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## Halloween Isn't Cancelled But it is Different

It is important to remember that we can't simply open our doors, smile and hand out treats to all the neighbourhood children like we do normally. We can, however, find ways to participate safely by following the Chief Medical Officer of Health's [recommendations for a safe Halloween](#).

## Getting The Flu Shot This Year Is More Important Than Ever

[Watch this short video of Dr. Brendan Hanley](#) providing a walk-through of the Whitehorse flu clinic and answering some questions about the vaccine. [Read the clinic schedule](#).

## Assessment and Reporting

**Graduation Program Assessments: Will the lack of a time change in Yukon affect the assessments?**

No, Yukon students will still be able to write the assessment(s) between 9 AM and 3 PM Yukon time Nov. 2-6. As another reminder, for this year only, Grade 12 students are not required to write the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment, including Évaluation de littératie de la 10e année – Français langue première.

- Students who entered grade 10 this year will:
  - Write the Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment and the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment this year
  - No provincial assessment in their grade 11 year
  - Write the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment in their Grade 12 year.
- Students who entered grade 11 this year will:
  - Write the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment and Grade 10 Literacy Assessment (if not already written)
  - Write the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment in their Grade 12 year.
- Students who entered grade 12 this year will:
  - Write the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment this year (if not already written (if not already written)

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- Complete a course-based English Language Arts 12 assessment this year.
- Note: Français langue première 10, Français langue première 12 and Français langue seconde immersion 12 provincial exam changes will be the same as their equivalents above.

## Kindergarten Testing: October 13 – November 20

Technical questions regarding the Boehm and Early Years Evaluation should be directed to [Gabriel.Stetkiewicz@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Gabriel.Stetkiewicz@gov.yk.ca). Need additional support? Contact [Betty.Burns@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Betty.Burns@gov.yk.ca).

## K-12 Communicating Student Learning Posters

Here are the posters that summarize the Communicating Student Learning required tasks:

- [Communicating Student Learning in Aspen Poster](#)
- [Communicating Student Learning \(non-Aspen\) Poster](#)

## Resources for Educators

### Laser Cutter Schedule

Reminder: The [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) remains in place, along with answers to [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs). If you are unable to find an answer in the FAQs then please contact [Lisa.Keenan@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Lisa.Keenan@gov.yk.ca).

### Connected North: Stories of the Stars for Grades 3-12

Indigenous astrophysicist Dr. Laurie Rousseau-Nepton talks about her love of the sky and how this led to her career. Book a free virtual visit like this by contacting [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org).

### Teams

- Some parents have noted that their child has been inadvertently added to some school created Teams that have an educator target audience. Consider a double check of the membership list.
- Connect and collaborate with colleagues in the [Yukon Primary Educators](#), [Yukon Intermediate Educators](#), and/or the [Yukon Secondary Educators](#) Team. Administrators can also continue to connect and collaborate with colleagues on the administrator specific Team, click [School Administrators](#) to join.

### Mathematics 8 and Mathematics 9 Resources

Please review the [memos](#) about the math resources being sent to schools. ?s: [Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca).

## Professional Learning Opportunities

### November 20 PD Day

Numerous virtual offerings are already in place for November 20, with many more sessions to be incorporated, and are available for viewing [here](#) at after you have logged into [Rapid Identity](#) with your yesnet e-mail and Rapid Identity password. For example, Jane Felling of Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks will be offering two workshops for Primary Teachers, EAs and LATs. The first workshop will be focused on Kindergarten and basic math concepts and the second will focus on number operations.

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## Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NCI) Training

NCI is an evidence based program designed to support staff in recognizing the stages of an escalating crisis, utilizing decision-making skills to match the level of response to the risk of the crisis while focusing on the least-restrictive response to ensure the Care, Welfare, Safety, and Security of students. Speak with your administrator about the training dates and registration.

## Yukon-focused EdD Program from Simon Fraser University (SFU)

The planned launch in Fall 2021. The program is aimed at people working in the public school system in Yukon. More info: <https://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreediploma/doctoral/edleader-yt.html>.

