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JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER



FALL 2013 SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 24th - 26th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!! You won't want to miss it!

We are very excited to announce that **John Abbott**,
Director of the [21st Century Learning Initiative](#) will be AYSCBC's guest for this event!!

John was first in Yukon many years ago when the Department of Education brought him in as one of several thought-provoking speakers during the *'Conversations in Education'* sessions held back in 2000-2001. John is passionate about using what we now know about the brain and how we learn (check out their [short animations](#) on this), to increase more meaningful educational opportunities in all our communities. He will work with us to build our understanding about how changes in education are necessary and are indeed happening, as well as highlighting the importance of family and community involvement and support for learning.

Lots more information to come so stay tuned....!



While the 2012-2013 school year has ended for some students, most are still busy completing their courses and preparing for exams. We wish all students well, and congratulate those who are graduating and moving on with the next phase of their work and learning!

***To all parents, educators, administrators, families and communities –
We want to extend our great appreciation to all of you for being instrumental in helping
students reach their goals.***

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Those who attended the Spring School Councils' Conference and/or those who have children participating in the ***Destination ImagiNation*** pilot project know how much fun the problem-solving and team-building can be with this program! Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the challenge requirements. There are several short videos to learn more [here](#).

There is great news for Yukon schools—the project is expanding to include these Age/Grade Divisions:

- * Elementary Level Grade 3 to 5 (no student reaching age 12 by June 15, 2014)
- * Middle Level Grade 6 to 8 (no student reaching age 15 by June 15, 2014)

If you are interested, have a discussion with your school principal and see about adding this engaging program to your school.

AN INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING WEBSITE

Here's an interesting and informative website about Yukon Self-Government: mappingtheway.ca
It has lots of resources including a [short video](#) (4 min) celebrating the 20 years since the signing of the Umbrella Final Agreement.

SUMMER READING...

One of so many joys of summer for young and old alike, is having lots of time to read books of choice and there is no shortage of great ones. Check out your library, new and used bookstores, garage sales, trade with your neighbour ---- foster and feed the appetite for reading adventures!



We'll be working for you through most of the summer and are always happy to hear from you with comments, questions, ideas and suggestions.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

Project of Heart Unveiling

Many of you will remember the short presentation Joanne Henry did at the Spring School Councils' Conference about the '*Project of Heart*'—a national hands-on artistic journey of seeking truth about the history of Aboriginal people in Canada. There will be a celebration of the Yukon project on **Tuesday, June 11th beginning at noon with the unveiling at 1pm.**

Location: 4040 4th Ave, Whitehorse. All are welcome, for more information, call 667-2247.

National Aboriginal Day

This is a community celebration held **on June 21st**. In Whitehorse, the Kwanlin Dun First Nation Cultural Centre will be the main location. Programming will include music, traditional drumming and dance, children's activities, a bannock bake off and much more.

This leads right into...

The Adäka Cultural Festival

This weeklong event will kick off at **6pm on June 21 and run until June 27th** at the KDFN Cultural Centre. The festival brings First Nations artists from across Yukon together with guest artists from other Aboriginal communities in Canada and beyond, for 7 days of programming that includes an art exhibition and sale, art demonstrations, workshops, fashion show, comedy, storytelling, drumming, cultural presentations and nightly performances. Check out the great photos on the website [here!](#)

June 25th & 26th Brain Learning and Applications Conference

Location: St. George's School in Vancouver

Topics include:

--*Learning and the Brain: How Can We Keep the Brain Healthy and Actively Engaged in Order to Enable our Students to Learn with Success*

--*Mind Up*

Information is available [here](#).

July 8th & 9th Canadian Teachers' Federation President's Forum

Location: Ottawa, Ontario

Theme: *Exploring challenging issues in First Nations, Metis, and Inuit education in Canada*

More information available [here](#).



As a benefit of membership, AYSCBC Members can apply for funding assistance to support attendance at relevant professional development events.

More information and the application form are available [here](#).

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

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Robert Service	Tantalus	F.H. Collins Secondary
Eliza Van Bibber	J. V. Clark	Hidden Valley Elementary
Selkirk Elementary	Teslin	Golden Horn Elementary
Takhini Elementary	Kluane Lake	Ecole Whitehorse Elementary

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

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.

Have a great and safe summer!

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