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Truth and Reconciliation Week

FOR EDUCATORS – REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023 – Honouring Survivors – is a national week-long program open to all schools across Canada brought to you by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR). This year, our theme is Honouring Survivors.

Join us for a free educational program for grades 1 – 12

Days 1-3 & 5: Educational Programming

The week-long program will feature programming includes both live and pre-recorded materials provided through a virtual platform. Students will have the opportunity to learn directly from residential school Survivors, Indigenous artists and athletes, and other subject matter experts. Learning topics will include the gifts Indigenous peoples bring to the world, the history of Residential Schools, and what learners and educators can do to take action toward reconciliation.

Day 4: Gidinawendimin – We Are All Related

As part of our week-long program, the NCTR will host a live youth empowerment event: *Gidinawendimin – We Are All Related* on September 28 in the Ottawa/Gatineau area.

Culturally Responsive Literacy and Numeracy Strategies

Yukon Education recently shared culturally responsive [literacy](#) and [numeracy](#) strategies with schools. Both strategies are mandatory for schools operated by Yukon Education, and will be phased in over the next 3 years. The working groups who developed recommendations that informed the strategies will continue working on key pieces. If you are interested in joining these working groups, please reach out to Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca.

Please be assured that the strategies will be implemented with strong support for Yukon educators and you will be well informed of implementation actions along this journey.

Learning opportunities and resources for students and teachers

Dreaming Roots – School Matinees October 3-5 at the Yukon Arts Centre

Book your classes now!

Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism is thrilled to offer three public school matinee performances of this spectacular show, created and performed by 30 Yukon Indigenous artists in music, dance, theatre, storytelling and more.

This show is a powerful way for students and educators of all backgrounds to experience and be inspired by the incredible talent, creativity, and voices of Yukon First Nations artists, and learn more about the past, present, and future we all share.

Advance reservation required for all school groups, to ensure enough seats.

To book your class contact: admin.assistant@yfnct.ca and sign up before Sept 29.

Details:

Venue: Yukon Arts Centre

Dates:

- Tuesday Oct. 3 – Elementary Schools Grades 5-7 Only
- Wednesday Oct. 4 and Thursday Oct. 5 – Secondary Schools in Whitehorse and nearby communities

Time: 12:45 – 2:30 pm

Cost: FREE, with support of Yukon Education

Event Includes:

- Introduction with Co-Director Diyet van Lieshout, **including discussion of Truth & Reconciliation and the importance of Dreaming Roots in this context**
- 90-minute show with 30 indigenous artists from across the Yukon

Transportation:

- Please arrange your own bussing to and from Yukon Arts Centre where possible
- Contact us if you're facing transportation barriers; Yukon Education is a partner supporting these school matinees

BC Digital Classroom

The Yukon Digital Resource portal provides direct access to the BC Digital Classroom and access to additional resources with login credentials. You will need to log onto your Rapid ID account to access the resources below.

[Yukon Digital Resource Portal](#) or click on the Yukon Digital Resources tile in Rapid ID

[BC Digital Classroom Overview](#)

[Yukon Digital Resources 2023-2024](#)(Hover over the image to open in a new window and print)

[Yukon Digital Resources Login Credentials for Subscription Resources 2023-2024](#)(Hover over the image to open in a new window and print)

Login credentials are required to access Educator, Streaming Sites, eBooks and Subscription Resources.

MATHOLOGY

Mathology licenses are provided for all teachers (K-8). If you have not yet done so, please follow the instructions below to re-activate your account:

Mathology.ca is currently a K-8 on-line Teacher Resource that helps you search for curriculum-focused lessons, teach using on-line tools that help bring Early Math to life for students, and easily plan lessons.

