

## March 31 marks National Aboriginal Languages Day

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In Yukon, eight First Nations languages are recognized and are spoken by citizens of 14 Yukon First Nations. The Department of Education, in collaboration with Yukon First Nations, the Council of Yukon First Nations, and the Yukon Native Language Centre, supports the teaching of seven of these languages in school-based programs that involve nearly 2,000 Yukon K-12 students every week.

We encourage you to learn more about the Indigenous languages of Yukon, and to support their continued promotion, preservation, and revitalization.

Listen to a [special message](#) from the Department of Education's First Nations Programs and Partnership Unit and Ta'an Kwäch'än Elder Hazel Bunbury.

**Thank you** for helping to celebrate National Aboriginal Languages Day. **Shäw nithän** (Southern Tutchone)! **Máhsin cho** (Northern Tutchone)! **Gunalchîsh** (Tlingit)! **Gùnèlchish** (Tagish)! **Mähsi' cho** (Hän)! **Màhsi' choo** (Gwich'in)! **Tsin'jj choh** (Upper Tanana)! **Sógá sénlá'** (Kaska)!:

In the Southern Tutchone words of Elder Nakhela Hazel Bunbury of Ta'an Kwäch'än Council:

**Dákwänjē ghàkwäts'ùnjē ni!**

Let's all speak our languages!

For more information, visit these websites:

[ynlc.ca](http://ynlc.ca)

[cyfn.ca/history/our-languages](http://cyfn.ca/history/our-languages)

[yesnet.yk.ca/firstnations/languages](http://yesnet.yk.ca/firstnations/languages)