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Yukoners Celebrate Education Week April 20–24

WHITEHORSE – Yukoners across the territory will be celebrating Education Week from April 20 to 24. This year's theme is *Engaged Communities – Engaged Learners*.

"The foundation of learning is strengthened by the shared involvement and support of our communities," Education Minister Patrick Rouble said. "I invite all Yukoners to explore the wealth of lifelong learning opportunities for themselves and their families by engaging in Education Week activities."

The purpose of Education Week is to celebrate education opportunities available to Yukoners and to recognize the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in education in the territory.

Throughout Education Week, the Department of Education and its partners will showcase the many excellent educational opportunities available to Yukoners.

For more information about Education Week activities in your community, telephone 393-7102, toll-free in the communities 1-800-661-0408 extension 7102 or visit the Department of Education website at www.education.gov.yk.ca/education_week.html#calendar.

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Attachment: List of special events during Education Week

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Participate in special events by the Department of Education and its Partners in Education:

When	What and Where
Thurs., April 16 to Sat., April 18	Spring School Council Conference - The Department of Education will be hosting the Spring School Council Conference, from April 16 to 18, at the Westmark Hotel. For more information contact Bob Walker, school council liaison, at 667-8226, or Association of Yukon School Councils executive director Carol Coote at 633-2692.
Sun., April 19	Christ the King Elementary School is hosting a Catholic Education Open House after mass in the C.Y.O. Hall, downstairs in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on the corner of 4 th Street and Steele. The open house begins at 12:15 p.m. For more information call Marj Hlady at 667-3527.
Mon., April 20	St. Elias Community School will be hosting driver education for some high school students in Haines Junction beginning April 20. For more information contact Ruth Lawrence at 634-2231.
Tues., April 21	Employment Central - Attend a training information session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Employment Central at #202-204 Black Street to explore the possibility of receiving financial assistance to go back to school for skills training, adult basic education or English as a Second Language. Participants must either be receiving Employment Insurance or have been on a regular EI claim in the past three years or a Maternity/Parental claim in the past five years. For information contact Employment Central Manager Carol Corbet at 867-393-8274.
Tues., April 21 and Wed., April 22	<p>Association franco-yukonnaise is hosting a two-day adult education instructor training workshop on April 21 and April 22.</p> <p>Venez-vous initier aux techniques de formation pour adultes, en abordant : l'adulte comme étudiant; les styles d'apprentissage; le modèle d'enseignement ROPES (Revue, Orientation, Présentation, Exploration, Sommaire) ; les stratégies d'animation en salle de classe; le développement et la planification d'un plan de cours ou d'un syllabus de cours; et la gestion des groupes et des conflits en classe.</p> <p>Public cible : Toute personne intéressée à offrir des services de formateur</p> <p>Date : 21 et 22 avril de 9 h à 16 h 30</p> <p>Lieu : Alpine Bakery</p> <p>Coût : 100 \$</p> <p>Formatrice : Gioia Sallustio-Jarvis, Université de l'Alberta</p> <p>Inscriptions: 668-2663 poste 223</p>

Tues., April 21 and Wed., April 22	Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon (LDAY) will be hosting the two-day workshop: Wilson Reading Fluency Kit for Parents with Beverley Avano on April 21 and April 22 at 8:00 p.m. at the Canada Games Centre in meeting room #2. This is an overview for parents or tutors who want to work with beginning readers using the Wilson Reading Program. Participants will receive a Wilson Fluency Kit. Register early - contact LDAY at 668-5167 or ldayoffice@northwestel.net .
Wed., April 22	Department of Education is hosting an open house at 1000 Lewes Blvd. from 4 to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please come and meet our staff and learn about our programs in Public Schools and Advanced Education. For more information, contact Michele Royle at 393-7102.
Wed., April 22	Hidden Valley School – participate in the launch of a school-wide experiential learning theme – ecology. Kick off assembly is on Earth Day. For more information contact Len Walchuk at 667-8164.
Wed., April 22	Selkirk Elementary School invites you to learn more about math and is hosting a Math Fair at 6 p.m. in the school gym. For more information contact Penny Prysruk at 667-3688.
Wed., April 22	Takhini Elementary School students will participate in the annual half-hour can crushing relay in the school gym, as a part of the recycling program. A wonderful display of birds created from recycled materials will appear in the hallways. Please come and have a look at the students' creations. For more information contact Kelly Collins at 667-3625.
Wed., April 22	Teslin School is celebrating Earth Day. For more information contact Dennis Darling at 390-3570.
Wed., April 22	Porter Creek Secondary School is hosting Dr. Richard Clowes, who will be giving a presentation on the link between climate change and catastrophic environmental events such as droughts and floods. For more information contact Kerry Huff at 667-8044.
Wed., April 22	Whitehorse Elementary School runs a free, family support recreation program, the Whole Child Program, every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information contact Crystal Pearl-Hodgins at cphodgjin@yesnet.yk.ca . This week: Stained Glass Mosaics with Corrine Gurtler, Cooking with Kids: Bannock Making with Monique Lange and Helene Saint-Onge, and Open Gym and Computer Lab.
Wed., April 22	Canada Games Centre hosts the Chillax'n Lounge, a youth drop-in centre, every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information contact the Canada Games Centre Info-Line at 667- 4386.
Thurs., April 23	Yukon College's College Relations branch will be launching a Yukon College Facebook page and providing a demonstration to students, staff and the public from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Pit (main foyer) at the Ayamdigut Campus in Whitehorse. For more information contact Jacqueline Bedard, Director of College Relations & International, at 867-456-8619.

