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## **YK1 Schools Overview**

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### **Mildred Hall School – Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 8 (English)**

Although well known for its Aboriginal Culture and Language program (ie: cultural programming for all students, Aboriginal language classes for Aboriginal Students, culture camps, etc.), it is also becoming a high-tech school that offers diverse programming to meet student needs.

MHS has a warm community and family feeling that offer all students to partake in our breakfast, lunch, and snack programs. Our fine arts and athletic programs are strong, and we encourage students to be involved in many leadership activities. Students who come to MHS are given a holistic program that develops the mind, body, and spirit.

As one student eloquently stated, "I like that our school is very accepting of any kind of kid. It doesn't matter where they have come from or what kind of background they have. I can't think of anything to make our school better. Our school is good the way it is." At MHS, we connect to kids.

For more information about the amazing opportunities available at MHS, check us out at [www.mhs@yk1.nt.ca](http://www.mhs@yk1.nt.ca).

Here is some more information about MHS:

- MHS students have the option of taking either Core French or Aboriginal Language and Culture (ALC) classes. Typically, Aboriginal students opt for ALC and non-Aboriginal students take Core French. Students must take one or the other. As well, all students from Grade 1-6 take Dene Laws classes once per cycle. All students from K-8 participate in the Aboriginal Culture Experience (ACE) Camps offered by the District as well.
- MHS hosts the YWCA after school program in our multi-purpose room. Students from ages 5 to 10 are eligible to participate. It costs \$260/child per month.
- MHS offers a lunch and breakfast program at no cost to any students who need it on a day-to-day sign up request basis. We also offer free snacks through the day and at specific times. We feed students all day everyday whenever needed.
- There are two 15-minute recesses (10:05 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.). We also have an activity-eating period. Students have recess at 11:40 a.m. -12:05 p.m. Then they eat lunch in their classrooms from 12:05 p.m. - 12:25 p.m. Students are dismissed at 3:20 p.m.
- If the temperature (including wind chill) dips below -30 C students remain indoors. In the morning, students are welcome to come inside the building and wait until the morning

bell at 8:30 a.m. During recess and lunch activity periods students will stay in classrooms or have intramurals in the gym or MPR.

- Located at 5408 50 Avenue.

### **École J.H. Sissons – Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5 (French Immersion)**

École J.H. Sissons is Yellowknife's only full French Immersion school. French language acquisition occurs naturally in the 100% French Immersion learning environment. JHS also has self-discipline programs that foster caring, achievement and safety.

Other programs you can look forward to at JHS are the Early Literacy Program, French culture camps, Aboriginal culture programming and camps, music, physical education, extra-curricular activities, the speedskating academy and the user-pay bilingual preschool.

For more information about the amazing opportunities available at JHS, check us out at [www.jhs@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:www.jhs@yk1.nt.ca).

Here is some more information about JHS:

- We have the largest afterschool program in the city. It is run by the YWCA. The contact is Jeanette Morris at 867-920-2777. The program costs \$260 per month.
- We also run, through the school and at no cost, a wide variety of after school activities and for various grade levels for Grade 1 and up. The activities are described below under "Cold weather".
- If a child forgets his or her lunch we provide a healthy lunch as well as healthy snacks provided by NWT's Breakfast for Learning.
- School starts - 8:30 am.
- Recess - 10:15 - 10:30 am, 12:00 - 12:30 pm, 2:00 - 2:15 pm.
- Dismissal Time - 3:15 pm.
- Cold weather: The cut off is the standard YK1 policy requirement, -30°C or below as a straight temperature or combination of temperature and wind. The students stay inside and do a variety of activities with staff such as: chess, speed stacking, ping pong, computer access, board games, etc.
- Located at 5700 51A Avenue.

### **Range Lake North School – Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 8 (English; 6 Intensive French; 7-8 Enhanced French)**

Range Lake North School is a Pre-kindergarten to Grade 8 school of approximately 350 students. It is a safe and caring school with an emphasis on providing leadership opportunities where older students can be positive role models for younger students. Range Lake North focuses on technology and is working towards providing laptops for every student in every classroom.

Our academic focus is strong with emphasis placed on literacy and numeracy. We offer the intensive and enhanced French programs. We teach our students to live healthy and active lives by focusing on athletics, nutrition, and active living. Opportunities also exist in the arts - choir,

band and drama. We are preparing our students for a well-rounded future where they can be leaders in academics, the arts, technology and active living!

Here is some more information about RLN:

- Start time is 8:30 a.m. and dismissal is 3:15 p.m.
- Students are kept indoors when the temperature is below -30 C including wind chill.
- Core French, music, band, and phys. ed. are not optional; Intensive and Enhanced French are optional; Exploratory choices are optional and often include home economics, wood shop, guitar, photography, etc.
- The YWCA offers an after school program in the school. The contact is Jeanette Morris at 867-920-2777. The program costs \$260/child per month.
- RLN does not offer a lunch or snack program; the canteen periodically sells snacks at lunchtime.
- Located at 170 Borden Drive.

For more information about the amazing opportunities available at RLN, check us out at [www.rln@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:www.rln@yk1.nt.ca).

### **N.J. Macpherson School – Kindergarten – Grade 5 (English); Kindergarten – Grade 6 Montessori**

NJ Macpherson School is a warm and nurturing school nestled in a quiet suburban neighborhood. We offer a K-5 English and a K-6 Montessori learning environment. We have a strong academic focus with an emphasis on numeracy and literacy. Students engage in meaningful learning experiences. They have the opportunity to show their knowledge and skills through a variety of activities and projects such as learning fairs, art shows and concerts. NJ Macpherson offers an Enhanced Fine Arts program which includes music, art, drama, and dance. We provide Core French classes as well as opportunities for students to learn about Aboriginal language and culture.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a hockey skills program, and a Gymnastics/Northern Games program. NJ's EBS behaviour program recognizes, encourages, and celebrates positive student behaviour. Our Grade 4-6 Leadership program fosters leadership skills and recognizes our positive student role models.

