Educator Update

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New Teacher Onboarding Resource

A New Teacher Onboarding Resource has been created. You can access this resource on 'Yukon School's Staff Page' - yesnetykca.sharepoint.com/sites/EducationStaff-CommonDocuments. You need to log into your YESNET to access the page. Within this document, there is a link to the Health and Safety page of the site so that school staff can sign up for WHMIS through YG Learn - yesnetykca.sharepoint.com/sites/EducationStaff-CommonDocuments/SitePages/Health-and-Safety-Resources.aspx.

Teacher Cost Share One-to-One Intake

We will be doing another intake of the Teacher Cost Share One-to-One device program in mid-October. More details will follow. Thank you for your patience.

Call of Interest for Committee Member

The Locally Developed Curriculum Committee is looking for a rural secondary teacher or administrator to join the committee for a one-year term. We are also looking for Yukon First Nation representation on this committee so please feel free to share to anyone who you feel would be interested. We will also reach out to First Nations directly to seek representation. The LDC Committee reviews applications for proposed curriculum course(s) in implementation in the applicant school.

Member responsibilities include participation in meetings - hotel and travel cost covered for rural participants. The committee meets an average of three times per year. Hosted in Whitehorse (in-person and Zoom).

First meeting will be held on October 19th.

If interested, please contact Emily Sheppard at emily.sheppard@yukon.ca.

Post on Teams link.

Nominate someone for an Excellence in Education Award

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to a classroom, school or school community?

Recognize them with an Excellence in Education Award nomination! We are accepting nominations until Monday, October 24, 2022.

To learn more about the Excellence in Education Award, and to download the nomination form, visit Nominate someone for an Excellence in Education Award.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Learning Networks

Harnessing the Spiral of Inquiry, Learning Networks strive to help teachers improve learning conditions for their students. With an open and curious mind Yukon teachers have been doing just this for the past several years. Yukon Education is once again offering Learning Networks as an option for the 2022-23 school year. What does participation in a Learning Network involve? All participants will take a deep dive into an aspect of their teaching practice utilizing the Spiral of Inquiry as a guide. This is a highly collaborative and facilitated process. Participants will attend three full-day collaboration sessions between now and April, culminating with a Celebration of Learning in April, 2023. At the Celebration of Learning participants are given the opportunity to present a brief overview of their work to all network participants. If you are interested and have spoken with your principal, please take a moment and complete the expression of interest form.

Link in **TEAMS** here.

Mathology

The webinars from September focussed on Planning and Teaching with your Mathology Resources. Learning how to use the Planning tool that is time saver for you and find just the right activities that are engaging for your students.

Grade 4-6 teachers can attend a live webinar October 3, 3:30-4:30. The link will be emailed to teachers who have not pre-registered through the link on the <u>Intermediate Team</u>.

Webinars were recorded and are available on these Teams: Primary and Intermediate

Yukon Digital Resource Portal

Introducing the Yukon Digital Resource portal with direct access to the BC Digital Classroom and access to additional resources with login credentials.

Yukon Digital Resource Portal or click on the Yukon Digital Resources tile in Rapid ID

BC Digital Classroom Overview

BC Digital Classroom Collection Description

Yukon Digital Resources 2022-2023

Yukon Digital 2022-2023 Resources Login Credentials

Focused Education Resources PD Day (All sessions will be archived)

<u>Focused Education Resources</u> provides access to the BC Digital Classroom and a range of K-12 evaluated learning resources. Please join them on September 23 for a Professional Development Day with webinar sessions hosted by the Professional Learning Team at Focused Education. There will be sessions on Live It Earth*, TigTag and Twig Science, BC Digital Classroom Overview for Teacher-Librarians, and BC Digital Classroom for Primary Teachers.

Not able to join in real-time? All sessions are archived on Focused Education Resources Vimeo page.

Register here.

Resources for Educators

Preparing to take your class out for land or community-based learning experiences?

Submit simple trips to your school Administration for review and approval.

Complex and out-of-territory trips are approved by your school Administrator before being submitted for final approval by the school Superintendents or Executive Directors.

Where to send complex forms

Yukon Education School Authority: offsite@yukon.ca, CC your Superintendent

First Nation School Board: Melissa.Flynn@yukon.ca

La Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon: Marc.Champagne@yukon.ca

Please make sure to submit the paperwork according to the timelines listed on the Yukon Experiential Learning website to allow for processing and review.

Find resources and links to the Off-Site Experiential Learning Policy, activity standards, and related forms at: experientiallearning.yukonschools.ca/

Please bookmark this page as it is not coming up in internet searches yet!

Questions? Contact Nikki Krocker, Curriculum Consultant, at nikki.krocker@yukon.ca or (867) 332-0631.

Comprehensive Sexual Health Resources (CHSR) to support Physical and Health Education Curriculum

New CSHR's are complete and available to support classroom learning. We have also updated the resources formerly known as SHARE (now called "Better to Know") to reflect inclusive language standards. There will be PD offered this fall for both elementary and secondary classrooms that will be open to all. French versions will be available soon. If you have any questions, please contact nikki.krocker@yukon.ca.

You can find the following resources on the Physical and Health Education Teams channel in the Files tab:

- K-3 Sexual Health Video
- K-12 Comprehensive Sexual Health Resource
- Gr. 4-7 Better to Know (formerly SHARE)

Take Our Kids to Work

Take Our Kids to Work is transitioning to another host organization. This year, the event will take place on Wednesday, November 2, and despite the changes, resources are available to help you plan your own events for this fall. Last year's resource guides plus links to the cornerstone kick-off event, You Belong Here, and breakout session videos are available at TakeOurKidsToWork.ca.

Take Our Kids to Work will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2023 and we are committed to ensuring the new host organization is well positioned to continue providing a diverse, engaging, meaningful experience, which has grown to become Canada's premier career exploration experience delivered in and by workplaces to hundreds of thousands of students across Canada.

We look forward to sharing more information on our transition plan soon. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

"The Seed" a book by a local author

"The Seed" a book by local author, Michael Kahn, will be distributed to all elementary schools. The Seed is a story about the importance of family. Join a young mother and her newborn as they grow together and learn to cherish every moment that this life has to offer. A bonus guide is also included to assist educators and parents in planning learning activities that explore the themes in this book. With

Quick Links

- Check Teams for the PD opportunities
- School health and safety during COVID-19
- Mental health and wellness supports
- Can your child go to school, daycare or return to regular activities?

sunshine, water, and lots of love- How big and happy can one little seed grow?

- Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan
- Wellness Together Canada free resources and support
- Yukon information on COVID-19
- Practice the Safe 6
- 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
- Yukon First Nation School Board

