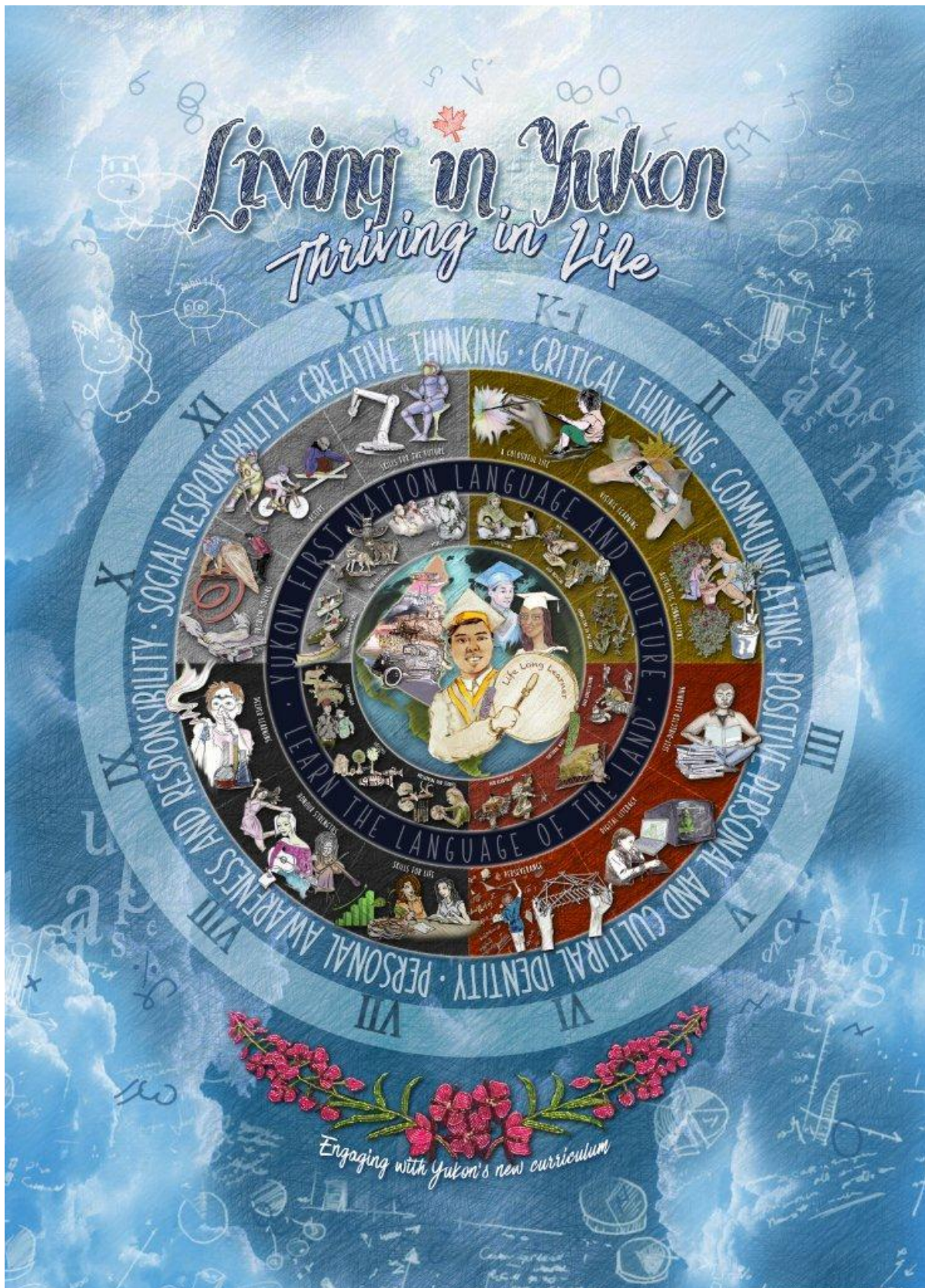


Educator Update



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Welcome back!

Welcome back all educators for the 2019-20 school year. I hope you all had a great summer break. This is an exciting year as all grades are now using the new school curriculum. All schools are also now following the new assessment and reporting guidelines. We are excited for another school year of learning and growing together.

