



# District Highlights

## June 2023

### Upcoming Events

#### June is PRIDE

#### Month

#### June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Community  
Plant Sale  
at École ı́t'ı́  
10 AM to 2 PM

#### June 13<sup>th</sup>

Committee of the  
Whole Meeting  
12:00 PM

Board Meeting  
7:00 PM

#### June 13<sup>th</sup>

Grade 6  
Parent Info Night WMS  
7-8PM

#### June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Last day of classes  
for JK- Grade 8

#### June 26<sup>th</sup>

Last day of classes  
for Grades 9-12

### Message from the Superintendent

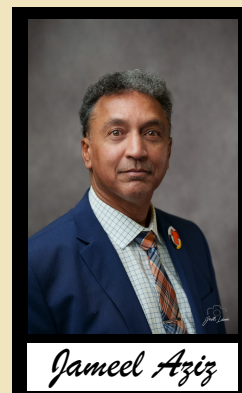
It is hard for me to believe that an entire school year is about to wrap up. For me, in my first year as Superintendent, it has flown by. I want to thank all of the staff, families, and students at YK1 for their continued support and engagement. I would also like to thank the community of Yellowknife and our partners for their welcoming.

As in all new things, I have spent the past year trying to observe, learn and engage in the culture of YK1, the City of Yellowknife and the NWT as a whole. It has been a very positive experience for me. I am impressed with the many programs, activities, and authentic learning going on in our classrooms. I am continually inspired by the dedication of all YK1 staff as shown in the support they provide to the students in our schools and each other. I am also grateful for the support of the YK1 Education District Board of Trustees as they provide governance and purview to the operations of YK1. It has been a good first year for me.

As we move into the 2023-2024 school year, we have items in front of us that require continued learning and engagement. The most predominant of these is the Year 1 implementation of BC Curriculum for Grades, 4,5,6 and 9. Our current Grade 8's will be the NWT's first group of graduates to complete their education with the BC Curriculum as the lens and structure for their education path. Having come from BC, where I spent almost 30 years in public education, I can assure you that change will be a positive one for students and should lead to greater choice and pathways for students as they transition from Grade 12 to the menu of choices that life will have to offer them. We are working hard with our teachers and staff to ensure that everyone is supported and ready but I have to share that the transition is not a major shift from the good work already being done in YK1. It is more of a refinement process and many changes will not be noticed immediately.

June brings many year end activities, field trips, class celebrations and ceremonies and I look forward to taking in as many as I am able to. This first year of not having the lens of COVID over us, has been a refreshing change and we look forward to much more person to person engagement. Some activities are still not fully in place due to other factors. For example, there will be no NWT Track and Field Meet this year, due to the fires and evacuation of Hay River and Katlodeeche First Nation. I extend our best wishes to all of the evacuees of those communities for safety and continued good health. YK1 has been pleased to assist with the evacuation and support efforts in place by the agencies here in Yellowknife, including the United Way NWT.

I wish everyone a relaxing, and health filled summer break and look forward to seeing new and familiar faces in August when we ramp up again for a successful school year in 2023-2024.



Jameel Aziz

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### Upcoming Summer Maintenance Projects

- ❖ SJF back deck/accessible ramp
- ❖ SJF driveway paving
- ❖ Bus lane divider fence at NJM
- ❖ Roof/skylight repair NJM
- ❖ Common area flooring at RLN
- ❖ Wallboard repair lower halls RLN
- ❖ Repair stage door RLN
- ❖ New bleachers RLN
- ❖ New stage door WMS
- ❖ Teepee renovations MHS
- ❖ Clearing trees from ᐱᐱᐱ playground
- ❖ Fence repairs at MHS, NJM, SJF, RLN and DO
- ❖ Stripping and waxing school floors - all schools
- ❖ Cleaning carpets - all schools
- ❖ Refinishing gym floors at SJF, MHS, WMS, and RLN

