



District Highlights

November 2023

Upcoming Events

November 7-8

SJF Family/Teacher
Conferences
4:00pm - 7:00pm

November 11

Remembrance Day
No School

November 14

CoTW Meeting
District Office @ 12:00pm

November 14

Board Meeting
District Office @ 7:00pm

Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to the Winter season of 2023, even after our late start of the school year, we are now moving quickly into Winter and all that the Winter season brings to school systems.

It was great to see some Fall Sporting action with Spike It most recently and our teams fully engaged and participating in the activities that our schools provide. A big thank you to the coaches and volunteers who ensure that these events occur for our students and students across the region. These events simply would not happen without your efforts.

We hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween as we now head into November. Remembrance Day preparation and activities will be the next activity we see our schools engaged in and we encourage to attend our school assemblies and our community services to honour those who served.

You will also see the first report cards of the year come home this month and they may look different than what you have seen in the past. As we move to the BC curriculum we are also moving to the report card templates used in BC. Your school can best answer any questions about the information on the report card as it relates to your child and their academic progress in their classroom. We know that the competency based curriculum that the NWT is moving towards will provide better outcomes and hopefully greater engagement for our students.

School photos will be occurring at the end of the month so please check in with your school as to your specific day so that your students are ready for that event.

We were pleased to see so many on the land and language activities occurring as soon as we began the school year. These activities are integral to our curriculum and student learning and they will continue throughout the year under the leadership of our Indigenous Language leaders and staff.

Like many of you, we are awaiting the results of the NWT elections and anxious to see if any changes or adjustments are made to education once a new government is in place.



Jameel Aziz

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Upcoming Events

November 15

Challenge Cup Multiplex
Arena

November 21-22

JK-8 Family/Teacher
Conferences
4:00pm - 7:00pm

November 24

PD Day
No Classes - All Students

PAC MEETINGS

NJM Nov 15 @ 7:00pm
SJF Nov 16 @ 7:00pm
WMS Nov 22 @ 6:30pm
RLN Nov 23 @ 6:30pm
MHS Nov 29 @ 6:30pm

Message from the Superintendent

Though we do not anticipate anything major, there are often slight shifts as new governments form and set their mandates. We will keep you apprised if anything of consequence occurs. At the very least, we encourage you to participate in the electoral process and cast a ballot for your preferred candidate.



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Report Card update

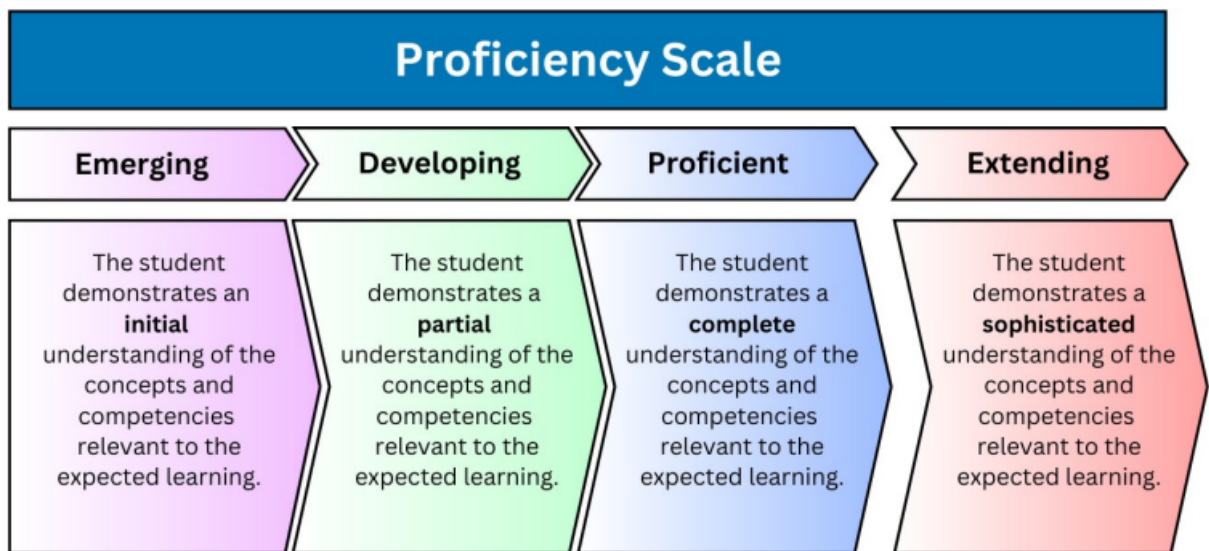
There has been a lot of excitement about the new curriculum and the work that is happening in YK1 classrooms. While we are all learning and finding our way with the changes, we believe they will benefit our learners. Sharing success and next steps is an important part of school and home communication and one way we do this is through report cards.

