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More than 560 students compete at wrestling tournament

WHITEHORSE— More than 560 students from schools across the territory competed at the Yukon Schools' Athletic Association (YSAA) wrestling tournament today in Whitehorse.

"This tournament illustrates how Yukon schools provide excellent experiential learning opportunities to our students," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "Students challenge themselves in friendly competition while developing their strength, confidence and discipline."

About 1,400 bouts took place on 18 mats at the Canada Games Centre. Elementary students wrestled peers of similar age and size. Ten secondary school wrestlers also competed as preparation for next year's Arctic Winter Games, demonstrating the progression of the sport to the elementary wrestlers. Awards were presented in the afternoon.

"Holy Family Elementary School hosts this excellent event every year, and I thank the staff and volunteers for again supporting our young athletes," Graham added. "The tournament is truly a community undertaking. My thanks as well to the coaches, teachers, families and communities for their support."

With the first-time participation of St. Elias Community School, 16 schools were represented at this year's tournament.

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