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YUKONERS CELEBRATE EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 3-7

WHITEHORSE – Across the territory Yukoners will be celebrating Education Week 2006, April 3-7, under the theme of “Opening Doors to Lifelong Learning.”

“The many education opportunities in the Yukon enable lifelong learning. The purpose of Education Week is to create awareness of education opportunities available to Yukoners and to celebrate the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in education in the territory,” Education Minister John Edzerza said.

During Education Week, various organizations will showcase the many excellent educational opportunities available to Yukoners of all ages and in all communities.

Many elementary and secondary schools, First Nations, Yukon College campuses and non-profits organizations that provide education services to Yukoners will take part in celebrating Education Week.

“During Education Week, I encourage Yukoners to find out what kind of education opportunities interest them, and to open the doors to lifelong learning,” Edzerza said. “Take in an Education Week display, attend an open house or participate in one of the many available workshops.”

For more information about Education Week activities in your community, check the newspaper from Friday, March 31. For information on Education Week special events call 393-7102; 1-800-661-0408 extension 7102; or visit www.education.gov.yk.ca/general/education_week.html.

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Attachment: List of Education Week Events

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MONDAY, APRIL 3

Yukon Conservation Society	Yukon Conservation Society will be hosting an Open House from 2 - 5 p.m. at their office at 302 Hawkins. Call Georgia at 668-5678 for more info.
Staff Development Branch	The Staff Development Branch of the Yukon government is hosting an Open House 1 - 4 p.m. Call Marie at 667-5991 for more info.
Swan Haven	Swan Haven Interpretation Centre is open today through to April 30 - weekdays 5 - 9 p.m. and weekends 12 – 7 p.m. An interpreter will be available to answer questions. Contact Wildlife Viewing at 667-8291 for more info.
MacBride Museum	MacBride Museum is open for their winter hours 1 – 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. Call 667-2709 for more information.
Challenge CVA	Challenge CVA is hosting two training opportunities for people with disabilities this week: Landscape/Greenhouse Training and Hotel Support Worker Skills Training. Call Rick at 668-4421 for more info.
Yukon Learn	Yukon Learn is celebrating Education Week with an Open House from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call Debbie at 668-6280 for more info.
Yukon Arts Centre	This Education Week, visit the Yukon Arts Centre Public Art Gallery. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday from 12 – 6 p.m., and weekends from 12 – 5 p.m. Three exciting new exhibits are on display: Allison Hrabluik's <i>The Pit Bar, Dawson City</i> ; Maureen Morris' <i>Headwear: Helmets, Hats & Halos</i> ; and <i>Tidal Trace</i> by Lyndal Osborne and John Freeman. Call 667-8476 for guided tours info.
Yukon Council on Disability	The Yukon Council on Disability presents an Education Week Open House 1 – 4 p.m. at 1154A-1 st Avenue. Call 668-6703 for more info.
Whitehorse Public Library	The Whitehorse Public Library is hosting a Writers Summit at 7:30 p.m. Please call 667-5239 for more info.
Golden Horn Elementary School	Golden Horn Elementary School will hold an Education Week Assembly on April 3, themed: Opening Doors to Lifelong Learning.
Takhini Elementary School Council	Takhini Elementary School Council meeting – visitors welcome. Call 667-3265 for more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Christ the King Elementary School	Christ the King Elementary students and staff invite parents to join them in a School Celebration of Lent 5. Call Marj at 667-3527 for info.
Yukon Arts Centre	The Community Grotto at the Yukon Arts Centre is hosting a new exhibit by Marie-Helene Comeau and Yvette Bourque during Education Week. Call 667-8476 for more info.
F.H. Collins Secondary School	F.H. Collins Secondary School students will take a Vow of Silence to raise funds and awareness for a transition centre for African children who are exploited in work, victims of prostitution or orphaned by AIDS. For more info call Christine at 667-8665.
Takhini Elementary School	Takhini Elementary School Grade 7 students will be taking a field trip to Skills Canada – Yukon. Grade 2 students will work with a guest artist to make traditional First Nation rattles. Call 667-3265 for more info.
Carcross/Tagish First Nation	Carcross/Tagish First Nation will be hosting a community bison feast and celebration of education outside of school walls. Call Colleen at 821-4603 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