Reporting and Assessment Guidelines: K-12

- All schools are now following the new assessment and reporting guidelines.
- [Download the new Communicating Student Learning Apple Book](#) this week, which includes updates and changes for the 2019-20 school year.

Changes to reporting and assessment

- The changes to the guidelines in the new Apple Book were made following May 2019 meetings with the Assessment Committee. The committee recommended the changes after considering teacher feedback and feedback from the recent student assessment survey. [Check out the What we heard report online.](#)
- Some key changes/clarifications for Kindergarten-Grade 7 and for Grades 8-12 are attached to this e-mail and are reflected in the new Communicating Student Learning Apple Book.

Graduation and other assessments

Yukon Foundation Skills Assessments

- Runs from Sept. 30- Nov. 8 this school year.
- Online refresher sessions from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 - **Teachers:** Tuesday, Sept. 17 or Tuesday, Sept. 24
 - **Administrators:** Thursday, Sept. 19 or Thursday, Sept. 26
 - Online meetings can be joined at: zoom.us/j/322695224

- If you are an educator teaching Grades 3-8, [consider signing up](#) to mark the YFSA's with colleagues from Nov. 18-19.

School Wide Write and District Assessment of Reading

- **Deadline:** These assessments should be completed, including data entry before Thanksgiving. The portal for data entry can be entered at the end of September.
- If you have concerns about meeting this deadline, please contact your principal or superintendent.
- These assessments should be embedded into class practice where possible.
- For an outline of the process, review the DART 2019-2020 and SWW 2019-2020 folders in First Class (located under Teachers' Global Conferences).

Graduation assessments

- The Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment is being introduced this school year.
- The Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment will be introduced next school year.
- Current Grade 12 students will write a course-based English Language Arts 12 assessment.
- [Visit the B.C. website](#) to find the 2019-20 Graduation Assessment Schedule and access exam specifications and sample exams.
- Final call to apply to be a marker of the Graduation Literacy or Numeracy Assessments. Please forward your name, and if you are interested in Credentialing for either Numeracy or Literacy by Sept. 6 to tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca or call 332-0491. The sessions will be taking place in Whitehorse on Sept. 26-27. We will contact those selected to participate after Sept. 6 with the details.

Curriculum K-12

- The [new curriculum](#) for Grades 11 and 12 is being used this school year.

Yukon Locally Developed (LD)/Department Authorized Courses

- Any Locally Developed/Department Authorized Courses that are offered at this time must be updated by the teacher/school to reflect the [new guidelines and template](#). This ensures students earn credits for the course. If you are teaching a Locally Developed Course that has not been updated, please contact tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca for assistance.

Career Education

- Teachers can now access Myblueprint to support courses in Career Education for Grades 8-12. Contact tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca for more information and to access the resource.

- **Career Life Connections** requires a percentage grade as well as an overall proficiency grade on the final report, unlike the “Requirements Met” in Graduation Transitions.
- For ideas on the **capstone**, review the [capstone professional development presentation](#) given in BC.
- The following resources are also recommended:
 - [Career Education 10-12 Guide](#) (draft, soon to be finalized with new capstone examples)
 - [LEARN article](#), “Guiding Students on their career-life journey”
 - [Supporting the Self-Assessment and Reporting of Core Competencies](#) (draft, soon to be finalized)
 - [Capstone Guidebook](#) by Kootney Lake School District

English First Peoples 11

- The following resources are now available [online through resources services](#) or in-person:
 - 2 class sets of: Marrow Thieves (Cherie Dimaline), Moon of the Crusted Snow (Waubgeshig Rice), Indian Horse (Wagamese), and Three Day Road (Boyden)
 - 12 of the following: Dreaming in Indian (Mary Beth Leatherdale and Lisa Charleyboy), and Truth about Stories (Thomas King)

Senior REM

- The Senior Rural Experiential Model will be hosted in Dakwākāda, the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, September 16-21.
- All rural Grades 10-12 students and educators are invited to gather together in Dakwākāda for a week of engaging experiential activities, facilitated by Yukon experts, including Yukon First Nations Elders and Knowledge Keepers.
- REM participants earn two graduation credits.
- Contact liz.woods@gov.yk.ca or (867)-993-3063 for more information.

