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Educator Update

As the school year is coming to an end, we continue to work with Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health on planning for re-entry to schools for the 2020-21 school year. We are also working with school administration, Yukon First Nations and education partners to ensure that this work supports meeting the needs and context of each community while following public health and safety measures.

We recognize teachers and school staff are thinking about how to best support students and preparing for the next school year. As we continue to plan for the 2020-21 school year, we plan to provide more information and updates before the end of the school year, including through weekly Educator Updates until June 10.

Reporting and Assessments

[Yukon's Learning Continuity Requirements](#) identify how teachers should complete assessments for students for the end of this unique school year, including ensuring students are provided an overall proficiency level (k-9) or overall percentage (10-12) and an end-of-year report. As teachers are preparing final assessments for their students, we encourage you to review the requirements under the Student Assessment and Reporting section of Yukon's Learning Continuity Requirements.

- **Quick guides for report card comments**

Aspen Quick Guides for working with the School Comment Bank:

- Adding to the Comment Bank
- Adding to Your Comment Bank

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- Using the Comment Bank

For these and other resources go to yukonsis.ca/teachers.html.

- **Provincial exams update**

The last administration of the provincial exams associated with the old language arts courses will not proceed. Aegrotat standing needs to be granted by schools to students who need to write the English 12, English First Peoples 12, Français langue première 12, Communications 12 and the Français langue seconde 12 exams for the first time.

To qualify for Aegrotat standing, students must have completed the school portion of the corresponding course by June 30, 2019; or, for those in virtual school, they must have started the course prior to that date.

The Request for Aegrotat Standing should be made in a support request to aspensupport@yesnet.yk.ca.

- **Aspen Update – Down for maintenance**

Aspen will be down from Friday, June 5th at 5:00 pm until Monday, June 8th at 7:00 am for maintenance. This is determined by BC, and we realize that it may impact report cards.

Professional learning opportunities

- **New MediaSmarts resource**

MediaSmarts has launched a new resource, [Check First. Share After.](#), to remind Canadians of the importance of checking information about COVID-19 before sharing it. The web page features videos and tips on how to get accurate information about COVID-19, plus advice on what to do if you see misinformation online.

- **PD day sessions available online**

You can review [recorded videos of the sessions from the May 15, 2020 PD day](#).

- **Online Opportunities for May/June PD sessions**

Check out [Online Opportunities for May/June](#). 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.

Other opportunities for schools

- **“Big Brothers Big Sisters” Bake for Kids Sake FUNdraiser - from June 1-6, 2020**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yukon (BBBSY) is organizing its virtual all ages Bake for Kids Sake FUNdraiser. Bake a graduation/end of school year themed cake or cupcakes between June 1st and 6th (from scratch or using a mix. Give or share your creation with a student in your life so they know they are being celebrated.

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\$100 will be awarded to the participant who bakes the most awesome creation as voted by BBBSY staff and board members, and \$100 will go to the person who fundraises the most.

For more information: [Big Brothers Big Sisters Bake for Kids Sake](#) and [CanadaHelps - Bake-for-Kids-Sake](#)

Resources for educators

- **Paleontologists in your virtual classroom – June 3rd, 2020**

The Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre has partnered with Code To Learn to put together a nation-wide opportunity to discuss climate change, and how the past can teach about the future. We have convinced Yukon paleontologists featured in the movie [NOVA documentary Polar Extremes](#) to come into your virtual classroom for an hour long Q&A with your students.

Check out the [YouTube Trailer](#) or watch the [whole feature film](#) available on Facebook before this session.

Join us and participate on June 3rd, 2020 @ 11 AM at <http://codetolearn.ca/athome>

- **Penguins! A game for the whole family**

[Penguins! A game for the whole family](#) by [mindfull](#)

The game "Penguins!" is strategic and fun for the whole family. To play you'll need 2 regular 6-sided dice.

[Read more of this post](#) to get the rules and gameboard.

- **Focused Education Resources**

[Focused Education Resources](#) (formerly ERAC) has a wealth of [Digital Resources](#) available to Yukon Teachers and Students, recently [evaluated resources](#), as well as information about Privacy & Security.

- **CodeToLearn@home and ConnectedNorth@home - Sessions for this week**

<http://codetolearn.ca/athome> and <http://connectednorth.org/athome>

- **Learning Continuity Toolkit**

You will find lots of helpful resources developed to support you with various technology platforms that are sanctioned and supported by Yukon Department of Education. [English](#) / [French](#)

- **Sharepoint site for Education staff**

The updated Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements can be found in the [Documents for Education Staff site](#).

The tweaks are highlighted in yellow.

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- Check out the [Online Opportunities for May/June](#).
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- Watch [NOVA documentary Polar Extremes](#) and join the virtual Q&A with your students with paleontologists on June 3rd, 2020 @ 11 AM at <http://codetolearn.ca/athome>
- Try [Penguins! A game for the whole family](#) by [mindfull](#)
- Check out [Focused Education Resources](#)
- CodeToLearn@home - Sessions for this week - <http://codetolearn.ca/athome>
- ConnectedNorth@home – Sessions for this week - <http://connectednorth.org/athome>
- Find lots of important resources and documents in the [Learning Continuity Toolkit](#). [Available in French](#)
- Visit the [Yukonnect site for Education Staff](#)