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“Valuing Diversity and Supporting Student Success”

The SPRING SCHOOL COUNCILS’ CONFERENCE & AYSCBC Annual General Meeting

will be held from

**Thursday evening, April 27th through Saturday afternoon, April 29th
at the Yukon Inn in Whitehorse**

Sessions will include a range of topics of importance to School Council members, including:

- Positive student experiences through good ‘needs-based’ school support
- Why School Councils need to know about Privacy
- Upcoming changes to teaching, learning and assessment for our students and schools
- School Councils involvement with teacher evaluation

This is just a taste of agenda items....stay tuned for more information!!

Registration will be available March 1st

Forms will be sent out as well as posted on our website.

A note from the AYSCBC Executive Members and Director—

We’d like to gratefully acknowledge our appreciation for our school Councils who support AYSCBC and for Yukon Education which provides funding to the organization on behalf of our Members.

This allows us to do the work we do with, and for, our colleagues in supporting students and school community involvement in education.

From one of our rural SC members---

Here's an interesting and FREE student support program that one of our School Council members in Watson Lake wanted to share with other Yukon communities: "**Dreamcatchers**" and you can find more information here:

<http://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/en/home/mentoringprograms/dreamcatchermentoring/default.aspx>



Don't forget...the deadline for submission to the '**EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY**' fund for a grant from the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society focussing on improving attendance in your local school is no later than March 10, 2017. More information is available here:

www.everystudenteveryday.ca

If you have questions about the initiative or the application process, please give Simon a call at (867) 667-8238 or email simon.blakesley@gov.yk.ca.

".....Those of us in education are in the hope business..."

An Excerpt from a blog by Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools for West Vancouver
[My One Word \(2017\)](http://cultureofyes.ca) New post on <http://cultureofyes.ca>

".....Those of us in education are in the hope business. Education is about possibility, it is about creating opportunity and it is all about hope. Education is about the hope of parents that their children will become good citizens, the hope of students that they can work to be better versions of themselves and the hope of all the adults in schools that we can find better ways of connecting with the students we work with every day. The more I think about hope, the more closely I link it to the creativity and curiosity we are so wanting to better instill in our students and our system."

<https://cultureofyes.ca/2017/01/10/my-one-word-2017>



Together we can make a difference

Supporting Youth in our Communities

Here's a link to a great Yukon publication, based on the experience and input of youth workers and other community members, titled:

Supporting Youth in our Communities—a Manual for Adult Allies

http://www.yukonwellness.ca/pdf/supporting_youth_in_our_communities_manual.pdf

Here's a couple of excerpts and we encourage you to set some time aside to check it out:

“Family and school connectedness are two of the strongest protective factors for youth and are consistently linked to positive health outcomes, such as positive mental health and reduced risky behaviours.” p. 16

“We often think of youth as the next generation of leaders, yet throughout history youth have shown themselves to be incredible leaders during their teenage years. Some notable adolescents include Joan of Arc, Alexander the Great, Mary Shelley (the author of Frankenstein), King Tutankhamen, Tennessee Williams, Oscar Wilde, and Louis Braille (who invented Braille at 15).” Page 6

Thanks to those School Councils who have sent us their monthly meeting dates for posting on our [online calendar](#)!! We look forward to hearing from others so we know when you are meeting and others can find out as well.

Some upcoming Professional Development

March 5 – 7, 2017 **Alberta Rural Education Symposium**, Edmonton

Further information: <http://www.albertaruraleducation.ca>

March 26 - 28, 2017 **Strengthening the Circle ... Creating Connections**

National Congress on Rural Education in Canada

More information is available here: <https://selu.usask.ca/ruraled>

April 21-22, 2017 **Planning for Student Futures**, Vancouver

First Nation Schools Association (BC) Information: <http://www.fnsa.ca/conference>

And on April 27-29th, make sure your School Council has representation at the Spring 2017 Yukon School Councils' Conference and Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees Annual General Meeting!!

School Council members and other interested individuals, we invite you to connect with us with your questions, comments and suggestions, contact [Carol](#), our Executive Director or any one of the AYSCBC Executive Members listed at the end of this newsletter.

***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 CURRENT MEMBERS OF AYSCBC** ☆

Nelnah Bessie John
Chief Zzeh Gittlit
Del Van Gorder
Robert Service
Eliza Van Bibber
Selkirk Elementary
Takhini Elementary
Jack Hulland Elementary

Ghuch Tla
St. Elias
Ross River
Tantalus
J. V. Clark
Teslin
Kluane Lake
Elijah Smith Elementary

Grey Mountain Primary
Watson Lake
Porter Creek Secondary
F.H. Collins Secondary
Hidden Valley Elementary
Golden Horn Elementary
Ecole Whitehorse Elementary

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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