Educator teams

- In response to educator requests, teams have been created for educators to share resources and ideas, and host thoughtful discussions about curriculum, instruction and assessment. Please click on the link(s) of the subject areas you would like to be a part of to join the team. If you have any questions or are having difficulty joining, please contact tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca.
 - [Secondary English Teachers](#)
 - [Secondary Mathematics Teachers](#)
 - [Secondary Social Studies Teachers](#)
 - [Secondary Physical and Health Education](#)
 - [Secondary Science Teachers](#)
 - [Secondary Career Education Teachers](#)
 - [Secondary Language Teachers](#)
 - [Secondary ADST Teachers](#)

- [Arts Education Teachers](#)

Other professional learning opportunities:

- **Learning Networks:** We are now looking for expressions of interest to join our 2019-20 learning networks.
- Express your interest by **Sept. 13** at lss.yukonschools.ca/2019---2020-learning-networks.html
- **Know Thy Impact** with John Hattie on Sept. 19 at 3:30 PM. Seats are limited. [More info](#) and [free registration](#).

Technology in schools

Microsoft 365 and G Suite

- Microsoft 365 and G Suite are now being made available for all students.
- All students will be provided accounts unless parents choose to opt out.
- A letter should be sent home to parents with each student (see attached).
- Check with your principal before using these apps with your students to ensure no students have been opted out.

Other opportunities for schools:

- **Orange Shirt Day:** Sept. 30. Check with your principal to ensure your school is participating.
- **Kids on the Farm Program:**
 - The [Kids on the Farm Program](#) gives students in K-12 the chance to interact with farm animals, plant seeds, harvest vegetables, learn where their food comes from and more! [Curriculum Connections](#) for K-12 are achieved while on farm tours. There are [10 local and diversified farms](#) in the Whitehorse area to choose from. Visit a farm that's new to you!
 - There's a \$7 student fee to participate and transportation subsidies are available. Fall farm tours can take place from the start of the school year until September 30th. Funds are limited, so [book your farm tour](#) now!
- **Parks Canada opportunities:**
 - **Clondike:** Walk straight into 1898 in Dawson City, a living town amid historic gold rush buildings. A variety of interpretive tours are available until September 23rd. After this time, winter bookings maybe available upon request. Guided tours with our Parks Canada staff can be booked for \$1.90 per student and \$6.05 per adult. For school group tours please contact the site staff. **Email:** pc.dawsoninfo.pc@canada.ca. **Telephone:** 867-993-7205.

- Kluane National Park: Teachers and students are welcome to explore and discover the engaging exhibits, artefacts and natural objects found in the visitor centre and watch the stunning high definition video that shares the fascinating world of Kluane National Park and Reserve. The visitor centre is open until September 22nd 2019 and admission is free. The visitor centre will re open on May 15th 2020. **Email:** pc.kluaneinfo.pc@canada.ca **Phone:** 867-634-7207
- **Duke of Edinburgh's Award**
 - Helping young Canadians find their passion, place and purpose in today's world by creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure! More info: www.dukeofed.org
 - If you have interested students and the \$50 registration fee is an issue for any individual students and for the school please contact paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca.
 - Interested in becoming an award leader? More info: www.dukeofed.org/become-an-award-leader or paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca.

Resources for educators

- [New Communicating Student Learning Apple Book](#)
- [Curriculum and Assessment website](#)
- [B.C. Curriculum Website](#)
- Until the end of September, there are free resources available in the warehouse at Resource Services.

Action items for consideration

- [Download](#) the new Communicating Student Learning Apple Book.
- Review the changes to K-7 and Grades 8-12 assessment and reporting practices.
- Join the [online refresher sessions](#) for the YFSAs (dates listed above) and/or [sign up](#) to mark the YFSAs.
- [Visit the B.C. website](#) to review the 2019-20 Graduation Assessment Schedule.
- Ensure your Locally Developed Courses have been updated. Contact tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca.
- Check out the Career Education resources (listed above). Contact tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca for more information.
- Contact tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca to access resources for Career Education courses.
- [Join a Learning Network](#) for the 2019-20 school year by **Sept. 13**.
- [Register](#) for the free Know Thy Impact webinar with John Hattie.
- Share info about the Duke of Edinburgh Award with your students and consider becoming a [Duke of Edinburgh Award leader](#).
- Drop by the warehouse in Resource Services for free resources for your classroom.