Thurs., April 23	St. Elias Community School is hosting a Heritage Fair for grade 6 and 7 students in Haines Junction. For more information contact Ruth Lawrence at 634-2231.
Fri., April 24	Takhini Elementary School will hold an Environment Week assembly from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information contact Kelly Collins at 667-3625.
Fri., April 24	Christ the King Elementary School is hosting a Kindergarten Seniors Tea at 10:45 a.m. For more information contact Marj Hlady at 667-3527.
Fri., April 24	Yukon Legislative Assembly welcomes the Annual Youth Parliament that will hold its debates in the chamber from 1 to 5:30 p.m. This debate is the highlight of a three-day event in which youth from across the territory meet with government representatives and legislative staff to learn about how the legislature works. The public is invited to attend to see tomorrow's leaders debate. For more information contact the House and Committee Assistant Sue MacDonald at 667-5494.
Fri., April 24	Student Advisory Council - Education Minister Patrick Rouble will host the first Student Advisory Council Meeting on April 24 in Whitehorse. The theme for the meeting will be <i>Your Education = Your Future</i> . The Student Advisory Council will have a role in providing advice about the department's ongoing work to create a more responsive education system that enables all learners to succeed. Council members will develop leadership skills as they work with their peers to provide important suggestions for positive change in education based on their insight and experience as Yukon students. For more information contact Marjorie Logue at 667-7102 or marjorie.logue@gov.yk.ca .

Week-Long Activities	
Porter Creek Secondary School (PCSS) will be celebrating several environmental initiatives throughout Education Week. Ten student-created murals that provide motivation and ideas on how we can all reduce our global eco-footprint will be unveiled in the PCSS halls. During Education Week, PCSS teacher Andy Preto will be joining five other teachers from across Canada and 18 senior secondary students for a trip to Ellesmere Island. While in the high Arctic, Mr. Preto will be helping to teach environmental stewardship and northern cultural history to the students involved. For more information call Kerry Huff at 667-8044.	
Teslin School is hosting Reading Week celebrations from April 20 to 24. For more information contact Dennis Darling at 390-3570.	
Jack Hulland School is celebrating Reading Week from April 20 to 24. For more information contact Ken Taylor at 667- 8496.	
Old Crow community members – the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, Chief Zzeh Gittlit School and Alice Frost Community Campus will be hosting planned activities including a math arcade and a fine arts afternoon. For more information contact Patti.Tetlichi@yesnet.yk.ca .	
Swan Haven – Celebration of Swans runs from April 18 to 26. Come out to Swan Haven and enjoy the Celebration of Swans. Everyone is welcome. For more information visit the website at www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/wildlifebiodiversity/swanhaven.php .	

Boys and Girls Club is located at 6209 - 6th Ave. and hosts events from 3 to 9:30 p.m. for youth ages 12 to 18. For more information call 393-2824.

Tuesdays: Blow Your Mind – Use Your Brain

Wednesdays: Get Physical – Active Wednesdays (a.k.a. Workout Wednesdays)

Thursdays: Make Something – Art Night

Fridays: Tha Funk – Film/Multimedia

Saturdays: Let's Get Rollin' SK8

Skookum Jim Friendship Centre is hosting after school sports from 3 to 4:30 p.m. specifically at the Takhini Elementary School on Monday, the Elijah Smith Elementary School on Wednesday, and the Selkirk Elementary School on Friday. Call Chris Nash for more information at 633-7680.

Yukon Learn promotes adult literacy services. Drop in at 107 Main Street between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., from Monday to Friday, to find out about targeted onsite literacy training, free one-to-one tutoring, free tutor training, a learning centre, library and computer lab. For more information call 668-6280 or toll free from the communities 1-888-668-6280.

Raven Recycling offers tours of the recycling centre and the City of Whitehorse landfill. These tours can be suited for participants from ages four to 104. Contact the education coordinator at 667-7629 for details. Advance bookings are required, and all participants of landfill tours will have to sign a City of Whitehorse waiver. The Raven Recycling website has links to several recycling publications such as activity guide for Yukon teachers, Green Gatherings & Garbage Free Lunch posters. Check it out at www.ravenrecycling.org/resources/resources.htm.

Skills Canada is the first initiative of its kind in Canada. It is an innovative community project that provides Yukon youth with an unparalleled opportunity for learning about skilled trades and technology. Youth who participate in the programs at the Yukon Skills Centre have access to a facility, volunteer mentors and industry-standard equipment. Skills Canada-Yukon also offers worksite safety courses, and other workshops such as employability skills workshops for youth, and a trade and technology career seminar for youth and parents is being developed. Drop by and check it out. For more information phone 668-2736.