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Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day: November 8th

National Indigenous Veterans Day is a day of remembrance and commemoration of the contributions of Indigenous veterans in the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean War. This Indigenous Veterans Day, we would like to express our gratitude for the contributions Indigenous veterans have made to Canada and the world.

Websites:

<https://www.richtoplay.ca/en-ca/national-offices/national-office-canada/whats-new/honouring-indigenous-veterans-this-national-aboriginal-veterans-day/>

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/people-and-stories/indigenous-veterans>

Education Summit on Inclusive and Special Education

An invitation to the Education Summit on Inclusive and Special Education on November 12 has been sent to all school staff today.

Attending in-person:

As per the invitation:

- School administrators will be designating up to 2 representatives from their school to participate in-person.
- Talk to your school administrator if you are interested in being one of your school's designates.
- School administrators will register in-person designates on our Eventbrite event webpage **by November 9, 2021.**

If you are not selected as one of the school's 2 designates, there may still be a chance to attend. We will confirm if there are any additional spaces for people to attend in-person by Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

All school staff attending online via Zoom:

All school staff that are not attending in-person will participate in the day by Zoom as part of their Professional Development Day.

School Administrators will lead discussions in each school during the afternoon group discussion session about what inclusive education looks like and how they can implement it in their school and individual classrooms.

Background:

The Education Summit on Inclusive and Special Education is taking place on Friday, November 12, 2021. It is our next step to respond to the review of inclusive and special education.

Educators, education partners and stakeholders will gather to continue our work to transform our education system. It is our collective responsibility to build a brighter future for all Yukon students. Please join us!

First Class shifting to M365

Due to an unforeseen technical issue, the switch from FirstClass to M365 Outlook was not completed. You will continue to be able to access to send and receive your @yesnet.yk.ca email using FirstClass until further notice. Once the technical issue is resolved, a new switch-over date will be scheduled and announced.

We appreciate your continued patience as we work to provide you with an improved email system.

Links to the Microsoft Training Recordings from Oct. 22, 2021

Topic	Links to Microsoft Training Oct. 22 Recordings
Outlook Level 100	https://aka.ms/A-YKED-Outlook100-Oct22
Microsoft Teams Level 100	https://aka.ms/A-YKED-Teams100-Oct22

COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements

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All Yukon government employees will now [be required to have their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by November 30, 2021](#) and their **second dose no later than January 30, 2021**. This will ensure employees who have not yet been immunized have enough time to receive both doses of the vaccine before the new requirement comes into place.

Throughout the pandemic, the Yukon government has followed the guidance and recommendations of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health. As Yukon's largest employer, we have a duty to lead by example and do our part to keep each other and our communities safe from COVID-19. Requiring mandatory vaccinations for our employees is one more way we can ensure our workplaces are as safe as possible.

Details for our approach to mandatory COVID-19 vaccines for employees are still being determined – more information will be made available in the coming days, including a Q&A document for employees.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Language skills support for French Teachers

The Office of Francophone and Francophile Affairs of Simon Fraser University (SFU) is hosting a year-long series that has been developed to support French teachers (Immersion, Intensive French and Core French) develop their language abilities. This six-part series entitled "Café FrancoFUN" is designed to support French teachers' language based on their language proficiency levels (A1-A2 and B1-B2). Click on the [A1-A2 registration link](#) or the [B1-B2 registration link](#) for more information.

Masters of Education in Modern Languages: French

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is offering a [Masters of Education in Modern Languages: French](#) part-time cohort – a graduate degree designed for teachers in French Immersion, Francophone, Core French and Intensive French Programs. This unique program begins with 3-weeks of in-person immersive study in Montreal, and is then followed by an entirely online schedule for a total of 2.5 years of part-time study. [Sign up](#) for the next online info session on Thursday, November 25, 2021 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Fountas & Pinnell PD Recording

The PD recording from October 22 on the [F & P Kindergarten Classroom](#) is now available for viewing. It was great to see so many in attendance at this workshop, please view it above if you were unable to attend. **Please note that it is only available to us from Pearson to view for 30 days (until Nov. 25)**. It was a great introduction to the new Fountas & Pinnell classroom components that were provided for all English Kindergarten classes in the Spring. These components include Interactive Read Aloud (IRA), Shared Reading (SR), Words that Sing, Phonics, Word Study, Reading Mini lessons & The Literacy Quick Guide. This training included an introduction to the Fountas and Pinnell Classroom and explored responsive literacy teaching; a review of all materials and resources to assist with integrating them into your current teaching practice; and

useful strategies to move forward with organization, planning and assessment. Please reach out to michelle.gillard@yukon.ca if you have any questions or require support.

Resources for Educators

Connected North

Conversation with Thomas King and Natasha Donovan

In partnership with First Book Canada and RBC, join Connected North for a special session with graphic novel "Borders" author Thomas King and illustrator Natasha Donovan. Thomas and Natasha will discuss their career paths, the process behind creating a graphic novel, and the story of how this particular book came about, including some short live readings. This will be followed by a Q&A. Registered classes will receive a set of 20 books! A Conversation with Thomas King and Natasha Donovan: **Tuesday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. CST (9:00 a.m. Yukon Time) Grades 9-12. Limited spaces: signup.connectednorth.org.**

A Conversation with Sergeant (Ret'd) Wendy Jocko

In partnership with the Canadian War Museum, join Connected North for a special event honouring National Indigenous Veterans Day with Sergeant (Ret'd) Wendy Jocko, Chief of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. Chief Jocko will reflect on her family tradition of military service, her 23-year career with the Canadian Armed Forces and the path she has taken since retiring from the military. This will be followed by a Q&A. Sergeant (Ret'd) Wendy Jocko, Chief of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, was born on February 2, 1960, and is the daughter of Leo Jocko and Williamina McKay. She has four children and four grandchildren (with twin grandchildren on the way). Wendy returned to Pikwakanagan in 1996 with her four children when she was posted to Garrison Petawawa. From 1979 to 2002, Wendy was a member of the Canadian Forces, where she served as a Supply Technician. In 2020, she was elected Chief of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. **Wednesday, November 10, 2:10 p.m. EST (12:10 p.m. Yukon Time) Grades 6-12. Limited spaces: signup.connectednorth.org.**

Other Opportunities

Opportunity to Pilot Test Language Assessment Tool

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), under the leadership of the Registrars for Teacher Certification Canada (RTCC), is recruiting English-speaking, French-speaking, and bilingual teachers and teacher candidates to participate in the pilot testing of an [online pan-Canadian language assessment tool](#) for the teaching profession. Test takers will receive a monetary incentive; bilingual test takers can take the test in both languages and will be eligible to receive the incentive twice.

#RisingYouth Community Service Grants

[#RisingYouth](#) is a grants program supporting community-based projects led by youth. Your students are invited to apply for funding up to \$1,500 towards volunteer-led projects where expenses for related supplies and materials can be covered. Examples include sports and recreation equipment, art supplies, food for gatherings, beads and fabric for sewing and more! Register with BSherry@takingitglobal.com for an information session happening **on Tuesday, November 16, 2:00 p.m. EST (12:00 p.m. Yukon Time)**

Action Items for Consideration

- Check out the [Professional Learning Opportunities](#) featured in this update.
- Register for Inclusive and Special Education Summit
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week.
- Check out [other opportunities](#) featured in this update.

Reminders from Past Educator Updates

- Book a session with [ConnectedNorth](#) or reach out to bsherry@takingitglobal.org more information on virtual field trips.
- View recordings from October 22nd PD day.

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 information on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6 plus 1](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)