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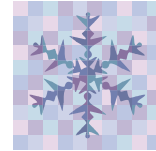
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## DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



As we turn the calendar page to December, we know it will be a busy few weeks until holidays begin. And while days are growing shorter, in only a few more weeks it will be winter solstice and the hours of daylight begin to grow again! Here's to bright, engaging and challenging learning and celebrating in our schools, homes and communities.



### SOME NEWS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN...



#### Young people are invited to participate in the 2014 Canada Day Challenge

The Department of Canadian Heritage invites youth between 8 and 18 years old (who live in Canada) to express their pride in being Canadian through the Canada Day Challenge. They are invited to submit an entry inspired by the theme **CANADA: STRONG AND FREE**. There are three categories:

- DRAW IT!** (submit a poster design)
- SNAP IT!** (submit digital photographs)
- WRITE IT!** (submit a piece of creative writing)

Participation can be through schools, clubs, associations, or individual interest! There are prizes and great opportunities. The Canada Day Challenge is open now and will accept submissions until National Flag Day, **February 15, 2014**.

For more details, go to [www.challenge.pch.gc.ca](http://www.challenge.pch.gc.ca).



We always send a letter post-conference to the Education Minister. You can find our letter to Minister Taylor as well as her response [here](#). Scroll down to Fall 2013 under the title School Council Conferences. Check out our [useful links](#) and [resources](#) to assist you as a School Council member and/or one interested in Yukon Education.

You can also use the '**Search**' function at the top right side of each page on our site as well to find specific information and documents. Want more, have suggestions?, drop [us](#) a line.

## AYSCBC LENDING LIBRARY



Looking for a good book to read? We can suggest some that are well written, and will stimulate you to think deeper about children, youth, people in general & public education.

Highlighted this month are:

--**“Drive-The Surprising Truth about What Motivates Us”** by Daniel Pink. A thought-provoking read, here’s an excerpt from cover notes:--

*The secret to performance and satisfaction-at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world.*

--**“Helping Kids Succeed~Alaskan Style”** written by Alaskans throughout the state. This practical book is full of short tales and ideas of how we can all contribute to building healthy families and strong youth and communities. It is based on the key Developmental Assets that young children need in their lives.

--**“Shop Class as Soulcraft~An Inquiry into the Value of Work”** by Matthew Crawford. Notes:

*“Those of us who sit in an office often feel a lack of connection to the material world and find it difficult to say exactly what we do all day....(this book) seeks to restore the honor of the manual trades as a life worth choosing.”*

--**“Boy Smarts~Mentoring Boys for Success at School”** by Barry MacDonald\*. This book is a helpful and easily digestible guide to understanding and supporting boys through their growth and development, including motivation, activity and more

**As a benefit of AYSCBC Membership, all School Councils who support the organization have access to borrowing a variety of books. If you’d like to check one of these out, please get in touch with [Carol](#).**

\*By the way, Barry MacDonald publishes his own newsletter and you can find it here:

[http://mentoringboys.com/newsletter/2013/Dec2013\\_MentoringWORKS.pdf](http://mentoringboys.com/newsletter/2013/Dec2013_MentoringWORKS.pdf)

## SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 13-14, 2013 ☆**

**FNESC 19th Annual Conference on Aboriginal Education: *Story as History***, at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver. More event news and resources: <http://www.fnesc.ca/conference>

## What Do You Think? How Are We Doing?

A gathering of scientists, educators, policymakers and students took place recently in Ontario to discuss what types of attributes graduates will need to reach their full potential.

Among other things, they agreed graduates would need to be:

- ✓ literate, numerate, and articulate
  - ✓ creative, critical thinkers
  - ✓ able to collaborate effectively
- ✓ open to failure as an essential part of progress
- ✓ adaptable and resilient in the face of adversity
- ✓ aware of the society they live in and able to understand the different perspectives of others
  - ✓ self-aware and cognizant of their own strengths and limitations
- ✓ entrepreneurial, self-motivated, and eager to tackle the challenges and opportunities of their world

### What do you think?

Do you have ideas about the attributes we should be focusing on in our schools?  
How are we doing so far? We'd be happy to hear any thoughts you have.

Interested in learning more----read the [brief vision document](#) that came from the discussions.



*AYSCBC promotes School Council, Board and Committee service as a meaningful way to make long term contributions to your local community and society.*

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*The Executive and staff of AYSCBC wish all of you and your families a happy safe holiday season!*





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*Want to learn more about Membership, please [contact us](#) and we'd be glad to talk with you.*

If you'd like us to attend one of your meetings, or meet with you at another time, let us know—we'd be happy to do so.

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