F.H. Collins Secondary School	Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation in partnership with F.H. Collins presents a Career Fair featuring information from the Public Service Commission, Yukon First Nations and many other career opportunities for young people. Call Kim at 667-8665 for info.
Swan Haven	Today is the Swan Haven school visit registration deadline. Call Wildlife Viewing at 668-8291 for more info.
St. Elias School	St. Elias School is hosting a community potluck. Please call Ruth at 634-2231 for more info.
Hidden Valley Elementary School	Hidden Valley Elementary School will be holding a special craft afternoon – all families are invited. Call Len at 667-8164 for info.
Yukon Agricultural Association	The Yukon Agricultural Association is holding an Open House from 11 – 1 p.m. at 302 Steele Street. Call Rosie at 668-6864 for more info.
Canadian Cancer Society	The Canadian Cancer Society will be hosting an Open House at their office at 3089-3 rd Avenue from 11 – 1 p.m.
Big Brothers Big Sisters Yukon	Join Big Brothers Big Sisters Yukon for an Open House today from 1 – 4 p.m. at 305 Wood Street. Find out about opportunities to be a Big Brother, Big Sister or a board member. Call Sarah at 668-7911 for info.
F.H. Collins Secondary School	The F.H. Collins Secondary School Council will be hosting a

	lunch for the school staff. Call Christine at 667-8665 for more info.
Selkirk Elementary School	Selkirk Elementary School will be hosting a pancake breakfast and a Book Read starting at 7:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. Call Penny at 667-3688 for more info.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Department of Education	<p>Come to the Department of Education Open House at 1000 Lewes Boulevard from 4 – 6 p.m. Meet the people at Public Schools and Advanced Education and find out more about our programs and services for Yukoners.</p> <p>Visit the Community Education Fair at our Open House for information on a variety of education opportunities available in the Yukon. Featured groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation and Parks Association Yukon – Active Schools Program • MacBride Museum – Materials and resources for teachers • Department of Environment – how to bring the environment into the classroom • Teen Parent Centre • Porter Creek Secondary students – display of fabric art
Tantalus School	Tantalus School is hosting a Community Literacy and Numeracy Tea at 2 p.m. This is a community event. Please join students, staff and parents for a fun afternoon of literacy and numeracy games. Call Cully at 863-5371 for more information.
Kluane Lake School	Come to “The Best Little School in the Yukon” at 7 p.m. to learn all about Kluane Lake School’s recent cultural exchange with Pelican Elementary School in Alaska. Did students meet long-lost Tlingit relatives? Will student-raised salmon fry really swim by Pelican after being released in the Kluane River? Do the people of Pelican really drive golf carts around town? For answers to these questions and so much more, please come and celebrate the students’ learning. Everyone welcome! Please call Jill at 841-4506 for info.
Porter Creek Secondary School	Porter Creek Secondary School is hosting a school-wide talent show to showcase their student talent. In the evening, they will also be celebrating the conclusion of a full day of fasting to raise money for the school’s Food for Learning program. Please call Kerry at 667-8044 for info.
Whitehorse Public Library	Enjoy good stories, music and a craft at the Whitehorse Public Library’s Storytime at 10:30 a.m. This fun, educational program is designed for 3-6 year olds who are accompanied by an adult. For more information call the library at 667-5239. In Yukon communities, please call your local library to find out about

