



Birchbark Discovery Centre

Where Learning is Ignited

What is the Birchbark Discovery Centre?

The Birchbark Discovery Centre is a community-based, multi-aged group, alternative education program based out of Mildred Hall School.

Its 5 Guiding Principles are:

- Children are at the centre of their own learning
- Learners are encouraged to be creative, innovative and take risks
- Diverse and flexible learning pathways are supported
- Learning is a partnership
- Everyone is a learner and everyone is a teacher

The Birchbark Discovery Centre will align itself with YK1's evaluation and reporting process. The NWT curriculum will be followed as outlined by the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Education, Culture and Employment.

The Concept

The Birchbark Discovery Centre is a place to...

- facilitate the learning of students in a multi-age grouping.
- foster a diverse class of learners who could benefit from self-directed, discovery and inquiry-based learning as the guiding principles.
- maximize community involvement and integration to complement the curiosity and learning drives of the children.
- give children the freedom to select learning opportunities that will meet their needs and interests while supported by the Learning Advisor(s) to meet appropriate curriculum benchmarks and beyond.
- receive support from the Learning Advisor(s) and families to encourage the maximum multi-disciplinary learning environment.

How to Enroll



If you are interested in enrolling your child in this program, please email the program's instructor, Brendan Callas, at brendan.callas@yk1.nt.ca.

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the No.1 priority

The Birchbark Discovery Centre is based out of YK1's Mildred Hall School



Mildred Hall School
(JK-8 English)
5408 50 Avenue, 867-873-5811

Range Lake North School
(JK-8 English; 6 Intensive French; 7-8 Post-Intensive French)
170 Borden Drive, 867-920-7567

N.J. Macpherson School
(JK-5; JK-5 Montessori)
525 Range Lake Road, 867-873-4372

École J.H. Sissons
(JK-5) 100% French Immersion
5700 51A Avenue, 867-873-3477

École William McDonald Middle School
(6-8 English and French Immersion, 6 Intensive French;
7-8 Post-Intensive French)
50 Taylor Road, 867-873-5814

École Sir John Franklin High School
(9-12 English and French Immersion; Akaitcho Trades and Technical Centre - ATTC)
4701 52 Avenue, 867-669-0773

YK1 provides contract Superintendency services to:

K'alemi Dene community school of Ndilo (JK-12)
Phone: 867-920-7260

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Birchbark Discovery Centre

A partnership between YK1 and
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