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New Government of Yukon Cabinet Sworn In By The Commissioner

Premier Silver and the new Government of Yukon Cabinet were sworn in on Monday by the Commissioner of Yukon, The Honourable Angélique Bernard. Our new Minister of Education is The Honourable Jeanie McLean. More info: yukon.ca/en/news/new-yukon-cabinet-sworn-commissioner.

Yukon First Nations Leadership 10

[Yukon First Nations Leadership 10](#) is a new course developed by a teacher at F.H. Collins Secondary School, that has been approved as locally developed curriculum. If you are interested in offering it, please submit a permission form to Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca. A current list of locally developed courses, guidelines for course development, and permission forms to offer them, are outlined on the [Secondary Curriculum Website](#). Some examples of other locally developed courses that can be found on the site include First Fish 10, Ancestral Technology 10, Outdoor Education 10, and Leadership 12.

Reporting and Assessments

June 2021 Graduation Assessments Online Assessment Register Extension to May 28

The online assessment registration deadline for the June session has been extended to May 28.

Overview of Graduation Assessments

The 2020-21 school year includes two required graduation assessments: the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment and the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment. Implementation of the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment is postponed until the 2021-22 school year.

For information about 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.

Assessment Conversations for Elementary and Secondary Teachers on Wed., June 2, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn more about using observations and conversations for assessment at all grades. The BC Association of Math Teachers (BCAMT) invites you to join an assessment practice seminar series. Each session will begin with time to share with other educators what you are trying in your classrooms, followed by a short presentation by our guest teacher(s). Each session will end with a short group discussion and a Q&A. The series is free to all BCAMT members.

[Register](#) to become a member, and you will have access to these sessions and more for the next 12 months.

Resources for Educators

New Free e-Resources – Science K-5, Science 6-9 and Mathematics 6-9

Focused ED received funding to make additional e-resources available without cost to all of its members, from April 2021 – June 2023. These resources are separate from the BC Digital Classroom collection.

- Twig is aimed at Grade 6-9, containing 1 000+ award-winning, 3-minute videos that combine visual and adaptive learning, supported by hundreds of lesson plans, visuals, and other classroom resources.
- Tigtag is designed for Grade 3-5 and contains engaging videos, visual resources, lesson plans, and quizzes that allow teachers to simplify tricky scientific concepts for students.
- Tigtag Junior is aimed at K-Grade 2 and is a complete online resource for younger children, introducing foundational science in a simple, fun, and engaging way.

Access these resources through <https://focusedresources.ca/bcdc-access/>. Scroll down to the heading “Special Login”. Check out the [Primary](#), [Intermediate](#), or [Secondary](#) TEAM for the passcode to access these resources.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Embracing the Shift: Sharing Our Pandemic Stories of Connecting to Land and Children’s Natural Curiosity on June 17, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (EDT) Series Finale – [Reconnecting with Aki](#)

The presenter of the finale is a native plant expert whose passion involves raising awareness about plant identification, beyond-sustainable harvesting, and teaching about plants' linguistic, historical, cultural, edible, ecological and medicinal significance through experiential learning. This webinar will emphasize the importance of holding a relationship with the land and knowing our more-than-human relatives, while making connections between traditional knowledge and western science. [Register Today!](#)

Past webinar recordings from this series are available for free or pay-what-you-can [here](#), including one that features Yukon educators.

BC Intermediate Teachers Association Spring Online Conference is on May 21

Featuring Leyton Schnellert, Core French, Socio-Emotional and Behaviour, and Portfolios and Assessment. More info and registration: www.pita.ca/.

The Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) Changing the Culture Conference

The annual conference is online on May 14. The conference brings together mathematicians, mathematics educators and school teachers from all levels to work together towards narrowing the gap between mathematicians and teachers of mathematics, and between those who do and enjoy mathematics and those who think they don't. For info and to register, see: www.pims.math.ca/educational/changing-culture.

Other Opportunities for Schools

- 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.
- Visit wcb.yk.ca/contests for info about the Safety Culture Contest for K-12 Students. Deadline: May 14.
- Canada's National AccessAbility Week Flag Design Contest for students in grades 6-12 – To learn more, visit: www.eastersealsbcy.ca/bc-accessability-week-flag-contest. Deadline: May 14.
- The Kids on the Farm Bookings spring farm tour season is May 1 - June 11. [More info and bookings.](#)
- Check out <https://letstalkscience.ca/events> for events with your students during May and June.
- 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](#))

Action Items for Consideration

- Review the message from the COVID Response Unit following the April 27 Meeting with Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Current locally developed courses, guidelines for developing locally developed courses, and permission forms to offer any of them, including Yukon First Nations Leadership 10, are outlined on the [Secondary Curriculum Website](#). Check them out!
- Register your students for the June sitting of the grad. assessments by the extended deadline of May 28.
- 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.
- [Join the conversation](#) about using observations and conversations for assessment at all grades.
- Check out the new e-Resources for Science K-5, Science 6-9 and Mathematics 6-9. Go to the [Primary](#), [Intermediate](#), or [Secondary](#) TEAM for the access passcode.
- Consider engaging in [PD](#) with colleagues like the PIMS annual [Changing the Culture 2021](#) conference.
- Share these [Other Opportunities for Schools](#) with your students.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- The calendar dates for the 2021-22 school year are available on [Yukon.ca](#).
- 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](#).
- Dig deeper into the YFSA results at one of our [Zoom meetings](#): May 10, 11 or 13 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Contact: Nikki.Krocker@yukon.ca.
- May 12-13 Network of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIIE) Virtual Symposium. [Register](#).
- Code to Learn with Connected North. [Register](#). High School 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST. New date: May 15
- The SWW's and DART's should be completed by May 21. Contact: Nikki.Krocker@yukon.ca.
- UBC International TELP: Starting August 2021/ Application Deadline: May 31. [Apply now](#). [Learn more](#).
- UBC TELP for BC/Yukon Educators: Starting October 2021/ Application Deadline: July 11. [Apply now](#).
- BC Early Years Professional Development (EYPD) – Explore – Learn – Grow: <https://earlyyearsbc.ca/events/>
- Have a look at the 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.
- 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](#)