



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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



ON-LINE SAFETY



An interest in learning more about the topic of how to educate and support our children and youth to be safe while using phones, tablets, laptops and other on-line devices has been raised at several School Council meetings. If you (and perhaps your school/parent community) are looking for information, safety tips, and more, there are many resources available and here are just a few sources:

--[Digital Literacy](#) tab on [YESNet](#) (Yukon's Education Student Network)

--[Common Sense Media](#)

--[MediaSmarts](#)

--[Kids in the Know](#)

--[NeedHelpNow](#)

*We all have lots to learn as technology keeps developing!
Being an informed and responsible 'digital citizen' is in everyone's interest.*

SOME GREAT VIDEOS OF WATCH AND SHARE....

The videos from Nicole Letourneau's talk last November on **"Moms and dads matter: Building babies' brains through everyday interactions"** are now posted on the Yukon Wellness Initiative's website at <http://www.yukonwellness.ca/769.php>

You'll also find several videos [here](#) from presentations at the Early Years gathering in October, including:

--Joan Durrant's very popular talk on **"Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting"**

--Dr. Brendan Hanley's **"Ingredients for a Healthy Child"**

--Marilyn Van Bibber's session on **"Supporting children and families through Culture"** and several more.



You might want to include an item about these resources in your school newsletter---maybe organize a 'popcorn and movies session' with one of two of these videos in your school community!!

SCHOOL COUNCILS KEEP THE PUBLIC IN YUKON PUBLIC EDUCATION

Posters and brochures that highlight the important role that School Councils play in supporting Yukon students and their education are being delivered to all schools, Yukon First Nations offices, community post offices and grocery stores so that people can learn a bit more about the work School Councils do.

Our aim is to assist you in raising awareness and sharing information with those in your school community who might be interested in becoming involved on the next School Council. Nomination and election processes will take place this April and May. For questions about School Councils, you are welcome to contact [Carol](#). For information specifically about nominations and elections, the person to contact is [Brenda McCain-Armour](#), Yukon Elections, 667-8683 or toll free 1-866-668-8683.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

☆AYSCBC Members might like to refer to the organization's policy on [*Financial Support For AYSCBC Member School Councils To Attend Professional Development Events*](#)

“Global Citizenship and Student Learning— Engaged thinker, Ethical citizen, Entrepreneurial spirit”

The Alberta School Councils' Association 2014 Conference

April 25-27, Edmonton

More information available [here](#).

<http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=Conference>

FNSA 18th Annual Conference & Annual General Meeting

April 25-26, 2014, Richmond, BC

At this year's conference, the **First Nations Schools Association** (FNSA) welcomes special guest keynotes author of *“Indian Horse”* and *“Keeper'n Me”* **Richard Wagamese**, child development authority and best-selling author, **Dr. Gordon Neufeld**, and internationally recognized transformative learning consultant, **Anthony Muhammad**.

Registration available soon. Website: <http://www.fnsa.ca/upcoming-events/conference>

Early Years Family and Community Engagement Symposium Research to Practice – Taking Action

May 13-15, Winnipeg

Research to Practice – Taking Action will aim at making Family and Community Engagement visible in all communities. Experts from the University of British Columbia; the University of Saskatchewan; the Canadian Council of Ministers of Education; the Dept. of Education and Early Childhood Development, PEI; the Institute of Child Studies, OISE/UT and, Healthy Child Manitoba will share their research and the actions taken to support the importance of Parent and Community Engagement.

More information available [here](#).

<http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/welcome-to-kindergarten-early-years-symposium>

REMINDERS of already posted events....

The 9th Annual Saskatoon Safe Schools Conference

March 21st, Saskatoon

For more information and to register, please visit www.canadiansafeschools.com

The 19th National Congress on Rural Education

March 30 - April 1, Saskatoon

This year's theme: "***The Changing Reality of Rural Schools***" relates to how some rural schools are facing societal issues that may be considered exclusive to urban settings. "*Society has changed, and continues to change, and our rural communities and schools are addressing issues related to mental health, child hunger, poverty, diverse needs, bullying, cultural diversity, and the effects of social media, among others.*"

Yukon Education is one of the many presenters at this event—sharing information on the Rural Experiential Model and Blended Learning that is showing great promise as a successful way of engaging students and supporting their learning.

For more details about this event, go to: <http://www.usask.ca/education/ruraled/index.htm>

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REMINDER ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT DATES

March 17th - 21st---Spring Break for all schools, many schools are on break Mar 17- 28th

April 14th - 24th---Nomination period for School Councils

May 5th---School Council elections

News will be shared as soon as available about upcoming Yukon training and networking opportunities for School Councils this spring!



GO TEAM YUKON!

Good luck to Team Yukon and all others who will be competing, coaching, performing, cheering and volunteering for the Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, Alaska from March 15-22nd.

Enjoy the upcoming Spring Break!!



☆ **SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AYSCBC**

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Robert Service
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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.

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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