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MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

We hope you are making plans to attend this exciting and inspirational event--

“Learning From Our Past, Building Our Future”

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

**Registration Form and
Detailed Agenda & Sessions Overview
are posted [here](#)**

Major topics of the conference include:

~Building Cultural Awareness of Aboriginal People

~Education as a Healing Process

~Privacy and Dealing with Sensitive Information

~School Council Authority & Responsibilities

~Updates on Supports for Rural Learners

~Students using Creativity, Problem-Solving & Teamwork

Breakfast and lunches are provided.

Don't miss the popular School Councils' Roundtable session! Make sure you have representation there.

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 AYSCBC 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 at the same venue. 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 at the Westmark Hotel, hosted by the Association. Please [RSVP](#).

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

YUKON EDUCATION'S ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

We'd like to remind you that schools, First Nations, School Councils, parents, communities, and the Yukon Francophone School Board/Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon (CSFY) can submit a proposal to the Department of Education for funding of projects specifically targeted to improve student attendance.

The application form is posted [here](#). The deadline for submission is Friday, April 5, 2013. Questions and applications should be sent to Judy Arnold at Judith.arnold@gov.yk.ca

Now THIS is DISTANCE EDUCATION!



CONGRATULATIONS to the Grade 3 class at Grey Mountain Primary for being the Yukon school winner of a chance to share a conversation with Chris Hadfield, commander of the International Space Station during Yukon Education Week in April.



Looking for the [School Council Leadership Practices Framework](#) document?

You'll find it on our [Useful Links](#) page. On our [Research](#) webpage under the section on International Reports, we've also just posted a recently released report from our neighbours in Alaska that has some interesting findings—
[Alaskan Schools: What Matters to Students](#).

SOME OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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

March 21st *is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*

Check out some activities [here](#).



May 3rd & 4th

The Key: Unlocking the Potential of Early Child Development

Yukon Child Care Association's 39th Anniversary National Conference

@ Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre in Whitehorse

Guest speakers include: Jim Mustard, Joanne Schroeder and Daniel Hodgins

A few of the session topics are-

--*"The impact of community participation & engagement for young children to manage life's challenges & find healthy success"*

--*"Children Build Communities & Communities build Brains"*

--*"Children Who Take You to the Ends of Your Rope"*

The conference information and session descriptions are [here](#). Online Registration [here](#).

June 25th & 26th

Brain Learning and Applications Conference

at 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

--Effects of Chronic Stress on Brain Development

--Mind Up

Much more information is available [here](#).



Call for Awards Nominations Celebrating 20 years of Excellence in Education

Do you know an outstanding educator? You are invited to nominate them for the Prime Minister's Awards. Guidelines and nomination forms for the 2013 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Excellence in Early Childhood Education are [now available](#).

Deadline: March 31, 2013

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
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Robert Service
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Selkirk Elementary
Takhini Elementary

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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.*



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.

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