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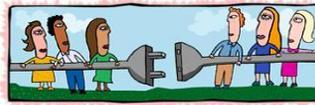
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## MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER



As the long awaited Spring weather has arrived, there are lots of learning activities taking advantage of our great outdoor environment! Camping and cycling trips, hikes, running/walking events, exploring and studying nature, watching seasonal changes and gardening at school and in the community.



### WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH OTHER SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL COUNCILS?

You can find all [Yukon schools](#) listed on our website, giving you a way to stay in touch with other schools and School Councils, read their newsletters and maybe learn some new ideas. Maintain and build on those connections made at conferences and workshops and be assured you have lots to learn from each other!

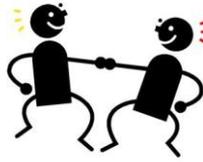
### SOME INITIATIVES AIMED AT IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

As you will find on the News section of the [AYSCBC website](#), the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society, in partnership with Yukon Education has released the recipients of funding for proposals to the *Every Student, Every Day* initiative.

The [media release](#) and [backgrounder](#) provide more details and contact information.



## DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY



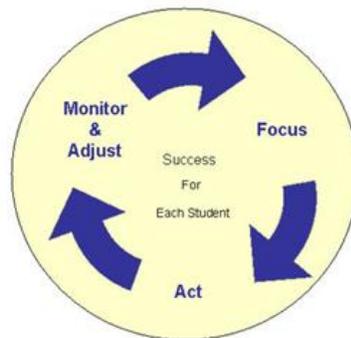
Yukon Education has just posted the approved [Dispute Resolution Policy](#)—an event we’ve been waiting for! This is a key aspect of the work that School Councils, school staff and superintendents do and this document is an important one to read.

As is outlined in the [Yukon Education Act](#) under the ‘shalls’ of School Councils (sec 113 (1) (d),  
*‘In consultation with the superintendent, school administration, and teachers of a school, the School Council is responsible for establishing a procedure for resolving disputes between the school, parents, and teachers.’*

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for School Councils to use when they develop and review dispute resolution procedures for their schools. It includes a flow chart that can be used to guide the process of working through the process of dealing with a dispute or concern.

### A REMINDER...

The School Growth Planning process never ends...in fact the cycle just keeps revolving...



School Councils have a key role to play in the development, revision and approval of your School Growth Plan, along with your school’s Administration, staff, and members of the community. Make sure you have representation on the SGP Team and that all members are familiar with what is in the plan. Deadline for submission to the Department of Education is May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for applications to the Innovation Grant Fund is also May 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information and forms for 2013-2014, go to: [http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/psb/innovation\\_grant.html](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/psb/innovation_grant.html)

## MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST POSTED ONLINE...

Following each conference, AYSCBC sends a [letter to the Education Minister](#) outlining some of the highlights of the event as well as any Recommendations that were made by the assembly of delegates. Once we receive a letter of response from Minister Kent, it will be posted as well, under COMMUNICATION on our [Correspondence](#) webpage.

The [Staffing Allocation Handbook 2013](#) is now available from Yukon Education. It provides guidelines and factors on how school-based and support staff numbers are determined.

## SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

### *National Aboriginal Day*

This is a community celebration held **on June 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 27<sup>th</sup>** 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 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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](#).



*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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Tantalus  
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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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