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Literacy Dates

World Snow Day - January 20

National Family Literacy Day - January 27

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Blog



The power of student filmmaking

Who knew that student filmmaking could be a vehicle to harness, empower, and celebrate reading, writing, and technology? Lucky for us at Kaw Tay Whee School, we have keen, dedicated teachers who embrace student interest, and recognize the potential of moving projects such as this on to the next level...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Healthy Aboriginal Network is changing its name

The [Healthy Aboriginal Network](#) is changing its name to Indigenous Story Studio. It is also making room for new stock. Ask about its sale if you are purchasing its older comic books for youth.

Federal government looking for members for two advisory committees

You can apply to sit on the [National Advisory Council on Poverty](#) until January 25. The [Volunteer Awards' National Advisory Committee](#) advises the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development on the selection of award recipients. The deadline to apply for that committee is February 15.



Funding

Funding for green jobs

The [Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative](#) provides direct wage subsidies to municipalities, Indigenous communities, and organizations so they can offer new summer jobs that focus on green career-related activities. Applications are due February 22.

Language revitalization funding

The [Language Legacies](#) grant program supports documentation and revitalization efforts throughout the world. It is open to community members and researchers from any country. Grants are for one year and average around \$2,000 (US). The deadline to apply is March 15.



News, Research, Opinion

Chief Sunrise class melts hearts with stunning projects

The small-scale, big-hearted projects from students aged five to eight are in turn heartwarming and heartbreaking. Individual students' projects range from help for other children whose parents drink, through to food for the First Nation's hungry...[Read more](#)

It's time to change the way we teach English

As we move into 2019, the United Nations' International Year of Indigenous Languages, it's time to consider not only how we think about Canada's linguistic identity but also how we might develop best practices for learning and teaching languages...[Read more](#)

'University will fail' unless communities unite, mayor warns

The mayor of Yellowknife says her city is doing all it can to "avoid a battle" with Fort Smith and Inuvik over the future of the NWT's polytechnic university. The territorial government has committed to launching a polytechnic university, appearing to indicate last year it will do so through a gradual transformation of the existing Aurora College...[Read more](#)

Sahtu youth extend their praise for Dene heroes

Dene heroes and their contributions to their communities continue to be celebrated by Sahtu youth in the latest edition of the *Dene Heroes of the Sahtu* book series...[Read more](#)

Want to save democracy? Try teaching kids to read charts

Charts are a big part of modern life. They are increasingly essential to our work, the media we consume, and the apps we use to track the way we exercise, eat, and sleep. Yet many of us don't really understand charts or know how to use them properly...[Read more](#)

Magic words: The power of reading aloud

Communion with the written word is something we associate with children and bedtime stories. But for grownups, and especially the elderly, it can also tie us together, improve our minds and ease our loneliness...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Northern quiz

[Which nature facts are made up?](#)

Test your digital literacy

[Minnesota Literacy Council](#)

The best poetry of 2018

[The New York Times](#)



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