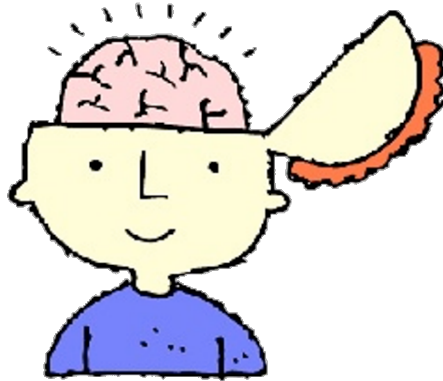




# Journal News

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## Friday, January 30th is Brain Day & you are invited to join in the fun!

École Whitehorse Elementary has hosted a theme day for a number of years to build community, and a sense of belonging. During these theme days, the entire school focuses its learning on a single topic. Activities are created by kids for kids. In the past, we have had a day sharing our learning about Hockey, Olympics, Art and Francophone Countries of the World.

This year, we are very excited to focus on the BRAIN. We will start the day with a celebration in the gym at 11 am, where the students will gather to learn about the day with guest speakers, videos, and theatre. All afternoon, the students will move freely throughout the school in small groups and visit classrooms to engage in learning activities, listen to presentations, participate in interactive games prepared by their peers, and learn about their incredible brains.

Come and see what you can learn about our amazing brains!



We have a new website. We wish to extend a big thank you to Mr. Bruce Gillard for creating and maintaining the site.

<http://www.whitehorseelementary.com/>

Please be very careful when packing snacks and lunches; we are a peanut and nut free building. Thank you.



### COLD WEATHER POLICY

- Between -30° Celcius and -35° Celcius, children will go out for 10 minutes at noon.
- Between -36° Celcius and -39° Celcius, children will walk around the school twice and go inside at noon.
- -40° Celcius and below, children will stay inside both recesses, but teachers can take their classes out for a quick walk around the school.
- Temperatures include windchill factor.
- The office checks the weather on the Environment Canada Web page.

### School Council News:

Hillarie Zimmerman, Laura Lang, Victoria Castillo, Christina Pekarik and Rachel Moser. You may reach your council at: [EWESSchoolCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:EWESSchoolCouncil@gmail.com)

The next school council meeting will be held on February 17th at 6:30 pm.

### Dates to Remember

**Thursday, January 29th**  
100th day of school!

**Friday, January 30th**  
School Wide Theme Day -  
All About the Brain  
House Colour Day  
Crazy Hair Day  
Pizza Lunch  
Assembly 11 am - gym  
Deadline to inform office about  
siblings starting Kindergarten

**February 2-17**  
Functional Skills Assessment  
Grades 4 & 7

**February 5&6**  
Polar Games - Grade 6

**Thursday, February 19th**  
Rendez-vous Fun day  
Sugar Shack and outdoor activities

**Friday, February 20th**  
Rendez-vous  
No School

**February 23**  
Dr. Shanker's presentation for  
parents on self-regulation  
7pm gym

The electronic version of our  
school calendar at  
[http://media.wix.com/ugd/1f0e58\\_3cb3d588caaf4effbe80541cf71940a8.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/1f0e58_3cb3d588caaf4effbe80541cf71940a8.pdf)

## School Life



Volleyball Tournament: Grade 7 boys Team WES I won the gold medal & Grade 7 girls Team WES I won the bronze medal.

Puppet theatre on bullying : **Only You is You** was presented to students in kindergarten through to grade 2. This was an initiative of Women's Directorate. Puppeteers : Claire Ness and Brian Fidler. Puppet Artist: Amber Church



The Yukon Functional Skills Assessment, a standardized evaluation of math and English skills, will be completed by our Grade 4 and Grade 7 students during the first weeks of February. The Skills Assessment is completed in part on the computer and with paper and pencil. If you have any questions that are not addressed below, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or the administration.



## Yukon FSA 2015 Information for Students, Parents and Guardians

### Questions and Answers

- 1. Question:** What are the Yukon FSAs?

**Answer:** A set of B.C./Yukon curriculum-based assessments in reading, writing and numeracy for Grades 4 and 7. These assessments measure important foundation skills that students have gained over several school years, not just in a single year.
- 2. Question:** When will these assessments take place?

**Answer:** January 12 to February 20, 2015. Schools can choose what schedule is best for them during this timeline. They take approximately 4.5 hours in total, spread over 3 to 4 days.
- 3. Question:** Why are students writing these assessments?

**Answer:** The information will provide a snapshot of what students have learned, and will be used to help provide support for students, schools and the system.
- 4. Question:** Who takes the assessments?

**Answer:** All grade 4 and 7 students are required to take the Yukon FSAs. Any exemptions must be pre-approved by Yukon Education following discussion with the principal and a review of the required documented evidence.
- 5. Question:** What about students with special needs?

**Answer:** Many students with special needs are able to write the assessments. They may need more time, someone to read the questions or a scribe to write the answers. Some students with special needs may be exempted from all or part of the assessments. Schools will receive guidelines to identify these students.
- 6. Question:** What about ELL students?

**Answer:** Most ELL students will take part in the assessments. A few - those who have not yet developed English Language Proficiency, will not take part.
- 7. Question:** What about Francophone and French immersion students?

**Answer:** Francophone students will receive French versions of the Yukon FSAs and will respond in French. French Immersion students will receive English versions and respond in English.





Resource Services

## Student On-line Resources

Yukon students can access the following online resources from home using the login information and web URL provided below.

**Username: YukonEd**  
**Password: resources**

### Worldbook Encyclopedia - [worldbookonline.com](http://worldbookonline.com)



### Ebsco Databases - <http://search.ebscohost.com>



### Gale Databases - <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/yukonsha>

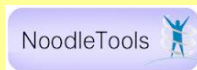


### Video Streaming Resources



[www.accesslearning.com](http://www.accesslearning.com)   [www.jobspeopledo.com](http://www.jobspeopledo.com)   [www.learn360.ca](http://www.learn360.ca)   [www.curio.ca](http://www.curio.ca)   [www.nfb.ca](http://www.nfb.ca)

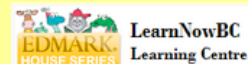
### Other Tools



Research tool for note-taking, citation, document archiving, collaborative research, ...  
 Gr 6-12 Ask your teacher for URL and login details



Online vetted research environment & interactive project tools, Gr. 6-10 – Ask your teacher for URL and details



Young Learning Centre Games  
<http://www.learnnowbc.ca/learning2/>

PS – the login is different for the resources below ↓

### eBooks- TumbleBooks - [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com)

K-3	3-7	6-12
UN:Yukon, PW: books	UN: Yukon2, PW: login	UN: Yukon, PW: login

### ebooks - Yukon School Library Collection - <http://educationlibraries.gov.yk.ca>

1. select your school library, 2. select **Catalog**, 3. select
4. enter the guest login - UN: Yukon, PW: books OR ask your Library staff for your personal login

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