If you DO NOT already have a Pearson account: Please follow these steps to get started:

1. Click to [complete your registration and activate your account](#)
2. Click the SIGN IN button and enter your username (your email address) and the password entered during registration

If you ALREADY have a Pearson account: Please follow these steps to get started:

1. Go to: <https://etr.mathology.ca> and click SIGN IN
2. Enter your existing username (your email address)
3. Enter your password – if you need to reset your password click the Forgot Password link
4. Copy this key: **6aff706d-d853-4e69-91ee-4f73fa8bac50** into the redemption field and click **Validate**

For future logins go to and bookmark: <https://etr.mathology.ca>

If you require support please email help@mathology.ca

Find implementation support links to get started with Mathology/ie [here](#)

If you require further support, please reach out to Ann.Larnder@Yukon.ca 867-334-3990

Kindergarten In-Service

In-service days are being planned for Kindergarten Teachers for the 2023-24 school year. We are strongly encouraging all Kindergarten Teachers to attend all three sessions. A Zoom option will be available for rural teachers that are unable to travel to Whitehorse, however we are hoping everyone can attend in person in order to collaborate with their grade-level colleagues.

The dates for the meetings are: September 26, January 23, and April 9

All the meetings will be held at the Sternwheeler. Lunch and drinks will be provided. For rural teachers who are traveling to Whitehorse please contact Lisa.Keenan@Yukon.ca for travel information. Rooms have been set aside at the Sternwheeler for rural teachers. Please confirm your attendance and any dietary restrictions by September 8 for the first session.

Please do not hesitate to reach out at ann.larnder@yukon.ca or 867-334-3990 if you need more information.

Benchmark Assessments and Leveled Literacy Intervention Kits

Looking to learn more about the Benchmark Assessment System and Literacy Intervention? We have two Professional Development opportunities coming up.

Monday Sept.18: Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessments for students in grades 3-8

Tuesday-Wednesday Sept. 19-20: Implementing Levelled Literacy Intervention

For more information or to register please contact nikki.krocker@yukon.ca(867)-332-0631

Detailed event info will be sent out closer to the dates.

Fall Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) and School Wide Write(SWW) should be completed, including data entry, by the Friday before the Thanksgiving holiday (October 6, 2023).

- BAS and SWW continue to be optional for Gr. 4 and 7 as Yukon Foundation Skills Assessment (YFSA) data can be used for similar purposes.
- For information on administration please login to [Rapid Identity](#), open the Teams app, and locate the [Assessment/BAS/SWW/FSA Team](#). Open the Assessment Channel and open the SWW or BAS tab. Open the Files tab at the top of the page and you can download the PDF instructions.
- Entering data into Aspen info can be found at <http://www.yukonsis.ca/teachers.html>
 - Please contact any of the consultants listed below with questions or requests for support.
 - Grades 2-3: Ann.Larnder@Yukon.ca, or Emily.Sheppard@yukon.ca
 - Grades 4-7: Nikki.Krocker@Yukon.ca, or Emily.Sheppard@yukon.ca
 - Grades 8-9: Marjorie.MacDonald@yukon.ca or Emily.Sheppard@yukon.ca

Yukon Foundation Skills Assessment (YFSA)

Assessment administration will run from **Oct. 2 to Nov. 10**. Please visit the [Foundation Skills Assessment \(FSA\) web page](#) for the updated calendar of important FSA dates.

If you would like classroom assistance administering the YFSA please contact Nikki.Krocker@yukon.ca or Marjorie.MacDonald@Yukon.ca

There will be online **YFSA refresher sessions Monday, Sept. 25 and Tuesday Sept. 27 from 3:30 to 4:15 pm**. The link to join is [here](#).

Grades 3 – 8 educators interested in an opportunity to gather with colleagues from across the territory in a standards-based collaborative marking session of the YFSAs on Nov. 14-15, 2023 are encouraged to contact nikki.krocker@yukon.ca

Learning Networks Call for Participants

Harnessing the Spiral of Inquiry, Learning Networks strive to help teachers improve learning conditions for their students. With an open and curious mind Yukon educators (Educational Assistants, Learning Assistance Teachers, Language Teachers, etc) have been doing just this for the past several years. Yukon Education is once again offering Learning Networks as an option for the 2023-24 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, 2024.

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 [register here](#).

Already engaged in an Inquiry-Based Professional Learning Network?

- Register your satellite network by submitting your inquiry group description (a short paragraph) and collaboration schedule (3 sessions) to Ann.Larnder@yukon.ca
- Participation includes support, resources, the Celebration of Learning, and consideration to attend the [NOIIE Symposium](#) in Vancouver.

