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JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!

We hope the holidays provided a welcome time for celebration as well as rest, recreation and recharging of your batteries!

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER!!

We'd like to welcome **Nelna Bessie John School Council** as the newest of our AYSCBC Members! It was great to travel to their community of Beaver Creek and meet the School Council. Such outreach visits provide an opportunity for mutual sharing of information; raising, as well as answering, questions; giving support when needed and building relationships.

We greatly appreciate the support of our 18 Member School Councils and look forward to continuing our work together for the best outcomes for students.

**Mark your calendar....
the Spring School
Councils' Conference and
AYSCBC Annual General
Meeting will take place
April 19-21st.**

More details coming soon!

SETTING THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It is that time of year when School Councils are asked to provide input into setting the school calendar for the upcoming year. The focus of this important task should be on what's best for student learning—this decision deserves careful consideration.

Along with information you have already, or will shortly be receiving from Yukon Education, we have posted a [document by the Canadian Education Association](#) on the "Research" page of our website that provides information on the length of the school year, the number of instructional days and other information, from all provinces and territories in Canada.

For example, you can compare the varying number of instructional days on page 9. We encourage you to check it out!

Some upcoming events....

REDUCING RISK-TAKING BEHAVIOUR

There will be a round table discussion on Adolescent Risk-taking Behaviour in the **Porter Creek Secondary School library on Wednesday, January 18th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.. A School Psychologist will provide some information on *Reducing the Risk*, then

open a **community conversation**. For further information, please contact Cathy Deacon at 667-7199 or [Julianna Scramstad](#).

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES 2012

Volunteers are still needed for the 2012 Arctic Winter Games, Mar 4-10. For more information, call 393-2010 or click on: <http://awg2012.org/en/PlayYourPart/Volunteer.aspx>

SCHOOL GROWTH PLANNING

The Winter 2011-2012 [School Growth Newsletter](#) is now available! The focus of this issue is answering some of the questions that have come up and will help add to your understanding of the process and outcomes. We encourage you to take a few minutes to read it—we all have a part to play in this engaging opportunity for supporting student success and well-being.

Interested in being on a **School Review Team**, contact [Carol](#) at AYSCBC or [Judy Arnold](#) at the Dept of Education.

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STUDENTS CAN GET A JUMP ON POST-SECONDARY COURSES & CREDITS....

Yukon secondary students are now able to get a head start on their post-secondary education through the Dual Credit Program offered by Yukon College. Some courses are being offered to students while they are still completing their high school studies. The Department of Education pays the tuition fees and the courses are available on-line to students in the communities and also in Whitehorse. Information and details at [Yukon College](#).

SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE CURRENT MEMBERS OF AYSCBC

Nelna Bessie John	Ghuch Tla
Chief Zzeh Gittlit	St. Elias
Del Van Gorder	Ross River
Robert Service	Tantalus
Eliza Van Bibber	J. V. Clark
Selkirk Elementary	Teslin
Takhini Elementary	Watson Lake
Grey Mountain Primary	
F.H. Collins Secondary	
Porter Creek Secondary	
Hidden Valley Elementary	

If you'd like to find out more about the benefits of Membership with AYSCBC, contact Carol.

If you'd like us to attend one of your meetings, or meet with you at another time, let us know—we'd be happy to do so.

Together
we can make a difference

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