## Yukon Education Learning Networks Are About to Launch!

To provide feedback/input into this year's approach to click [here](#). The purpose of the continued learning network initiative is to build leadership capacity and foster innovative teaching and responsive practice with the ultimate goal of improving learning outcomes for students. The networks bring educators together to:

- Facilitate authentic professional inquiry that engages with identified needs in Yukon classrooms.
- Facilitate dynamic collaboration among Yukon educators.
- Participate in a learning environment that models best practices.
- Engage with relevant research to creatively build skills and the capacity for innovation.
- Take responsive action, with attention to the impact on Yukon students.
- Stimulate creativity and enable reflective practice

Interested in running your own Learning Network? Support: [Mark.Connell@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Mark.Connell@gov.yk.ca).

## Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series

Each session is designed to help teachers use the built-in features to enable remote and in-class learning and how iPad can support existing teacher and student workflows. Register: [English](#) [French](#)

## BC Ministry of Education "High Calibre" Virtual Speaker Series is Open to Yukon Educators

Consider [Curiosity & Inquiry – Scanning for Impact](#) by Dr. Judy Halbert & Dr. Linda Kaser and [Comprehensive Approaches to Strategic Indigenous Engagement](#) by Dr. Lorna Wanosts'a7 Williams to support the spiral of inquiry-based school and teacher growth planning processes in your school. Interested? [Register](#).

## Other Opportunities for Schools

### The New Indigenous Support for Student Learning Program (SSLP) is Open to Yukon Students

The BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS) is seeking First Nation student applicants for SSLP. First Nation students experiencing limited financial resources and living with a disability can apply. Applications are being accepted from eligible students to receive a laptop, disability related software, and hardware accessories. This program will run until March 31, 2021. More info: [www.bcands.bc.ca/isslp](http://www.bcands.bc.ca/isslp)

## Action Items for Consideration

- Learn more about [how to prepare safer Halloween activities this year](#).
- Get the flu shot.
- Reach out to [Gabriel.Stetkiewicz@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Gabriel.Stetkiewicz@gov.yk.ca) or [Betty.Burns@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Betty.Burns@gov.yk.ca) if you need help with K testing.

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- Print and post the poster that summarizes the Communicating Student Learning required tasks.
- Review the [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) and [FAQs](#).
- Book a free Connected North virtual visit to your classroom with [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org).
- Double check your school created Team membership for accidental student members.
- Connect and collaborate with colleagues on [Teams](#).
- Review the Mathematics 8 and Mathematics 9 resource [memos](#).
- Check out the [November 20 PD Day](#) offerings and other [PD opportunities](#) available to you.
- Support students in an application for the SSLP. More info: [www.bcands.bc.ca/isslp](http://www.bcands.bc.ca/isslp).

## Some reminders from previous updates

- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#) and [YESNet Portal](#)
- Follow the steps in the [October 23](#) update to trouble shoot the activation of your ShareEdBC account.
- [Online Instructional Skills Lab](#) November 2 & 4, 2020 9 AM – 3 PM. Register: [aurora@LDAYukon.com](mailto:aurora@LDAYukon.com)
- Watch one of the Fountas & Pennell [Literacy Webinars](#) at 4 PM or 6 PM EST Nov. 12, and Dec. 9

## Quick Education links for 2020-21 school year

- [Helpful overview document of school during COVID-19](#)
- [Updated 2020-21 school calendar important dates](#)
- [Find your school operational plan](#)
- [School bus information and schedules](#)
- [Health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings](#)
- [Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements for 2020-21](#)
- [Blended learning handout](#)
- [Guidance on non-medical mask use in schools](#)
- [Learn more about when to keep your child home when sick](#)
- [Can my child go to school?](#) Ages 6 +. Download poster and review daily.
- [Can my child go to daycare?](#) Ages 0-5. Download poster and review daily.
- [Most current version of our Frequently Asked Questions to help answer questions. / FAQ in French](#)

## Quick links to resources on COVID-19 related topics

- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](#)
- [COVID-19 counselling and crisis support](#)
- [FAQ for school staff](#)

## For general updates and health information on COVID-19

- [Yukon information on COVID-19: yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information](http://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information: canada.ca/coronavirus](http://canada.ca/coronavirus)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations: information and downloadable resources: cyfn.ca/covid-19](http://cyfn.ca/covid-19)