Deadline for expressions of Interest: **September 29, 2023**.

Physical and Health Education

Connecting the Land and Water with curriculum: Learn about resources and programs available through YG's [EnviroWild Program](#). Expand your ability to take students outside the classroom and engage with nature in ways that are meaningful, experiential and fun. Please reach out to Ryan Benson at 667-3675 with questions or more details on how he can support your classroom.

Health Promotion Presentations

The Department of Health and Social Services' Health Promotion Unit (HPU) offers several school-based presentations for students, educators and parents. The HPU is also available to help you plan and implement a Health Week at your school.

To learn more or book a presentation, please email health.promotion@yukon.ca.

Sexual health education

Curriculum competencies: Physical Health Education

Body parts and safe touch Grade K-3 (30 minutes)

Puberty and reproduction Grade 4-7 (70 minutes/40 minutes/2)

Sexual decision making Grade 8-12 (60 minutes)

For educators: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE) (60 minutes).

This presentation focuses on teaching about the emotional, physical, and social aspects of sexuality.

Parent Talk: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE) (60 – 90 minutes)

This presentation covers what we teach and when, the resources we use/offer and ways that grown ups can become approachable adults to the young people in their lives.

Nutrition

For educators: Teach Food First: An Educator's Toolkit focuses on best practice, age-appropriate education to support children's learning about food, nutrition and the Canada Food Guide.

<https://healthyschoolsbc.ca/teach-food-first/>

Nicotine and vaping

This grades 5+, 40-60 minute presentation covers the facts about vaping, nicotine dependency, marketing tactics, decision-making scenarios and demonstrations about the health effects of smoking.

For educators: Vaping 101 covers the health effects of vaping and nicotine dependency, and helps shape an environment for students to prevent substance use.

For parents: Vaping 101 covers the health effects of

Cannabis

Let's Talk Pot is a Grades 6+, 40-60 minute presentation on the facts of cannabis, how it affects the brain and body, how to build decision-making skills and harm reduction tactics.

ConnectedNorth

Welcome back to Connected North! As our Connected North program continues to grow, we have developed new tools to help us monitor our budget allocations for sessions within the booking platform. This includes a system of "credits" required for session booking. You'll see a wonderful new dashboard when you log in with your yesnet email address at <https://sessions.connectednorth.org>. For most teachers, bookings will continue to be the same as last year, with capacity for one or two sessions per month, and there will continue to be Spotlight sessions and Special Events that are offered at zero credits.

If you did not book 1:1 classroom sessions you might see your session credits listed at '0' - don't worry! Reach out to your school lead to find ways to get credits allocated to your account, or begin to place your requests and your school lead will contact you!

Your school leads, Brenda Sherry bsherry@takingitglobal.org or Jennifer Manitowabi jenniferm@takingitglobal.org (FNSB Schools) can support you with getting more credits, learning to use the booking system, or co-planning rich learning experiences with your class this year! Please reach out!

For Administrators and Teachers

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Please reach out to your school lead, Brenda Sherry bsherry@takingitglobal.org or Jennifer Manitowabi jenniferm@takingitglobal.org if you would like to book a staff orientation about Connected North, purchase more credits for your school, or discuss your school priorities in order to plan for rich learning experiences from Connected North.

Yukon Digital Resources

IDÉLLO, which is one of the digital resources available to Yukon educators and students, is launching version 2 soon. Please be aware of the following.

1. Teacher's **username and password will remain the same**, however "favorites" may be lost during migration. They recommend listing your favorite resources, or taking a screen capture so that you can easily find them later.
2. **The links of the resources in the thematic files** will be manually reconnected. This might take a few days, and users may notice some unconnected links until that time.

Direct access to all Yukon Digital Resources is through the [Yukon Digital Resources Portal](#). You can access the portal through the Digital Resources tile in Rapid ID.

IDÉLLO offers thousands of rich, up-to-date educational resources in French, as well as functions and a workspace that encourage communication between communities of users with common interests.

Quick Links

- Check [Teams](#) for the PD opportunities
- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness supports](#)
- [Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)
- [Yukon vaccination clinics and information about the vaccine](#)
- [First Nation School Board](#)