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SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

Our Special Guest **JOHN ABBOTT**, President of the [21st Century Learning Initiative](#) is very excited to be coming to Yukon to meet and talk with you at the

FALL 2013 SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE OCTOBER 24th - 26th

WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION FOR WHAT KIND OF WORLD?

THURSDAY evening, Oct 24th—***“Umbutu...How Goes it with the Children?”***
“Umbutu” is a traditional African greeting...It is an enquiry about the ‘state’ of the next generation. It is every bit as much to do with rearing in the home and community as it is with formal schooling.’

John’s presentation is open to all, students/youth are encouraged to attend as well.
Venue: **Beringia Interpretative Centre**, Alaska Highway just south of the airport
Time: **Doors open at 6pm and the presentation will begin at 7:00pm**
Refreshments will be provided.

Friday and Saturday sessions will be held at the High Country Inn, Whitehorse

FRIDAY, Oct 25th:

After breakfast and welcoming addresses, there will be sessions through the day with John Abbott on the topics of:

---***“Overschooled but Undereducated”***

---***“It’s your world to shape, not just to take”***

---***“Moral Purpose: We have not inherited this world from our parents, we have been loaned it by our Children”***

Nicole Morgan will also lead a session on some exciting programming for students that incorporates social emotional learning, increased experiential and distance learning opportunities and delivery models.

SATURDAY, Oct 26th:

Following breakfast, first up is the always popular **Roundtable** during which time we hear from each School Council about their successes and challenges. This will be followed by a session on School Councils’ role in **Policy Development and Review**—with real examples and guides.

After lunch (provided), there will be a **‘choose your workshop’** session. The last session of the day will be a discussion and information sharing time regarding **Planning for May 2014 School Council elections**.

There will be lots of time for networking, fun and socializing, sharing ideas and increasing your knowledge and skills. **We look forward to seeing you there!!**
Agenda and registration forms will be available by the last week of Sept. and posted/linked [here](#).

REMINDER to RURAL School Council members...

AYSCBC wishes to encourage and facilitate the attendance of rural School Council members at these conferences. Rural School Councils, as Members of AYSCBC, are eligible to apply for funding support from the Association. This can help offset some of the costs for any of their School Council members to attend the conference, providing they 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 MEMBERS' DINNER—October 25th



We will once again be hosting a dinner shortly after the conference proceedings finish on Friday, October 25th for any and all School Council members who have Membership with AYSCBC. More details about this will be provided soon—this is a ‘heads up’ to all our great supporters!

☆☆ IMPORTANT CHANGES IN YUKON EDUCATION LEGISLATION ☆☆

We hope you will check out our [NEWS](#) webpage concerning recent amendments made to sections of the ***Yukon Education Act***. These changes are relevant to School Councils and the work you do.



SOME USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

Want to look at 2013-2014 school calendars across Canada? Check out [this resource](#) from the Canadian Education Association. There's also a link to it on our [Research](#) reports page under the [SERVICES](#) tab.

Yukon Education's recently completed [Parent Handbook--Student Support Services](#) is now available. This will be of interest to any who want to know more about the resources, processes and plans for students who need special education services, and the important role of parents/families.

['Criteria for a Resilience Promoting School'](#)

Here's a one page list of some of the factors involved in providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students. The source of this document is [The Learning Partnership](#), a national organization that champions public education.

[Educating the Heart as Well as the Mind-Social and Emotional Learning for School and Life Success](#)

This is an interesting article by Kimberly A. Schonert-Reichl & Shelly Hymel.

SOME FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Band Aid Grants

Just in time for the back-to-school season, [MusiCounts](http://musiccounts.ca), Canada's music education charity, is once again calling for applications for the 2013-2014 school year.

For more information, go to: <http://musiccounts.ca/band-aid-grants/>



Help Yukon Kids Get Active!

After School Action Grants (up to \$2000) are to help children and youth get active during the **after-school time period (3-6 pm)**. The priority is elementary-aged children, but applicants for secondary school students will be considered for projects beyond the funding scope of the [Teen Challenge](#) that would increase the physical activity of currently inactive youth.

Classroom Action Grants (\$50 - \$500) are to help elementary school children get active at school, at recess, and in classrooms. For secondary school students, please see the [Teen Challenge](#) for grant opportunities.

School Councils, First Nations, Communities, Schools, Community Groups, Non-profit organizations, Teachers, Principals can apply.

What can you apply for?

Anything that gets kids active is eligible! You can apply for:

- After school activity leaders
- After school activities on the land (workshops on camping skills, trap lines, snow shoeing etc.)
- Supplies or equipment (e.g. balls, hula hoops, juggling, skipping, climbing holds, snowshoes, geocaching etc.)
- Children's special activity workshops (e.g. jigging, circus arts, gymnastics, dance etc.)
- Teacher or leader professional development
- Resources (e.g. books or DVDs)

[Click Here for more information and to Apply On-line!](#) Deadline: October 11, 2013



SOME MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2 Joan Durrant (*Child Psychologist and Professor at University of Manitoba*) will be speaking about **Positive Discipline** with a focus on the importance of the early years. Yukon Education, Health & Social Services, and the Women's Directorate invite all parents as well as others working with children to attend.

Location: Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre

Time: 6:30pm doors open, 7:00 – 9:00pm presentation and Questions & Answers



November 7-10th One of our neighbours, the [Association of Alaska School Boards](#) will be holding their 60th annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

The theme is '**Honor the Past, Embrace the Future**'. More information and the agenda are available [here](#).



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

As you set dates for your regular meetings through this school year, we'd be happy to help spread the word and post these important meetings on our [online calendar](#). Just [send us](#) the dates and we'll do the rest! It's a good place to look when you want to find out when other School Councils are meeting too.

There is a one pager on our website '[Raising Awareness about School Councils and the Important Role They Play in Yukon Public Education](#)' that you are welcome to post in your school & community. We've left room for you to write the dates of your meetings as well as your contact information as well.

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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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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