	Storytime.
Yukon College	Yukon College in Whitehorse will host an Open House from 1 – 6 p.m. Drop by for information on Yukon College education and training programs, student funding, planning academic and career goals and tours of the College residences and other facilities. For more information call the Student Services Centre at 668-8720 or look on the Yukon College website for more details.
Society of Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry (SYANA)	SYANA presents an Aboriginal Writers Reading at 5:30 p.m. at 302 Steele Street (the TC Richards Building) For more info call Sharon at 668-2695 ext. 2.
Society of Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry (SYANA)	SYANA is holding a board meeting at 7 p.m. at 302 Steele Street (the TC Richards Building) For more info call Linda at 668-2695 ext. 1.
Employment Central	Employment Central is hosting a training information session from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Join them at #202 – 204 Black Street to learn about the process to apply for funding assistance to obtain skills training, adult basic education or English as a Second Language training.
F.H. Collins Secondary School	Canadian Parents for French Concours Oratoire will hold a French Public Speaking Contest at F.H. Collins Secondary. Yukon finalists will be sent to British Columbia to compete for spots in the National competition. Call Christine at 667-8665 for more info.
Yukon Volunteer Bureau	The Yukon Volunteer Bureau will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on volunteer recognition at McBride Museum. Call 456-4304 for more info.
Ross River School	Ross River School will be hosting an Education Week Career Fair featuring representatives from Yukon College and Skills Yukon, as well as nurses, RCMP officers and conservation officers. Call Ann at 969-2216 for more info.
Takhini Elementary School	Takhini Elementary School grade 5 students will take a field trip to the legislative assembly. The Takhini Heartbeaters will give a skipping demonstration at the 11 a.m. assembly. There will be a school-wide talent show and tea from 6 - 8 p.m. in the school gym. Call 667-3265 for more info.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Yukon College	Look for Yukon College's publication, <i>The Choice</i> , inserted into the Whitehorse Star and the Yukon News. <i>The Choice</i> features information on Yukon College programs and services.
École-Émilie Tremblay	Join students and staff at École-Émilie Tremblay during their Open School Day and celebration of poetry from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call Hélène at 667-8150 for info.

Holy Family Elementary School	Holy Family Elementary School will be holding a Spring Family Dance and Silent Auction on from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. to celebrate Education Week.
Watson Lake Secondary School	Watson Lake Secondary School is hosting a student luncheon at noon to celebrate literacy during Education Week. Call Carson at 536-2501 for info.
Innovators in the Schools	Innovators in the Schools are hosting the 13 th Annual Bridge Building Competition. Today is the deadline to drop off your bridge and narrative for the April 8 competition. Call Heather at 668-8739 for info.
Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon	Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon will be hosting an Open House today from 12 – 3 p.m. at 1154 C - 1 st Avenue at Strickland St. See a computer demonstration of assistive technology to help people with learning disabilities. Call 668-5167 for more info.
MacBride Museum	The MacBride Museum is hosting an Open House from 1 - 4 p.m. Join them for a sneak peak at the Wild World Exhibit. Call 667-2709 for more information. Teachers are invited to find out more about MacBride's Museum Boxes.
Golden Horn Elementary School	Golden Horn Elementary School will host a special Education Week Students vs Staff Broomball Challenge in the school gym.
Takhini Elementary School	Ted Staffen, speaker of the legislative assembly, will visit the Takhini Elementary School Grade 5 class to talk about how government works. Call 667-3625 for more info.

Watch out for some other Education Week events throughout the week of April 3-7:

Nelna Bessie John School – All students will be traveling to Calgary and surrounding historical sites including Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump.

Hidden Valley Elementary School – Students will enjoy special guest readers every lunch hour during Education Week.

Del Van Gorder School – Students will be undertaking an outdoor education field trip to the summit.

Yukon Transportation Museum – Will hosts educational tours. Call 668-4792 for more info.

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation – Will be partnering with Yukon College in Old Crow to host an Open House and will have a special display on the culture camps at Chief Zzeh Gittlit School. Call 966-3261 or 966-3200 for more information.

The Yukon Literacy Coalition – Will display the winners of their “Get Caught Reading” campaign at the Bakerei Kaffee Haus during Education Week. For more information call Jake Derksen at 668-6535.

If you would like more information about Education Week or if you would like to be included in this listing next year, please contact Clea Ainsworth at 393-7102 or e-mail clea.ainsworth@gov.yk.ca.