



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
APRIL 16TH – 18TH
SPRING 2015 SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE & AYSCBC AGM
High Country Inn, Whitehorse**

We know it's 5 months away but time passes swiftly, especially with all the activities, meetings and events that take place during a school year. We are very excited to say that the **Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees (AYSCBC)** will be organizing and running the spring gathering. Planning is underway and we welcome your ideas as we move forward in our work for this event that promises to be engaging, meaningful and inspiring to all delegates.

HELPING YOUR KIDS SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

The three-and-a-half minute video, based on a review of 30 years of research, is part of the **People for Education's** [Parent Involvement that Makes a Difference](http://www.parentinvolvement.com) initiative. The initiative includes tip sheets for parents, principals and teachers, and a research report which found unanimous agreement about the four things that parents do that have the most positive impact on their kids' chances for success.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0S_qLw9pXg

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

We encourage you to check out Barry MacDonald's website: www.mentoring.com where he regularly posts engaging and insightful pieces about a variety of topics re: children and youth, parenting, school and more.

Some recently posted are: "**Finding Sleep**" on the ongoing concern about how we and our children can get enough rest to be healthy and productive in our daily lives. Another one is titled: "**Motivation Matters**" which focuses on the understanding that "*True Motivation is a Welling Desire to Invest and Engage from Deep Within*"

Here's a link to some evidence about the effectiveness of doing homework through different grade levels: ***Homework Alert: How much is enough?***
http://www.cmec.ca/Publications/Lists/Publications/Attachments/338/AMatters_No7_Homework_EN.pdf



SCHOOL REVIEW TEAM MEMBERS CALLOUT

This is a **CALL OUT** to those who would like to learn more about participating on a School Review Team. Reviews are part of the School Growth Planning process and take place once every 3 years in all Yukon schools. It is a most interesting and valuable experience with a very short time commitment (usually 2 or 3 days)

Don't worry if you feel you might not have the needed skill or 'expertise' to fill this role—there will be good support and guidance from others, and the most important element you bring to the Team is your interest in learning more about what is happening in our schools that is affecting our children's learning.

The focus of each School Review Team is to provide recommendations, based on observations and discussions with the school, which are aimed at improving successful outcomes for students. You will not be on a Review Team for your own school as it is a view from 'outside' that is being sought.

It is very important that School Council members (both current or past), as well as other parents and community members are represented on each Team to ensure that the Team will be balanced in terms of having a variety of perspectives, experiences and groups involved.

To learn more, contact [Simon Blakesley](#) or [Carol](#). We'll be happy to answer your questions.

LOOKING FOR YUKON EDUCATION PLANNING DOCUMENTS?

You can find the **Annual Strategic Plan 2014-2015** developed by Yukon Education as well as the **Yukon Education Strategic Plan 2014-2019** posted on our site listed under [USEFUL LINKS—Yukon Websites and Documents](#)

YUKON EDUCATION-SCHOOL LIBRARIES

This site also provides access to Student On-Line Resources <http://www.educationlibraries.gov.yk.ca/> If site asks for a Username or ID, and you are a Yukon student, parent, School Council member or Board trustee, contact us or your school librarian. There are some most interesting sources of information and learning posted there.





HEART MIND ONLINE

The Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education (Vancouver, BC) has just launched Heart-Mind Online (www.heartmindonline.org), a brand new resource for parents and educators. Officially launched on stage with the Dalai Lama at the Heart-Mind Summit, this online learning tool is a one-of-a-kind hub for evidence-informed resources that educate the heart.

Heart-Mind Online provides resources and activities that build capacity in parents and educators so they in turn can support the children in their care in areas such as anxiety, stress, managing conflict, friendship and other key domains of a child's [Heart-Mind well-being](#).

As said by Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, interim director of the University of British Columbia's Human Early Learning Partnership, "Heart-Mind Online is a really exciting project. It is so important for parents and educators alike to have a place where they can find practical resources and tools, rooted in science, that really educate the heart. These competencies, like empathy, altruism and compassion, are so critical not only in childhood, but also later in life."

We encourage you to check it out and share the link with other parents and anyone interested in children and their well-being.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

Education, Career and Volunteer Expo

Students and parents will find valuable information and resources to help plan for careers and learning options. **Colleges and universities*** from western Canada will be available to map out the educational pathway required for careers. There will also be an opportunity to meet face to face with **some employers** and non-profit organizations who can answer all your labor market information and available work experiences.

Location: Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre

Date and time: Thursday, November 27th 10:30 am to 4:00 pm

*** Colleges and Universities include:**

- Yukon College
- Alberta College of Art + Design
- Northern Lights College
- Royal Roads University
- GPRC- Grande Prairie Regional College
- University of Alberta
- Vancouver Island University
- BC Council on Admissions & Transfer
- University of British Columbia (UBC)
- Consortium national de formation en santé- Volet Université d'Ottawa

This is a free public event. Any questions can be directed to Ann Bowen, Yukon College abowen@yukoncollege.yk.ca or phone 867 456 8587.

CONFERENCES

BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Leadership Conference

Dates: November 21st - 23rd

Location: Vancouver Island Conference Center, Nanaimo

Conference website: <http://conference.bccpac.bc.ca/schedule.html>

First Nation Education Steering Committee Conference

“20 years, Transforming Education”

Dates: December 4th - 6th

Conference website: <http://www.fnesc.ca/conference>

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



Together

we can make a difference

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

Nelnah Bessie John
Chief Zzeh Gittlit
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Eliza Van Bibber
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.

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

If you'd like us to attend one of your meetings, or meet with you at another time,
let us know—one of us would be happy to do so.

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