*We would like to thank and wish all the best to staff leaving YK1 this year:*

- Maureen Hans - Teacher NJM*
- Paul MacDonald - Guidance Counsellor SJF*
- Sean Daly - Teacher NJM*
- Jane Sunderwald - Teacher MHS*
- Courteney McLean-Lizotte - Teacher KDS*
- Cynthia Russell - Teacher on leave*
- Regeena Walton - EA RLN*
- Dawn Marie Ashlie - EA NJM*
- Chrystel Souren - Teacher ᐱᐱᐱ*
- Jolene McDonald - Teacher KDS*

*Welcome to all the new staff joining YK1 for 2023-2024*

- Christina O'reilly - PST ᐱᐱᐱ*
- Justine Ouellet - Teacher ᐱᐱᐱ*
- Katie Ball - Teacher RLN*
- Allison MacDonald - Teacher RLN*
- Shaun Thagard - Teacher RLN*
- Keri Peach - PST*
- Hillary Smallman - Teacher*
- Michael Near - Teacher*
- Adria MacPherson - Teacher WMS*
- Emma Ambury - Teacher MHS*

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# Faits saillants du district juin 2023

## Événements à venir

31 mars au 2 avril

Tournoi Table Tennis  
Yellowknife

7 avril

Le Vendredi Saint  
Pas d'école pour  
tous les élèves

10 avril

Le lundi de Pâques  
Pas d'école pour  
tous les élèves

11 avril

Réunion ordinaire du  
conseil d'administration  
Bureau de district, à 19 h

## Message du surintendant

J'espère que les élèves, le personnel et les familles se sentent rafraîchis après le congé de mars alors que nous abordons les trois derniers mois de l'année scolaire. Au cours du mois d'avril, à mesure que les journées se rallongent et que le temps se réchauffe, les écoles de YK1 continueront d'être occupées.

Tout d'abord, j'aimerais reconnaître et féliciter les huit élèves et deux accompagnateurs de l'École William McDonald Middle School qui ont fait le voyage jusqu'à Juneau, en Alaska, pour un tournoi de jeux traditionnels du 30 mars au 2 avril 2023. En avance de cet événement, Le club s'est entraîné avec Chris Stipdonk, un athlète de jeux traditionnels et le champion du monde au saut sur les jointures (knuckle hop). L'équipe s'est mérité le droit de représenter les Territoires après avoir gagné la catégorie école intermédiaire au Championnat des jeux traditionnels des TN-O en février.

Plus tard ce mois-ci, des joueurs de soccer venant des écoles de YK1 ainsi qu'ailleurs aux Territoires participeront au tournoi Super Soccer Junior du 20 au 23 avril 2023 et au tournoi sénior à partir du 27 avril. Bonne chance à tous, et un « merci » particulier aux entraîneurs et entraîneuses ainsi qu'aux parents bénévoles qui rendent ces événements possibles.

Le 15 avril 2023, 49 membres du personnel se verront décerner des Prix pour longs états de service. On applaudira les membres du personnel célébrant 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 et 30 années de service. La liste des récipiendaires inclut des enseignants en salle de classe, des enseignants d'appui au programme, des aides-enseignants, des adjoints administratifs, des directeurs d'école, des directeurs-adjoints, des enseignants de langues autochtones, des enseignants de français, des concierges et des membres du personnel du bureau de la commission scolaire. À YK1, nous sommes tous reconnaissants et toutes reconnaissantes envers tous et toutes les récipiendaires de cette année, et nous anticipons leur contribution continue dans l'avenir.

Vers la fin du mois, le 25 avril 2023 à 19h, YK1 tiendra sa réunion publique annuelle sur le budget. Nous invitons le public à participer soit virtuellement, soit en personne. Cette réunion permettra aux parents et aux autres parties prenantes de se renseigner au sujet du budget 2023-2024 et à poser des questions.



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