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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](#).

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and [Orange Shirt Day](#) take place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 30, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools. Please see attached poster for emotional supports and a reconciliation gathering for all Yukon government employees.

Technology updates

One-to-One intake:

There is no Teacher one-to-one intake currently scheduled for this fall. ITSS and TSI are exploring how to simplify the process for all involved. We hope to have an update by the end of September. Thank you for your patience.

Graduation Assessment - Chart of Important Dates

A Chart of Important Dates related to Graduation Assessments for the 2022-2023 school year is available [here](#). If you have any questions about this, please contact Anne Copland (anne.copland@yukon.ca)

Technology Guidelines and Forms

Latest iterations of Technology Related Forms can be [found here](#) on our [Yukon School's Staff Page](#)

These are the ones that should go home at the beginning of the year:

- [Parental Release of Student Images and School Work](#)
- [Technology Use Guidelines – Grades 4–12](#)
- [Technology Use Guidelines –Kindergarten to Grade 3](#)
- [Opt Out Form for Student Use of Microsoft Office 365 and other Cloud Services](#)- This only has to be done once.

Cloud-based Services- Use of Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, Adobe Creative Cloud, and Sora-

For students to have Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, Adobe Creative Cloud, and Sora accounts provisioned to them, their parents/guardians must be provided with the Cloud Services Letter of Intent, the opt out form, and be provided time to make their decision. This process only needs to be done once for the student's K-12 career. This letter and form are available [here](#) or from David McInnes (david.mcinnnes@yukon.ca) and the return date can be customized by each school.

After the consideration period has passed, and Principals are aware of the classrooms intent to use these services, schools can submit a ticket to itss@yesnet.yk.ca with the list of students, and those that may have opted out. We will assign permission for cloud services in Aspen. A process will provision M365, Google , Adobe, and Sora accounts to all the students (except those that have opted out) in Rapid ID. At that point, students will see the M365, Google Workspace, Adobe, and Sora tiles in their Rapid ID portal when they log in.

All teachers have access to these platforms in their [Rapid Id portal](#) (<https://portal.yesnet.yk.ca/>) by default.

Any questions can be directed to David McInnes- Director of Technology and Student Information (david.mcinnnes@yukon.ca).

Some important notes:

Teachers should familiarize students with the [Cloud Services- Student Terms of Use](#) found on this page ([Yukon Education Internet Use & Web Publishing Permissions and Guidelines](#)).

Sora Library app is now available!

The digital reading platform SORA has been added to the suite of apps that we can access through our YESNET accounts and credentials. A tile has been added to the Rapid Identity dashboard for easy access.

For teachers and administrators:

Sora can be accessed through a tile in Rapid ID using your Rapid ID login credentials.

For students:

Sora can be accessed through a tile in Rapid ID using your Rapid ID login credentials. Cloud Consent needs to be granted before students can access it. To find out how cloud consent is managed [go here](#).



Features of the platform include:

- A built-in ebook reader
- An audiobook player
- Easy access to assigned titles
- A running tally of time spent reading and numbers of books read

With Sora you can:

- Borrow a book and start reading with a single tap.
- Add bookmarks, create, and export notes and highlights.
- Define words - and review a list of all the words that you have looked up.
- Earn achievements for reading, and for completing certain tasks in Sora.
- Synch your progress. Your place, bookmarks, notes, and highlights sync between devices.
- Customize settings. Adjust the font type, font size, and lighting in most books.
- Explore books by Lexile, Grade, or Interest Level and find 'Read-Along' books.
- Select titles have professional narration so you can follow along with the text.
- Read comic books, graphic novels, picture books, and textbooks as they are meant to be read

To get started, there are some helpful instructions and videos at <https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/home.htm>.

ShareEdBC

ShareEdBC is an online invitation only platform that provides Educators and Educational Partners across the province of BC and Yukon Territory access to curated content aligned with BC & Yukon's new curriculum. ShareEdBC aims to help users across the province and territory share and find a collection of resources designed to support the goals of the BC curriculum. ShareEdBC is a place for BC and Yukon

Educators to engage, inspire and spark the imaginations of our learners. It is located at <http://www.shareedbc.ca>

Once invited, Yukon educators will be able to log-in using their @yesnet email address and create a profile and start using ShareEdBC to view and share resources and make connections with others. [Begin by clicking on "Resources or Connections."](#)

Important information for Yukon Teachers

To request an account, email: ShareEdBC@gov.bc.ca from your @yesnet.yk.ca email address.

