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## Kindergarten pre-registration for Whitehorse schools begins soon

WHITEHORSE—Kindergarten pre-registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, February 8 for Whitehorse-area schools.

"Kindergarten is an exciting time for parents and children alike," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "Young students can all look forward to starting their education in fun and supportive learning environments."

Children who were born in 2011 and will therefore be five years old by December 31 are eligible for kindergarten for the 2016/17 school year, which begins August 29.

All parents should pre-register their children, especially those interested in optional programs such as French Immersion and Catholic education. The deadline to register for French Immersion kindergarten is February 15.

"We're pleased to see that the expansion of Early French Immersion to Selkirk Elementary School was successful and will continue into next year," Graham added.

This year, Selkirk Elementary School will host the annual parent information session about Early French Immersion. That event will take place on Wednesday, February 3 at 7 p.m.

Parents eligible for and interested in French First Language kindergarten at École Émilie-Tremblay and parents enrolling their children in schools outside of Whitehorse should visit or call their schools to register.

Parents of pre-school-aged children in Whitehorse, Pelly Crossing and Watson Lake are also invited to take their children to Learning Together, a free drop-in program for children under 5 years of age and their caregivers. Led by qualified Yukon teachers, the program helps prepare children for school routines and helps caregivers learn how to support children's lebarning at home.

## Learn more:

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