



## Takhini Elementary School

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## Newsletter – February 1, 2018

### Dates to Remember

**Feb 8** – School Council Meeting 7 pm Library

**Feb 22** – Family Pancake Breakfast – 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

**Feb 23** – Heritage Day Holiday, School Closed

**Feb 26** – Staff Professional Development Day – **Students do not attend school**

**Family Literacy Night:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Family Literacy Night. We also want to thank the staff that helped, and specifically, Mrs. Gares-Thompson and Mrs. Halbert for the work they did to help organize the event!

**Cold Weather and Indoor Recess:** When it is -30C or colder (including the windchill) students will stay in for recess. If the teacher determines that the students need a break he/she may take the students out for a short break provided they are dressed appropriately. We do expect all students to come to school dressed warmly and be prepared to be outside at all other times.

**Kindergarten Pre-Registration:** Kindergarten pre-registration for Whitehorse schools for the 2018-19 school year will open on February 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. To pre-register for Kindergarten for 2018-19, parents should be directed to the website: [www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten.html](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/kindergarten.html). The pre-registration form will be available on the website on the pre-registration date.

**Kindergarten and French Immersion information night:** There will also be an information night for parents on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Whitehorse Elementary School to go over the Kindergarten registration process and options for French Immersion and other French programs before the Kindergarten pre-registration date.

### **Free Online Course: Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education MOOC**

The Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia will once again offer the free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC): **Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education** starting January 30th, 2018. This is a free 6 week course supporting professional and personal learning for advancing Indigenous perspectives and reconciliation in community, education, and work contexts. It runs asynchronous, which means you view materials and engage in the course at your own pace. There are many exemplars from Canada, Australia, the US, and New Zealand.

Registration now open at:

<https://www.edx.org/course/reconciliation-through-indigenous-education>