



September 1, 2023

Dear Yellowknife Families and Staff,

As we are sure you are aware, the City of Yellowknife and the GNWT are planning a staged return to Yellowknife once the evacuation order is lifted. Unfortunately, as of today, this has not yet occurred, and we are awaiting further information about the re-entry schedule and a safe return to our community.

We can share that preliminary planning is taking place to allow essential workers to return pending the approval of the City and EMO. This will allow us to prepare our school sites for the return of staff and to welcome back our students.

As always, the safety and security of our families is paramount. Although we are all anxious to return to our community, we must continue to follow the directions provided by the EMO and the City of Yellowknife.

As such, we can say with relative certainty that Yellowknife schools will NOT be ready to open on September 11th.

We can appreciate your concern about the loss of instructional time. However, please know there is no expectation for you as parents to begin the school year at this time. As we have shared, other jurisdictions will allow NT students to register temporarily to provide some connection, structure, and routine during this challenging time. While this is an option, families are not required to register their child elsewhere during the evacuation order from Yellowknife.

When we can return and have our staff in place, we will be better positioned to provide you with additional detail regarding any decisions that may need to be discussed to address the time we have been required to be away from our community.

Attached in this letter are some educational links should you wish to have your child engage in some learning. Please stay safe and look after yourselves and one another.

Respectfully,

Yellowknife and Area Schools

Grade level	Links	Description
Literacy and Numeracy		
JK-3	Starfall	Literacy app for reading, phonics & math Includes educational games, movies, books and songs.
	Storyline Online	Videos featuring celebrated actors reading children’s books.
3-5	Math At Home Math Playground	Various math activities
	DK Find Out!	Interactive Informational reading activities.
6 +	Canadian Reader	Scroll Down the page to find current events articles and response activities.
	CommonLit	Online reading- various genres. Guided questions to check for understanding.
	Math Khan Academy	Math -Guided Learning
	Mathigon	Various Math Activities
	Scholastic Learning Zone Username: YEDS Password: YEDS123	Scholastic Canada has generously provided our district with free access to some digital learning resources. Ages 5-12
	Funbrain mathisfun.com	Reading and math educational activities
	Overdrive (YK1 subscription with SORA app on all devices) CommonLit Time for Kids Epic! Tumblebooks (district subscription yk1:books)	Digital Libraries For Sora, select -Alberta Schools- YK1-Sign in with a google account (Use school email:firstname.lastname@yk1.nt.ca)

	Khan Academy	Free online courses *to access click on "courses" at the top on the left side of the screen
	Concentration Pick-a-Path Deep Sea Duel Multiplication 4 in a Row Math Playground Fun for Kids mathisfun.com https://tangmath.com/games	Math games
	TedED TedED Daily	Learning with educational videos
French Immersion	https://www.thefrenchexperiment.com/stories	
	Radio-Canada	Online French books Including some audiobooks
	Bibliotheque des ameriques	Thousands of online French books. Students/families will need to register and create an account to access (free, email required)
	https://wodb.ca https://fr.mathigon.org	Numeracy and reasoning. These activities are meant to be done orally as a group. Encourage siblings to work together to solve or work together with your child(ren). Various activities aimed at Grades 4-6, including patterning, geometry, number sense and multiplication review. Some activities are good review for 6-8 as well.
Health and Wellness		
	Try this 10 minute fitness video. 10 minute Fitness Watch this 10 minute stretching video that focuses on building flexibility!	physical education
	GNWT Services and Supports	