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Truth and Reconciliation Week

[Register](#) to participate in all events for Truth and Reconciliation Week 2022. Registration is open to all students from grades 1-12. Educators and students also have the opportunity to join Truth and Reconciliation Week's live stage program – "Gidinawendimin- We are all related" in Mississauga, ON. This event is taking place in person and online on September 29, 2022. If you have already registered, you are automatically registered for the September 29th event.

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Learning Network

Harnessing the Spiral of Inquiry, [Learning Networks](#) strive to help educators improve learning conditions for their students. With an open and curious mind Yukon educators have been doing just this for the past several years. The Department of Education is offering Learning Networks as an option for the 2022-23 school year.

What does participation in a Learning Network involve? Think of it as a type of action research. 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](#).

From the Ground Up Fundraiser

From the Ground Up schools fundraiser

With the start of the new school year, it's a great time for growing healthy habits! Several Yukon schools and early learning centres are participating in the annual [From the Ground Up](#) (FTGU) farm-to-table fundraiser, coordinated by the Department of Health and Social Services in partnership with the Department of Education and the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

FTGU has been supporting Yukon schools for 11 years. Yes, 11 years!

FTGU is much more than a successful fundraiser for schools and for early learning centres; it connects farms to tables, supports local food and builds community.

From August 29 to September 26, members of your school community can order a box of fresh Yukon-grown veggies from a student or caregiver from one of the participating [schools or early learning centres](#). Each 20 lb box of vegetables is \$40 for 20 lbs. Can't eat that many veggies? Donate a box! We'll take care of delivery for you.

For more information on FTGU, please check out our [video](#) or visit our [website](#).

Professional Learning Opportunities

Teacher Institute on Parliamentary Democracy

We're excited to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 24th edition of the [Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy](#). This year's Institute will be held in Ottawa from February 12-17, 2023. The institute brings together 85 educators to learn about parliament, governance, and citizenship. Please sign into [TEAMS](#) to find out more details on this professional development opportunity.



Past Yukon participants who attended the Teacher Institute on Parliamentary Democracy.

Collaborative Marking Opportunity

If you are an educator who teaches students in grades 3-8. We have an interesting opportunity for you! From November 14-18, 2022 you have the chance to gather with colleagues from across the territory in a standards-based collaborative learning session of the YFSAs. If you are interested in participating please contact either Marjorie.macdonald@yukon.ca or Nikki.krocker@yukon.ca

Resources for Educators

Attention all grade 3-5 classroom educators!

Fire Prevention Week is approaching fast and we need your help to spread the word on Fire Safety! The theme this year is **“Fire Won’t Wait Plan Your Escape.”**

Today’s homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes to safely escape a home fire, that’s as much time from when the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

From October 9-15, Firefighters would like to visit your class to discuss fire safety. There are a few options that we can provide, depending on what you would like us to cover. We are happy to work with you to present something that is most valuable to you and your class. Below are a few options which you can choose from::

- 1. 20-25 minute classroom presentation.** We’ll focus on this year’s theme and discuss home escape plans with your students. The presentation will include a short video, handouts and a group exercise planning a fire escape.
- 2. 35-45 minute classroom presentation.** We’ll cover everything in the shorter presentation as well as: home fire hazards, how to report an emergency to 911, camp fire safety, and stop drop and roll.
- 3. 25-30 minute tour and demonstration of a fire truck.** After we finish presenting in the classroom we encourage students to come outside to learn about one of our fire trucks. The students will get to learn about the equipment on the truck, how firefighter protective equipment works and how the truck receives and delivers water to hose lines.

If you would like to participate in this program, or have questions about delivery or size of your class, please contact Kiara.adams@whitehorse.ca. Bookings will take place on a first come basis, as we have limited slots.

You can also look up the following [website](#) for more information about Fire Prevention,

New Agency in School approvals

Check out the [curriculum and assessment webpage](#) for newly approved agencies throughout the school. Gwaandak Theatre features a play that supports student understanding discrimination and harassment. The project highlights commitment to the values of human rights and non-discrimination. Also approved is a presentation for students in grade 8-9 on workplace sexual harassment. The presentation will cover what workplace sexual harassment is and what your rights are by Workplace Sexual Harassment Legal Clinic. Find out more information about curriculum connections and contact information on [curriculum and assessment website](#).

New Locally Developed Course

The Locally Developed Curriculum Committee has approved its latest course, "Field Studies 12" at Wood Street School. This course is designed to provide flexibility in selecting a range of environmental monitoring activities, and demonstrates practical applications for many principles found in biology, chemistry, human and physical geography. For permission to offer this course outside of Wood Street School, please fill out the [permission form](#) and contact [Emily](mailto:Emily.sheppard@yukon.ca). [sheppard@yukon.ca](mailto:Emily.sheppard@yukon.ca).

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](#)
- [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](#)
- [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](#)