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## **Commissioner embarks on Diamond Jubilee community tour**

WHITEHORSE—Commissioner Douglas Phillips will visit Yukon schools over the next several weeks to discuss the role of the monarchy and the commissioner's office with Grade 5 and 6 students.

"Thanks to funding from Canadian Heritage, I have the opportunity to visit elementary schools across Yukon to speak with students about the monarchy and the nature of our territorial and federal governance," Commissioner Phillips said.

Leading up to the commissioner's visit, students will participate in an in-class Diamond Jubilee curriculum package developed by Yukon's Department of Education to celebrate the anniversary.

"This is a unique opportunity for Yukon students to learn first-hand from the commissioner about the role of the monarchy and the commissioner's office in government," Education minister Scott Kent said.

The 45-minute presentation will include a video about the Queen's life, a presentation about the commissioner's office and a question and answer period. During the tour, the commissioner will also present Diamond Jubilee medals to deserving Yukoners and will meet with local officials, Canadian Ranger corps and community groups.

Commissioner Phillips was appointed as Yukon's commissioner on December 17, 2010. Yukon's first commissioner, James Marrow Walsh, was appointed in 1897. The role of a commissioner is similar to that of a provincial lieutenant-governor.

For more information about the commissioner's tour, visit [www.commissioner.gov.yk.ca](http://www.commissioner.gov.yk.ca).

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