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Puppet show tours Yukon schools to help children learn about non-violence

WHITEHORSE—A puppet show created and performed by Yukon artists is helping preschoolers and kindergarten to Grade 3 students learn how to deal with strong emotions in a constructive way.

Trouble was written by Whitehorse playwright Brian Fidler and is based on the book *Only You Are You*, which was produced by the Government of Yukon as part of its Am I the Solution? campaign.

The 15-minute play features puppets made by Amber Church, original music by Jordy Walker and performances by Brian Fidler and Claire Ness. Following each performance, Fidler leads a discussion about the play's themes. Teachers are also provided with a discussion guide.

Trouble has already been performed in two elementary schools and three daycares in Whitehorse. This month, it will be performed in two more Whitehorse schools.

"We are very grateful to have been able to experience the show," Dusk'a Head Start Family Learning Centre manager-director Erin Pauls said. "It is a very strong project that has really started a dialogue. It was a great jumping point for staff, parents and children to discuss big feelings and how to deal with them appropriately."

Learn more:

Read *Only You Are You*

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