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## Orange Heart to Honor Indigenous Children

As we continue to reflect upon past events of intergenerational harms that have had lasting impacts on First Nations communities, we are committed to demonstrating our deepest condolences and acknowledgement of these events. Orange has become a symbol in Canada that conveys the message 'every child matters.' It stems from the Orange Shirt Day movement created by Residential School survivors that prompts meaningful discussion about the legacy of residential schools.

An orange heart is a gesture to honor the lives of the children who never returned home along with the families and communities who are mourning the discovery of their remains. As an expression of our commitment towards a better tomorrow, we encourage everyone to place an orange heart with a reflective word or message on it in the classroom or on a school bulletin board before September 29<sup>th</sup>. In following COVID-19 operational plans, we have attached an orange heart for you to print (on orange paper) and write your word or message.

## Celebrations

### Pat Joe Recognized by National group

Congratulations to Pat Joe, who was recently recognized by the Canadian Teachers Federation for her leadership in Indigenous education. Pat's exceptional leadership and advocacy for embedding Yukon First Nations ways of knowing, doing, and being into Yukon classrooms and community is a model for all to learn from. Read more about Pat's award [here](#). Again, Congratulations Pat!

## Math Inquiry Research

Congratulations to Lizz Churchill, Jenny Darling, Nikki Leigh, Emily Quarton, Nicole Merrick, Michelle Beaulieu and Jodi Carpentier on the completion of their Math Inquiry project that delves into the question “How might strategically teaching with both explicit instruction and inquiry-based learning enhance students’ capabilities in mathematics?”. See their detailed inquiry report in [TEAMS](#).

## Teacher One-to-One Device Cost Sharing Program

Intake (Wave 14) for the Teacher One-to-One Device Cost Sharing Program is now open. Please be advised this program is only available to teachers and school principals with a minimum of a one-year contract. The program is intended to help teachers cost-share devices for their use; it is not intended to purchase devices for teacher's family members.

Sign-up for Wave 14 is open until **Sept. 17, 2021 at 5:00pm** Those teachers interested are required to:

1. read the FAQ for the [One-to-One Program](#)
2. express your interest: sign-up via the <https://kb.yesnet.yk.ca/1to1-signup/>
3. read the Program Policy (this will be emailed to you when you express interest)
4. sign the Payroll Deduction & Program Agreement Form (this will be emailed to you when you express interest) and fax (867)393-6254, or scan & email [edu1to1@gov.yk.ca](mailto:edu1to1@gov.yk.ca) by Sept. 17, 2021- at 5:00pm

If you participated in Wave 7 or 8 you can register for Wave 14 as the W7/8 term is ending October 2021. Education One-to-One Team ([edu1to1@gov.yk.ca](mailto:edu1to1@gov.yk.ca))

## Professional Learning Opportunities

### Masters of Education Program in Numeracy Approved for a 2022 Fall Start

The [MEd program for Yukon](#) with Peter Liljedahl through Simon Fraser University has been approved for a fall 2022 start time. Information sessions will be held in October, November, and January. See the weblink below for details on the program and how to apply.

<https://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degrediploma/masters/ci-mathed2022.html>

### Invitation for Social Studies Grade 10 teachers who are new to teaching SS 10

First Nations Initiatives will be hosting a **mandatory** Indian Residential School unit in-service for teachers who are new to teaching grade 10 Social Studies. This 8<sup>th</sup> annual training is to support teachers in effectively and sensitively teaching the Indian Residential School unit. The in-service will take place **Oct 5, 6 & 7, 2021**. Please contact Flora Asp [flora.asp@yukon.ca](mailto:flora.asp@yukon.ca) to confirm attendance.

### Myblueprint

[Myblueprint](#) has been renewed this year. This program is a great resource to support Career Education Courses from grades 9-12. A training session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 with a myblueprint employee. Please view the memo in [TEAMS](#) for more details and email **Marjorie MacDonald @ [marjorie.macdonald@yukon.ca](mailto:marjorie.macdonald@yukon.ca) to register for this training session.**

## Resources for Educators

### Connected North

The new menu of English sessions is available digitally: <http://tigurl.org/sessionmenu>

Please email Brenda Sherry at [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org) if you are waiting on the French Sessions as they should be ready very soon! Connected North currently has a total of 258 session options this year and 117 of them are new! There is a searchable application accessible by computer, android or IOS device get signed up at: <https://sessions.connectednorth.org/> . You can also request sessions in the database. It is helpful to search by grade, topic or curriculum connection, using the app, or by downloading the session menu to .pdf which makes for easy searching and zooming. Your school will receive several hard copies of the session menu once they are shipping from the printer.

If you are interested in booking any sessions, or would like a virtual 20 minute staff refresher on what Connected North is all about, please reach out to Brenda Sherry at [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org).

If you haven't already signed up there is still space to join next week's PD session on the Indigenous Peoples of Canada Atlas set, with special guest Charlene Bearhead who is one of the editors. Email Brenda to register for this event.

### Ironwomen Running Club for Girls in Grades 5-7

Yukon Worker's Compensation Health and Safety Board along with Athletics Yukon is offering an Ironwomen running program for girls in grades 5-7. The Program is free of charge and practices will be held at FH Collins. Fall intake is happening now, and there will be a Spring 2022 intake also. Students can register at <http://www.trackiereg.com/YoungIronWomen>. Contact Natalie Thivierge at [Natalie.thivierge@wcb.yk.ca](mailto:Natalie.thivierge@wcb.yk.ca) or 867-332-1056, for more details.

### MediaSmarts

MediaSmarts has resources for educators, parents and trusted adults to kick-start another school year!

MediaSmarts digital literacy resources are licensed to all Yukon Teachers. Please see <https://mediasmarts.ca/> or the attached Digital Resource flier posted in TEAMS for more information about MediaSmarts.

### Meet Curriculum and Assessment Team

As many of you may have notice, we welcomed new curriculum consultants to the Curriculum and Assessment Team this year. A big welcome to David Schroeder and Marjorie MacDonald, both Secondary Curriculum Consultants, and to Melissa Halpenny French Second Language and English Language Learners (ELL), and Julie Beland, French Curriculum Consultant. Please see [Curriculum and Assessment website](#) and TEAMS for contact information and introductions. Curriculum Consultants are available to support Teachers with curriculum and assessment development.

## Other Opportunities

### Language Pilot Test Seeking Teacher Participation

Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) is seeking participation in a language test pilot. Internationally trained teachers, teachers who have taught for less than 5 years, and teacher candidates

in their final stages of teacher training are invited to apply. Teachers will be compensated \$150 dollars for participation. Check out Microsoft [TEAMS](#) for more details.

## Action Items for Consideration

- Check out the [Professional Learning Opportunities](#) featured in this update
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week

## Reminders from Last Educator Update

- Sign up to participate in a [Learning Network](#)
- Register your class for [virtual events for Truth and Reconciliation Week](#)
- Consult the [2021/22 Graduation Assessment Schedule](#)
- View sample assessments and resource materials for Literacy 12 Assessment ( [LTE 12](#), [LTP 12](#) and [LTF 12](#)).
- Encourage your students and their families to participate in the [From the Ground Up](#) initiative.
- Book a session with [ConnectedNorth](#) or reach out to [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org) more information on virtual field trips

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