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NEWSLETTER

CREATING A POSITIVE CLIMATE IN OUR SCHOOLS

Make sure you have the Spring 2011 School Councils' Conference marked on your calendar!! It promises to be an event you won't want to miss!

When: Thursday, April 14th 6:30– 9:30pm
Friday & Saturday, April 15th & 16th
All day (approx 8am – 4pm)

Location: Westmark Whitehorse

Our special guest speakers for this event will be **Timi Tullis** and **Lori Klein** from **Juneau, Alaska** who work with the Association of Alaska School Boards and the Alaska Initiative for Community Engagement.

They are very excited to come and share with us their considerable experience from working with students, schools, parents, communities, school governance organizations and more for many years throughout Alaska.

Despite there being many differences between Yukon and our neighbour state, we also share many commonalities such as:

~some isolation due to great distances between some communities;

~a rich and diverse historical and cultural heritage and landscape;

~a keen interest and appreciation for student success through innovative learning approaches.

Through presentations, workshops, videos, small group and roundtable discussions, as well as casual conversations you will hear helpful ideas and share in a most valuable and interesting learning experience.

See our one page flyer for more information on this exciting event.....

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Department of Education provides funding for accommodation and travel expenses for one delegate per rural School Council to attend the conference.

As AYSCBC wishes to encourage and facilitate the attendance of more rural School Council members at this event, rural School Councils who are AYSCBC members are eligible to apply for funding support from the Association. This can help offset the costs for any of their School Council members to attend School Council Conferences, providing said School Council members are not receiving financial travel assistance from another source.

AYSCBC funding assistance is set at \$150 per full day of conference (Friday and/or Saturday) attended to a maximum of \$300 per person per conference.

Carol will have forms and record sheets at the conference. Cheques are made payable to the appropriate School Council.

Registration forms, as well as travel and accommodation information will be available by Feb 23rd For booking, contact Bob Walker, Yukon Education at 667-8226 or bob.walker@gov.yk.ca

The AYSCBC
Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday, April 15th at 4:30pm at the Westmark Whitehorse (right after conference proceedings that day, same venue)
All are welcome.

Following the AGM, there will be a dinner for AYSCBC Members and our special guests Timi and Lori from Alaska, hosted by the Association!

More details to come but mark your calendar now!



ANOTHER GOOD READ....

Instead of a book this month, we're going to suggest that you check out the latest edition of the 'I AM SAFE' newsletter from the Canadian organization **KidsCan**.

On page 7, there is an interesting and timely article about our conference theme of School Climate!!

There are also short items about bullying and other safety concerns....you can read them by clicking on:
http://www.iamsafe.ca/dl/iamsafe_february_11.pdf

SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AYSCBC

(as of January 2011):

- Del Van Gorder School Council
- Robert Service School Council
- Eliza Van Bibber School Council
- Ross River School Council
- F.H. Collins Secondary School Council
- Selkirk Elementary School Council
- Ghuch Tla Community School Council
- St. Elias Community School Council
- Grey Mountain Primary School Council
- Takhini School Council
- Hidden Valley Elementary School Council
- Tantalus School Council
- J. V. Clark School Council
- Teslin School Council
- Porter Creek Secondary School Council
- Watson Lake School Council

To find out more about becoming a member Council of AYSCBC, contact Carol. Your support helps us provide support to you and the work that you do in your communities.

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