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Every Student, Every Day Fund awards \$50,000 to help improve student attendance

Fifteen community-based projects will receive funding for the next school year through the Every Student, Every Day fund for projects to help increase student attendance throughout Yukon.

A total of \$50,000 will be distributed across 15 projects led by Yukon schools, Yukon First Nations, Gadzoosdaa Residence and the Teen Parent Centre.

Every Student, Every Day is led by the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society, a registered charity. The Government of Yukon administers the fund on behalf of the Society and matches up to \$25,000 per year raised by the society for this fund.

A committee of members from the society, the government and the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees reviewed the project submissions and selected the successful projects.

Quotes

"The regular attendance encouraged by these projects is a critical predictor of student success. When students attend school regularly they become part of that school community. They become part of a team, engrossed in learning and social activities that will help them succeed."

–Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Education

"Every Student, Every Day is now in its fifth year. Awareness of the fund and of our society's volunteer efforts to support increased student attendance throughout the territory has flourished. We are very pleased with the number and quality of the proposals we received this year and are grateful to partner with the Yukon government, and with our private sector champions, to help support Yukon students' success in school and as a result, in life."

–Tara Christie, President, Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society

Quick facts

- Students who miss 20 days of school each year beginning in Kindergarten miss the equivalent of a full school year (based on 180 days) by the end of Grade 8.
- Students with good attendance in the early years are much more likely to graduate from high school.
- The successful projects were selected from 24 proposals and will be implemented in the 2017-18 school year.
- Every Student, Every Day has raised and distributed over \$235,000 to benefit 50 grassroots student attendance projects since it was established in the fall of 2012.

Learn more: www.everystudenteveryday.ca

See backgrounder.

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Backgrounder

Every Student, Every Day student attendance funding for the 2017/18 school year

Recipient	Project	Award
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Christ the King Elementary School, Whitehorse	Hardware and software to enable 360° virtual reality field trips, a high-interest, curriculum-related activity aimed at improving engagement and attendance	\$4,500
Elijah Smith Elementary School, Whitehorse	Promote Engagement and Reward so Kids Succeed (PERKS) attendance program, involving community and parents	\$5,000
Elijah Smith Elementary School, Whitehorse	Equipment, supplies and instruction for an early morning open school program with sports and other healthy activities	\$5,625
Gadzoosdaa Student Residence, Whitehorse	Gadzoosdaa Weekly Attendance Incentive targeting students living and attending high school outside their home communities	\$900
Individual Learning Centre, Whitehorse	Academic camps: Accommodation and camp to conduct intensive offsite schoolwork	\$3,600
Individual Learning Centre, Whitehorse	Land-based camps to reconnect students with land-based activities and First Nation cultural activities	\$2,670
Individual Learning Centre, Whitehorse	Food for Life: Purchase food for one week of spring break for students to plan, prepare and deliver a meal while earning school credits, developing work skills and learning healthy habits	\$2,550
J.V. Clark School and First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, Mayo	To provide foods to expand the meal program to include morning snacks plus hot lunches for students	\$5,000
Jack Hulland Elementary School and School Council, Whitehorse	Enhance the Character Education program by providing monthly attendance incentives and recognition for students who attend regularly, are on time and ready to learn, delivered during the monthly assemblies	\$1,500
Johnson Elementary School, Watson Lake	Support for a makerspace that will enhance attendance through engaging relationships and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) activities	\$4,000
Kwanlin Dün First Nation	Rewards to recognize their citizens' exceptional attendance	\$1,500
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	Steps to Success: an incentive program for their citizens to recognize regular attendance	\$1,500
Teen Parent Centre	Family oriented attendance incentive program to increase attendance rates and higher academic success at the Centre	\$5,000

Teen Parent Centre	Family engagement through community involvement: connect staff and students and their families through a positive enjoyable outing	\$1,650
Teslin School and Teslin Tlingit Council	Support for increased parent engagement to promote student attendance at school with supplies, food and sport, music and cultural events that involve parents	\$5,000

Total:
\$49,995

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