We practice Inclusive Education by providing the necessary support for all learners to learn in the classroom. Our professional and caring staff work together to engage the whole child and help inspire a love of learning and a life-long pursuit of knowledge.

Through a partnership with the Montessori Society, our school is able to offer a preschool Montessori Casa program for children aged 3-5 years. The Montessori society and the YWCA both offer an after-school care program at our school. Our address is 525 Range Lake Road. NJ is a small, young school with an atmosphere of caring and respect.

For more information about the amazing opportunities available at NJM, check us out at [www.njm@ykl.nt.ca](mailto:www.njm@ykl.nt.ca).

Here is some more information about NJM:

- Start time is 8:30 a.m. and dismissal is 3:15 p.m.
- Students are kept indoors when the temperature is below -30 C including wind chill.
- Athletic Excellence programming includes: Hockey and Gymnastics/Northern Games.
- The on-site after school program is run by the YWCA. The contact is Jeanette Morris at 867-920-2777. The program costs \$260/child per month.
- NJM offers a snack program where should a child forget their lunch they will be provided with healthy snacks and, if needed, a healthy lunch.
- Recess times are as follows: 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., lunch is from 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. followed by lunch recess from 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m., 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
- Located at 525 Range Lake Road.

**École William McDonald Middle School – Grade 6 – 8 (English 6-8, French Immersion – 6-8, Intensive French – 6)**

École William McDonald Middle School is Yellowknife's only true middle school. This unique atmosphere allows student to grow as young adults and helps prepare them for entering high school. Adolescence is a time of change during which academic abilities will be challenged and enhanced and personalities will be developed and honed.

The staff of École William McDonald Middle School exists to work together in educating our children. Within the supportive environment of the William McDonald community, using a Middle School program, we aim to facilitate, encourage and empower our children to become successful, independent and compassionate learners. Our programming provides students with opportunities to find out who they are and where they fit in the sometimes confusing world. École William McDonald Middle School will provide an educational program designed to develop the full academic potential of each student and will build upon a respectful, caring and cooperative school environment. Mutual respect, recognition of self-worth and a sense of responsibility to the school will be developed by school staff, students and their families collaboratively.

Our school is well known for its Outdoor Education programs, the full Home Economics and Industrial Arts labs, separate dedicated Band, Art and Fitness Rooms, the unique Exploratory options, and the Athletic Excellence Hockey and Soccer Academies.

For more information about the amazing opportunities available at WMS, check us out at [www.wms@ykl.nt.ca](mailto:www.wms@ykl.nt.ca).

Here is some more information about WMS:

- Start time is 8:20 a.m. and dismissal is 3:15 p.m.

- Lunch activity period: 11:45 a.m. and eating period is 12:05 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. There is a morning break after the first two periods and another one in the afternoon after the first two periods.
- Students are kept indoors when the temperature is below -30 C including wind chill.
- WMS offer the Intensive French program in Grade 6. This is a unique program which gives your child a boost in the learning of French if they missed the Early or Middle Immersion programs.
- Core French and Aboriginal programming are compulsory during the Middle school years.
- After school programs are available in academics and athletics such as: volleyball, badminton, basketball, soccer, track and field, homework clubs, art club, drama, band, choir. All activities are free of charge and run from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Here at École William McDonald Middle school we have a strong belief that healthy bodies help make healthy minds. We have a strict no pop or energy drink policy in place. We offer fresh fruit to the student during their daily breaks at no cost and run a lunch program from the cafeteria during eating period. Daily fresh sandwiches, soup, snacks and drinks are available at a minimal cost. Also, for the convenience of parents, we have punch passes available.
- Located at 50 Taylor Road.

### **École Sir John Franklin High School – Grade 9 - 12**

École Sir John Franklin High School is a dual track, English and French Immersion Secondary School. Famous for its academic rigor, Sir John has programming designed to meet all academic and ability levels such as our Knowledge and Employability program (K & E), a High School Preparation program, Gifted programming and Advanced Placement courses. Our athletic programs are legendary throughout the North and Sir John utilizes total inclusivity in all athletic programs. Sir John is proud of the heritage its Aboriginal students and programs have provided over the last half century.

The school remains committed to the incorporation of Aboriginal curriculum and culture. Along with academic excellence, Sir John is also well known for its accomplishments in preparing and graduating students for the skilled trades. From computer and media studies to hairstyling and aesthetics, food sciences, construction technology and automotive studies, we offer technical courses to suit the needs and interests of all students. Long famous for its spectacular drama and music productions, Sir John is the home of many successful artists, musicians and actors. Whether you are looking for a traditional daytime program or an alternative off-campus setting, École Sir John Franklin is the school for you.

For more information about the amazing opportunities available at Sir John, check us out at [www.sjf@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:www.sjf@yk1.nt.ca).

Here is some more information about SJF:

- Start time is 8:30 a.m. and dismissal is 3:30 p.m.
- Students are kept indoors when the temperature is below -30 C including wind chill.

- Athletic Excellence programming includes: Hockey.
- Located at 4701 52 Avenue.

If you have any questions about one of our schools, or to arrange a school visit please call 867-766-5050 and we would be happy to help you.