



# ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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## MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



### SPRING SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE & AYSCBC Annual General Meeting

This event was held from Thursday evening, April 27<sup>th</sup> through Saturday afternoon, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Yukon Inn in Whitehorse. The theme was **“Valuing Diversity and Supporting Student Success”**, and some of the biggest highlights were the sessions during which we listened to students and other young adults, sharing their stories, ideas, experiences and aspirations. We have so much to learn from our young people. Thank you to all of you who attended from all over the Yukon!



We'd like to give a huge shout out to CYFN (Council of Yukon First Nations), Youth of Today Society and the Individual Learning Centre for their support, skills development, and encouragement of the students whose film **“Spirit and the Masks”** was a moving, creative and inspirational production that we were very pleased to be able to screen.

Conference presentations and Recommendation is posted on [our website](#) on the pull down menu item [Event Reports](#), under the EVENTS tab. AGM reports and Workplan are posted [here](#).

### ONE-TIME FUNDING OPPORTUNITY for AYSCBC MEMBER SCHOOL COUNCILS!

As was announced at the AYSCBC Annual General Meeting, the Executive of the *Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees* is excited to announce that it will be providing AYSCBC Member School Councils with an opportunity to receive a contribution of up to \$5000 each to enhance school-community connections in support of student learning. This one time funding opportunity allows for flexibility in how Member School Councils plan for and support events/programs/resources that meet the specific needs of their students and local school community.

For more information and the application form and process, go to:

<http://www.ayscbc.org/blog/News/post/one-time-funding-opportunity-for-ayscbc-member-school-councils/>

Electronic copies have been sent to all AYSCBC Member School Councils as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We look forward to seeing the variety of ways that this funding will be used to support our students and their learning!

## AYSCBC LIBRARY FOR MEMBERS

A list of our **Lending library books** for AYSCBC Member borrowing is on the *Resources* page under the SERVICES tab: <http://www.ayscbc.org/resources.html>



### National Thought Table on Reconciliation

On Wednesday, May 10, thought leaders from across Canada will gather for a roundtable discussion on reconciliation within a Canadian multicultural context. Tune-in online and be part of this historic event.

**This event will be live-streamed at 4:30pm on Wednesday, May 10.**

To learn more and to find out how to tune in, go to:

<http://reconciliationcanada.ca/programs-initiatives/reconciliation-in-action-a-national-engagement-strategy/national-thought-table/>

### SOME INTERESTING YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

The **Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples** is seeking Indigenous Youth Leaders 2017. For more information, go to:

<https://sencanada.ca/en/newsroom/indigenous-youth-leaders-2017/>

### Council of the Federation Literacy Award

Canada's premiers created the **Council of the Federation Literacy Award** medallion in order to bring recognition to outstanding achievement, innovative practice and excellence in literacy.

Thirteen Council of the Federation Literacy medallions are presented annually, one for each province and territory. The Council of the Federation Literacy Award covers the entire spectrum of the field, including family, Aboriginal, health, workplace and community literacy.

The award is given to recognize the excellence of educators, volunteers, learners, community organizations (including non-governmental organizations) and businesses.

Nominations are being accepted until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. To learn more about the award, visit

[www.canadapremiers.ca/en/initiatives/46-the-council-of-the-federation-literacy-award](http://www.canadapremiers.ca/en/initiatives/46-the-council-of-the-federation-literacy-award)



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2017 ASPIRING ARTIST AWARDS

The YVR Art Foundation is now accepting applications for the \$500 Aspiring Artist Awards, which recognize visual art potential in BC and Yukon First Nations youth between the ages of 15 and 19.

Each art award is for \$500 and up to five Aspiring Artist Awards will be awarded in 2017. The award is to support the recipients' self-directed work in the visual arts.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 31st, 2017.

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- Be of BC or Yukon First Nations ancestry
- Reside in BC or the Yukon
- Be between the ages of 15 and 19 (year of birth between 1998 and 2002)
- Currently create visual art work that reflects BC or Yukon First Nations art or culture

For more information and to apply for the Aspiring Artist Awards go to the Foundation website: [www.yvraf.com/programs](http://www.yvraf.com/programs).

Please forward this email to those who may be interested in applying for this award. If you have any questions, please contact the YVR Art Foundation at [cynthia@yvraf.com](mailto:cynthia@yvraf.com) or ph. 604.276.6261.



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**AND FOR FAMILIES...**

### LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF YUKON (LDAY)

#### Time Management Course

*Seeing My Time* is **9 sessions just with your family**, to learn why time management is challenging and several strategies to help your home/school/work hours flow more smoothly. Ideal for students in grades 7-12 who want to build independence from parents and teachers.

The total price for the course is \$45 per student and \$30 per parent. At least one parent must attend all sessions.

Call Kim or Stephanie with any questions, or to register at 668-5167.

School Council members and other interested individuals, we invite you to connect with us with your questions, comments and suggestions, contact 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	Ghuch Tla	Grey Mountain Primary
Chief Zzeh Gittlit	St. Elias	Watson Lake
Del Van Gorder	Ross River	Porter Creek Secondary
Robert Service	Tantalus	F.H. Collins Secondary
Eliza Van Bibber	J. V. Clark	Hidden Valley Elementary
Selkirk Elementary	Teslin	Golden Horn Elementary
Takhini Elementary	Kluane Lake	Ecole Whitehorse Elementary
Jack Hulland Elementary	Elijah Smith 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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