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Literacy Dates

Pi Day - March 14

International Read to Me Day - March 19

World Storytelling Day - March 20

World Poetry Day - March 21

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Blog



Our talk is precious

The keynote speaker at last week's Indigenous Languages and Education Symposium urged her audience to help each other and work together to promote and revitalize Indigenous languages. Dr. Lorna Wanasts'á7 Williams, of the University of Victoria, said the Northwest Territories is privileged to still have so many Indigenous language speakers...[Read more](#)



Announcements and Events

Have your say on post-secondary education in the NWT

The [Department of Education, Culture and Employment](#) wants to hear your views on the future of post-secondary education in the NWT. You can participate in the planned speaker series events in Inuvik, Fort Smith and Yellowknife, or complete an online survey by April 23. Paper copies of the survey are available at education or government service offices.

Campaign schools in Délıne and Behchokò

The [Status of Women Council of the NWT](#) is holding a campaign school for women in Behchokò March 24-26 and in Délıne March 26-28. You can register on the Status of Women website or call 1-888-234-4485.

Ask, You're Worth It! Youth Video Contest is now open for submissions!

Create a two-minute video about staying safe at work for your chance to win prizes. The [Workers Safety and Compensation Commission of the NWT and Nunavut](#) wants videos that will inform and inspire young Canadians to think about how to stay safe at work. The deadline for entries is April 1.



Funding

Healing fund addresses residential school impacts

[The Healing Fund](#) of the United Church of Canada supports grassroots projects that focus on healing, language learning, and cultural restoration. Priority is given to first-time projects. Applications are due March 15 and September 15.

Foundation funding to benefit youth

The [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) funds projects that create lasting change for children and youth (up to the age of 21), in the areas of education, health and building safe, kid-friendly communities. The deadline to apply is April 5.



News, Research, Opinion

From dropout to Masters student

Crystal Lennie is a Masters of Public Health student at the University of Alberta, even though she was once a high school dropout. Her goal now is to become a deputy minister of health. It's something she couldn't conceive of as a teenager in Inuvik who quit going to school in Grade 9...[Read more](#)

How did reading and writing evolve? Neuroscience gives a clue

The part of the brain that processes visual information, the visual cortex, evolved over the course of millions of years in a world where reading and writing didn't exist. So it's long been a mystery how these skills could appear some 5,000 years ago, with our brains suddenly acquiring the specific ability to make sense of letters...[Read more](#)

How you talk to your child changes their brain

Most parents know that talking to their child helps them develop. But a new study has revealed that it's *how* you talk to your child that really matters for their brain growth. Rather than just spewing complex words at them, or showing flashcards in the hope of enriching their vocabulary, the key is to engage them in “conversational turns” – in other words, a good old chat...[Read more](#)

New research shows quality early childhood education reduces need for later special ed

If a formula existed for giving children something that reduced the need for, or intensity of, later special education that can be both emotionally and financially costly, wouldn't it be excellent? Such a formula does exist. It's called quality early childhood education...[Read more](#)

This elementary school principal reads books on Facebook to ensure her students have a bedtime story

To foster a love of reading, elementary educators tell their students to read a book at night, or have someone read to them. One principal in Texas has made it personal: She snuggles into a pair of pajamas and reads to her students herself...[Read more](#)



Resources and Websites

Northern Farm Training Institute
[2019 learning opportunities](#)

36 surprising facts about Pi
[Pi Day](#)

National Film Board playlist

[Indigenous language films](#)

Privilege for sale

[Facilitator guide for privilege activity](#)



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