The email invitation will originate from ShareEdBC to your @yesnet email address. To activate the invite the "Activate ShareEdBC" button must be clicked that is inside the email. The invite will expire after 21 days. After joining users can log in from www.shareedbc.ca or from portal.yesnet.yk.ca Your @yesnet email address is your login. To Learn more about ShareEdBC visit the [page on yesnet.yk.ca](#)

Professional Learning Opportunities

Learning Networks 2022-2023 Expression of Interest

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? 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: <http://lss.yukonschools.ca/2022-23-learning-networks.html>

Mathology

PD for Mathology is available at the following times:

Francophone and French Immersion teachers:

Kindergarten – Sept. 26, 3:30-4:30
Grades 1-3 – Sept. 27, 3:30-4:30

Yukon English teachers:

Kindergarten-recording is available [Primary](#)
Grade 1-3 – Sept. 26, 3:30-4:30
Grade 4-6 – Oct. 3, 3:30-4:30

These webinars will focus 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. Join us as we discuss your Mathology resources and how you can set up your planning for the school year. Webinars are recorded and are available on these Teams: [Primary](#) and [Intermediate](#)

myBlueprint Education Planner Introduction and Back to School Refresher - 1 hour

The myBlueprint Introduction and Back to School Refresher took place on September 20. For those of you who weren't able to attend, the session was recorded and is available on [Teams](#). The session is great for everyone but is particularly useful for new staff so principals and vice principals can specifically encourage their new staff to sign up as well.

Have you recently considered how your students can document and easily reflect on core curricular outcomes in your classroom? What about how to support students in their goal setting and pathways planning? If you have, this session is for you!

This session will offer you everything you need to successfully implement myBlueprint Education Planner in your classrooms, including an account, hands-on experience, and a helpful Getting Started guide with easy implementation ideas for the remainder of the school year.

If you have any questions about this session, contact Marjorie MacDonald, marjorie.macdonald@yukon.ca
Link to the [myBlueprint Education Planner Introduction and Back to School Refresher session on Teams](#)

Focused Ed BC

All members have free access to new resources for K-7 classrooms instruction this fall. See the focused Ed BC website and [BC digital Classroom](#) for [upcoming professional development opportunities](#), resources to support classroom instruction and more.

Resources for Educators

Agencies in the Schools


Newly approved agencies in the school include the Gwaandak Theatre project, Workplace Sexual Harassment and Salmon in the Schools.

The Gwaandak Theatre project is a local play that support curricular learning standards in social studies, Law, and career life education for grades 10-12 students. The play provides an opportunity to learn about discrimination and harassment and promotes the principle that every individual is free and equal of dignity and rights.

The Workplace Sexual Harassment project supports grade 8-12 career education curriculum learning standards. In this presentation, students will learn how to identify workplace harassment, its impacts on individuals and workplaces, and rights as an employee.

[Salmon in the schools](#) project has been approved again for use in Yukon Schools. This project supports students in learning more about salmon, why salmon are at risk, and why we should protect salmon. You can fill out a [Booking Form](#) and we will contact you to confirm a date and time for the 2022-2023 school year.

There is an [Educator Activity Guide](#) available on our website for your use leading up to a visit or afterwards for more follow up activities. There will be an updated version of this guide with additional activities this fall, so bookmark the page for future reference!

 A 10 minute video as inspiration from [Salmon Parks](#): An Indigenous-Led Movement to Restore BC's Wild Salmon on behalf of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council.

Visit the [agency in the schools webpage](#) for more details on each of these projects.

Learn to Camp Gear Library webpage

The Learn to Camp gear library is now operated out of Parks Canada. Please visit the [new booking webpage](#) and contact [Daniele Ashley](#) for more information or with any questions.

Collaborative Marking Opportunity

If you are a grades 3 – 8 educator and interested in an opportunity to gather with colleagues from across the territory in a standards-based collaborative marking session of the YFSAs on November 14 and 15 2022 please contact either Marjorie MacDonald, Marjorie.macdonald@yukon.ca or Nikki Krocker, nikki.krocker@yukon.ca.

Link to the information on [Teams](#)

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?](#)
- [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](#)