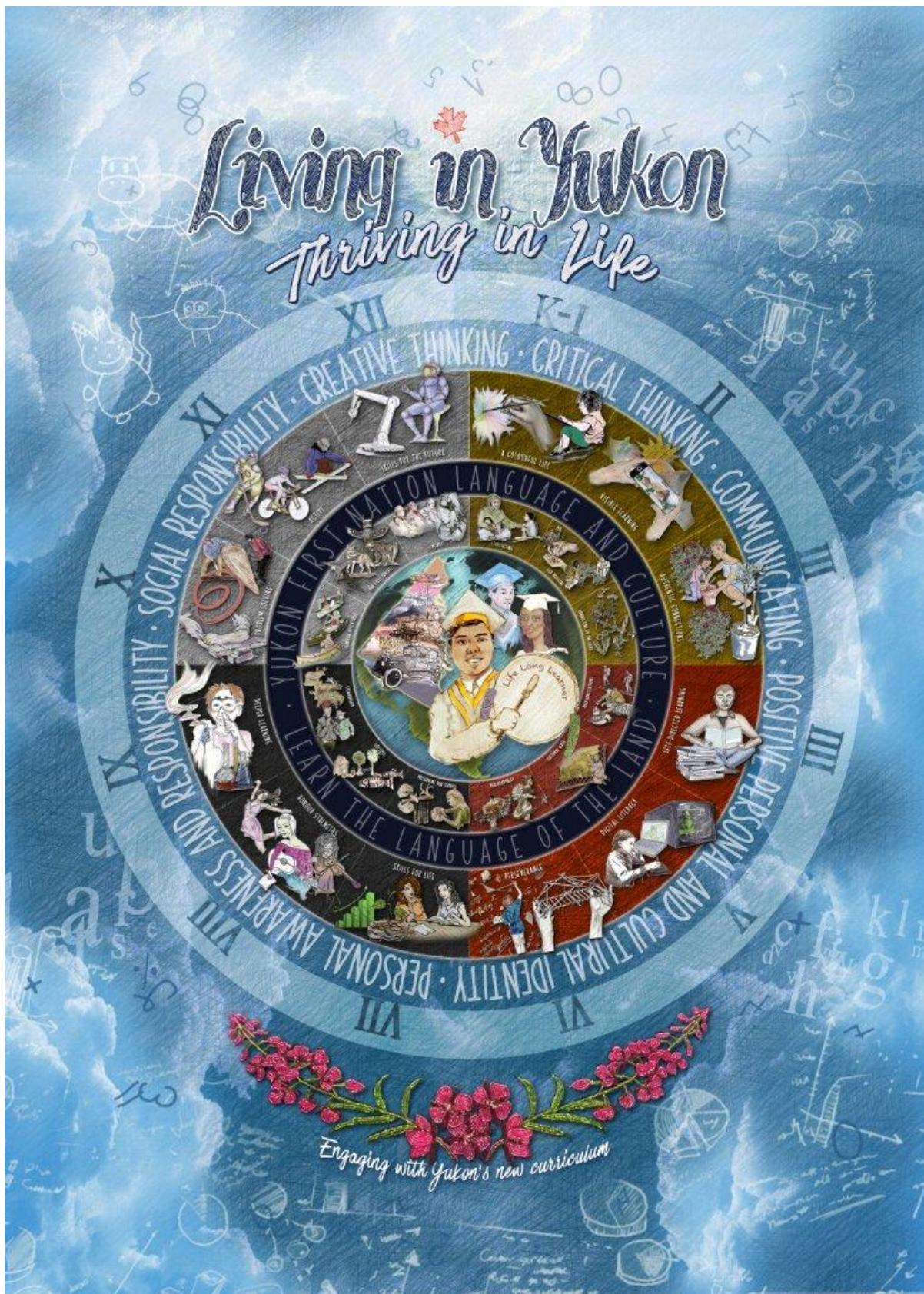




# Educator Update

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## Message

The Educator Update continues to be a central tool for how the Department of Education is communicating important information to teachers and school staff. The Educator Update is being sent out on the first and third Wednesday of every month during the school year. Talk to your colleagues to ensure they are receiving the Educator Update. Also consider:

- Printing off copies of the Educator Update for staff rooms and other places staff gather so they can have a look at it on their breaks.
- Bringing up the Educator Update at staff meetings for discussion.

## Reporting and Assessment Guidelines: K-12

- The [Communicating Student Learning Resource and Professional Development Tool webpage](#) has a new look with more links to printable and editable content.

## Assessments

- To support parents in understanding more about the Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments, we have compiled helpful guides. Share the link to this page on our website with parents: [Learn about graduation assessments](#).

