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More than 500 students compete at wrestling tournament

WHITEHORSE—More than 500 students from 16 Yukon elementary schools competed today at the Yukon Schools' Athletic Association (YSAA) wrestling tournament at the Canada Games Centre.

"This tournament is a great example of Yukon schools bringing students from different communities together," Minister of Education Elaine Taylor said. "Education Week is a time to celebrate the diverse learning opportunities available to Yukon students. This friendly competition showcases how students are developing their physical literacy skills and personal well-being through sport."

About 1,300 bouts took place on 18 mats. Competitors wrestled five times within their designated pool or weight class. Awards were presented in the afternoon.

"I would like to thank Holy Family Elementary School and its principal Ted Hupé for their continued leadership in organizing this impressive tournament, as they have done for the past seven years," Taylor added. "The athletes deserve congratulations for their participation and for exemplifying the spirit of sport. Kudos must also go to the coaches, teachers, families and communities for their support."

Student athletes travelled to compete from communities across Yukon, including Ross River, Teslin, Watson Lake, Carcross and Burwash Landing.

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