).
- [ASCD 2021 Annual Conference: Empowered and Connected](#) is virtual on June 23 – 25.

- Watch *Embracing the Shift: Sharing Our Pandemic Stories of Connecting to Land and Children's Natural Curiosity* on June 17, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Series Finale – [Reconnecting with Aki](#).
- UBC TELP for BC/Yukon Educators: Starting October 2021/ Application Deadline: July 11. [Apply now](#).
- The Corwin Annual Conference: Visible Learning [agenda and registration](#) for the July 20-23 virtual event.
- Contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for free Virtual Field Trips or to engage with an Indigenous Role Model. [Website](#). Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#). ([Session Statistics](#))
- 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.
- BC Early Years Professional Development (EYPD) – Explore – Learn – Grow: <https://earlyyearsbc.ca/events/>
- Have a look at the most recent PD day recordings from [Jan. 15](#), [Nov. 20](#), & [Apr. 30](#).
- Early Childhood Investigations Webinars and recordings: [Early Childhood Webinars](#)
- Go to www.shareedbc.ca to explore resources from the growing curated collection.
- Recordings from the *Embracing the Shift: Sharing Our Pandemic Stories of Connecting to Land and Children's Natural Curiosity* series are available [here](#), including one that features Yukon educators.
- Safer Schools Together on-demand professional learning opportunities: saferschoolstogether.com/news-events/remote-trainings/.
- 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](#), [YESNet Portal](#), and the updated [YTA PD Site](#).

Quick Links to Resources Related to Our COVID-19 Response

- [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 information on COVID-19](#)
- ["Traffic lights" symptom check tool](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6](#)
- [COVID-19 Directive 6: masks in Yukon government workplaces](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)
- [Yukon vaccination clinics and information about the vaccine](#)