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Learning Together program expands to three additional schools

WHITEHORSE—A valuable preschool, interactive and fun learning program—Learning Together—has been expanded from one to four schools in Yukon, two of which are in rural Yukon, Premier Darrell Pasloski announced today.

"This program has proven valuable for children and their parents and caregivers since the first pilot program in 2010," Pasloski said. "We are happy to expand it so more Yukoners can benefit."

Learning Together is an early-learning program that teaches children, between age three and five, to engage in play-based learning with their parents and caregivers.

"Children learn best through fun and play, so programs like this help young minds develop and bridge the transition into kindergarten. It also promotes a sense of well-being, belonging, social responsibility and diversity," Minister of Education Elaine Taylor said.

The drop-in style program is offered at Selkirk and Hidden Valley elementary schools in Whitehorse, Eliza Van Bibber School in Pelly Crossing, and Johnson Elementary School in Watson Lake. The program is being offered five days per week at each location.

Parents and caregivers who attend Learning Together participate in age-appropriate learning activities with children, led by an early learning educator. Activities are grouped into a variety of areas including dramatic play, literacy, and crafts.

Learning Together is similar to programs from other jurisdictions such as StrongStart BC, where pre-kindergarten children can access a quality learning environment and benefit from social interactions while adults who accompany them learn new ways to support learning.

For more information about Learning Together, visit education.gov.yk.ca.

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