## Curriculum K-12

- **Share cool stories at your school with media, schools and education partners:** Many teachers and school staff are working on cool projects with their students that may be beneficial for parents and the public to learn about. We want to share these stories with media and with other schools and education partners.

**Contact the Communications team to share:** You can share your stories with the Department of Education's communications team at [EDU-Communications@gov.yk.ca](mailto:EDU-Communications@gov.yk.ca).



### Examples of recent school stories shared with media:

- [Vanier jazz students share jazz and social studies learning](#)
  - Kluane Lake Muskrat Camp: [CBC Video Coverage](#); [Up Here Magazine](#)
  - [Porter Creek provides feminine care products to students](#)
  - [Elijah Smith fire pit shelter](#)
  - [Ross River students gain work and life experience](#)
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- **Physical Literacy Yukon:** Yukon has an official “Play coordinator” based out of Sport Yukon. Melanie Tait is an experienced Occupational Therapist who supports Yukon school and community programs with resources, presentations and active sessions. For more information, contact Melanie Tait, Physical Literacy Coordinator, by email: [plcoordinator@sportyukon.com](mailto:plcoordinator@sportyukon.com).
  - **Let's Talk Science** is offering [free classroom-based digital literacy opportunities](#) for K-6 classrooms in both English and French. Classrooms can join live and do the activities in parallel with their anchor classroom or they can participate at another time using a recording. Join for one or all of the broadcasts to learn and apply computational thinking skills in your K-6 classroom. Next up is Pattern Recognition on Dec. 4.



## Professional learning opportunities:

- A Yukon-based opportunity for a Master of Education in Numeracy through Simon Fraser University (SFU) is being explored for 2023. If you might be interested, contact [Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca). We will be updating the university with respect to the degree of expressed interest to date by the end of the month. For more info, here is a similar program that is currently running: [www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreeiploma/masters/ci-mathed.html](http://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreeiploma/masters/ci-mathed.html).

### Free Webinars

- Watch a [free recorded webinar session on Building Behavior](#) by Jessica and John Hannigan. Corwin is offering the [Building Behavior book](#) at a 20% discount by using promo code WEBINARS. Together, the book and webinar make for a great professional learning experience whether conducted individually or alongside colleagues.
- [Mindfulness for Children: Applications for Classrooms](#) Nov. 21, 2019 - 10 AM. Register even if you are unable to attend the live event to get archived info.

## Other opportunities for schools:

- The government is eager to hear a youth perspective and students are encouraged to participate to help support and grow Yukon's creative and cultural Industries. Students can participate through:

- a public engagement session on Nov.28<sup>th</sup> for Yukoners under 35; and
- an online survey to help shape their Creative and Cultural Industries strategy.

Video-conferencing is available. Email [ccis.engage@gov.yk.ca](mailto:ccis.engage@gov.yk.ca). More info: [EngageYukon.ca](http://EngageYukon.ca). The [online survey](#) is available until Nov. 30.

## Resources for educators

- [Littlecodr](#) is an Applied Design, Skills, and Technology (ADST) resource. Copies are available for loan through Resource Services. This simple card game introduces coding at a primary level and incorporates movement breaks in the classroom. Along with ADST curricular connections, Littlecodr engages students in a number of Core Competencies. Along with the resource, you can use the [littlecodr Self Reflection](#) document designed for student self-reflection created by Denise McDiarmid, Primary Curriculum Consultant. If you have any questions, contact [denise.mcdiarmid@gov.yk.ca](mailto:denise.mcdiarmid@gov.yk.ca).
- [Curriculum and Assessment website](#)
- [B.C. Curriculum Website](#)

## Action items for consideration

- Check the updated [Communicating Student Learning Resource and Professional Development Tool webpage](#).
- Share with parents the link to [Learn about graduation assessments](#) for Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments.
- Contact Melanie Tait, Physical Literacy Coordinator, to learn more about PLAY Yukon by email: [plcoordinator@sportyukon.com](mailto:plcoordinator@sportyukon.com), by phone at (867) 393-8338. Facebook: [Physical Literacy Yukon](#) and at [PLAYukon](#) on Instagram.
- Contact [Let's Talk Science](#) for a classroom-based digital literacy event.
- Express your interest in a potential Yukon-based SFU Master of Education in Numeracy. E-mail: [Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca).
- Watch a [free recorded webinar session on Building Behavior](#).
- Register for a free webinar: [Mindfulness for Children: Applications for Classrooms](#).
- Participate in a [public engagement session](#) on Nov.28<sup>th</sup> and an [online survey](#) for Yukon's creative and cultural Industries and encourage your students to participate.
- Borrow the [Littlecodr](#) resource from Resource Services, and print the [littlecodr Self Reflection](#) document.