



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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MARK THE DATES!

“Learning From Our Past, Building Our Future”

The **Spring 2013 School Councils’ Conference** will be held
Thursday, April 18th evening and all day Friday and Saturday, April 19th and 20th
at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre in Whitehorse

Planning is well underway for this event and we look forward to seeing many of you there! The conference will provide opportunities to actively learn from each other and guest presenters on a variety of topics. More information will be available soon.

Registration information for Conference will be available from the Department of Education. Contact [Lori Choquette](mailto:Lori.Choquette@yukon.ca), School Council Liaison, Yukon Education.

Now is the time to mark your calendar!!



REMINDER to RURAL School Council members:

AYSCBC wishes to encourage and facilitate the attendance of more rural School Council members at this event. These School Councils, as Members of AYSBCB 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 \$50 for attending the Thursday evening of conference and \$150 for each full day of conference (Friday and/or Saturday) attended to a maximum of \$350 per person for fully attending all conference sessions.

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

AYSCBC Annual General Meeting & Election of Executive Members—April 19th

The AYSCBC Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, April 19th after conference proceedings finish for the day. In addition to the presentation of reports and a proposed Workplan for discussion and approval, there will be an Election of Executive Members. Information has already been circulated about this and is also available [here](#).

Following the AGM, there will be a dinner for AYSCBC Members hosted by the Association. More information about the location will be available soon.

For information about funding assistance, the AGM, Executive Elections and/or the AYSCBC Members' Dinner, contact [Carol](#) at AYSCBC.

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### An invitation to a special event on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>...

As part of the celebrations of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the historical document

#### ***"Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow"***

there will be a First Nation Traditional Fashion Show featuring beautiful regalia worn by children, youth and adults on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Elijah Smith Building on Main Street in Whitehorse. All are welcome. For more information, contact Kim Rumley 867-456-3826 or [krumley@vqfn.net](mailto:krumley@vqfn.net)



If you haven't read the very thoughtful and significant landmark document ["Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow"](#) written by Yukon First Nations in 1973, you can find it linked here and also on our website under [USEFUL LINKS](#).

### A GREAT WAY TO FIND OUT ABOUT BUSSING DELAYS



Standard Bus Lines has set up a service to provide easy access to information about any school bus delays. Go to: <http://standardbusyukon.com/Schoolbus/DelayNotification.aspx>, enter your email address, the school your child attends, the bus route number and be notified by email of any delays.

## SOME UPCOMING CONFERENCES OUTSIDE OF YUKON

### **Rural Futures: Growing Education In Alberta Communities**

Dates: March 3-5, 2013

Location: Canmore, Alberta

Conference website: <http://www.albertaruraleducation.ca/>

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Saskatchewan Safe Schools Conference**

Dates: March 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Location: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Conference website: <http://canadiansafeschools.com/events/5/>

### **Rural Schools-Making A Difference**

Dates: March 17-19, 2013

Location: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Conference website: <http://www.usask.ca/education/ruraled/index.htm>

**Note: Keynote speakers include: Chief Clarence Louie, Dean Fink and Mark Tewksbury**



### **A NEW WEBSITE to CHECK OUT...**

Dr. Stuart Shanker and his colleagues at the *Canadian Self-Regulation Initiative* are working with Yukon Education, sharing some best practices based on research about what works in helping children be calm, focussed and ready to learn. By better understanding children's behaviours and what they are trying to communicate, the adults in their lives can have a profound effect on their learning and feeling about themselves and the world in which they live. At this time, three Yukon schools are embracing this approach to teaching and connecting with their students, and we hope to see it expand to all schools. Parents and the larger community play a big part in this work as well of course.

To learn more about what is known regarding stressors our children are experiencing and how we can help reduce them, go to: <http://www.self-regulation.ca>

## **SOME FUNDING ASSISTANCE SOURCES FOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITES AFTER GRADUATION**



This is a good time of year to encourage secondary level students to check into financial support options in their post-graduation planning. We've posted a few helpful links to some sources, scroll down our [Useful Links](#) page.

*AYSCBC promotes School Council, Board and Committee service as a meaningful way to make long term contributions to your local community and society.*

### SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AYSCBC

Nelnah Bessie John  
Chief Zzeh Gittlit  
Del Van Gorder  
Robert Service  
Eliza Van Bibber  
Selkirk Elementary  
Takhini Elementary

Ghuch Tla  
St. Elias  
Ross River  
Tantalus  
J. V. Clark  
Teslin  
Kluane Lake

Grey Mountain Primary  
Watson Lake  
Porter Creek Secondary  
F.H. Collins Secondary  
Hidden Valley Elementary  
Golden Horn Elementary  
Ecole Whitehorse Elementary

*Want to learn more about Membership,  
please contact us and we'd be glad to talk with you.*

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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.

#### **Members of the AYSCBC Executive**

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