What can you expect on the Report Card?

- NWT Proficiency Scale Grades 1-8
- Growth as a Learner will appear in the report card
- Written comments will focus on your child's growth and learning - strength based comments saying what your child can do and is good at and what their next steps are

What is the Proficiency Scale?

For a long time, YK1 has used a 1-4 scale on report cards. Now, Education, Culture and Employment and YK1 are introducing a new proficiency scale to help parents and caregivers better understand what students can do and how they can improve. This new scale, along with detailed feedback, tells us that learning never stops. It shows where the student is at with their learning and what they should work on next. The goal is to help students develop their skills and competencies over time.



Emerging (**EM**) Developing (**DEV**) Proficient (**PR**) Extending (**EXT**) Insufficient Evidence (**INS**)

Family/Teacher Conferences will be held November 21st and 22nd from 4:00-7:00 pm.
We look forward to celebrating your child.

November 1, 2023

To all YCS, CSFTNO, and YK1 families:



Kindly be advised that the deadline for bus pass applications for the 2023-2024 school year was October 31st. This date has since passed and bus pass applications may no longer be accepted.

Parents and guardians who have been placed on the waiting list, along with those who have submitted an appeal, should be advised that the waiting list is undergoing evaluation. Once the applications have been reviewed, the bus company (Transdev) will inform Yellowknife School Boards of available seats. The School Boards will then evaluate appeals from families and allocate any available spaces based on merit. This process is expected to conclude by November 15th.

Please note that distances used to measure eligibility have existed prior to the 2023-2024 school year and were determined by the School Boards, with mapping illustrations provided to us by the City of Yellowknife. The School Boards are now enforcing this existing distance criteria due to limited bus drivers. Students who meet the following criteria are eligible for a subsidized bus pass at a cost of \$225:

- 1.1** Kindergarten children living further than 0.4 km from school.
- 1.2** Students in grades 1-3 living further than 1.2 km from school.
- 1.3** Students in grades 4-6 living further than 1.6 km from school.
- 1.4** Students in grades 7-8 living further than 2.0 km from school.

Unfortunately, the bus system still does not have the capacity to service all interested riders, and may not at any time in the near future; the School Boards must make some tough decisions. We acknowledge the challenges associated with awaiting a decision and we appreciate your patience during this process.

Please help us recruit school bus drivers. If you or someone within your network is interested in supporting Yellowknife schools by becoming a school bus driver, please contact Nancy at Transdev at (867) 873-4693 or send her an email at yellowknife@firstgroup.com to ask about driver training.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Sincerely,

YK1, CSFTNO, YCS





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Facebook: @yk1itlo



N.J. Macpherson School (JK-5)

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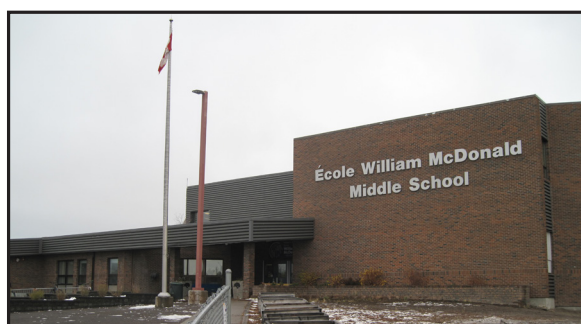
Mildred Hall School (JK-8)

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Website: www.yk1.nt.ca/mhs
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Range Lake North School (JK-8)

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Website: www.yk1.nt.ca/rln
Facebook: @yk1rln



École William McDonald Middle School (6-8)

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Website: www.yk1.nt.ca/wms
Facebook: @yk1wms



École Sir John Franklin High School (9-12)

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Website: www.yk1.nt.ca/sjf
Facebook: @yk1sjf

Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 Calendar 2023-2024

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September 2023

October 2023

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 Non-school Day
 No Classes for Students
 First Day of Classes

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May 2024

June 2024

July 2024

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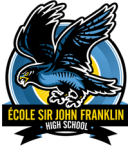
 Non-school Day
 No Classes for Students
 Last Day of Classes

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 First Day of Classes
 Early Dismissal

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 Non-school Day
 No Classes for Students
 Semester 2 Begins
 Early Dismissal

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