

News Release

Education Week 2010: Learning with tradition, culture and innovation!

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 16, 2010) – The theme for this year's Nunavut Education Week, which starts Monday, April 19th, is *Education in Nunavut: Learning with tradition, culture and innovation!* The theme focuses on the territory's unique blend of the time-honored lessons of *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* and the latest academic practices from around the world.

"Education in Nunavut is an exciting blend of traditional Inuit societal values and the principles of learning that exist throughout our country," said Acting Minister of Education Hunter Tootoo. "We are building an education system founded in *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit*, with a firm commitment to producing graduates that can access unlimited choices at the post-secondary level."

Education Week 2010 is comprised of a series of days highlighting educational opportunities and priorities in Nunavut: April 19th is "Focus on made-in-Nunavut curriculum"; April 20th is "Focus on post-secondary education and career opportunities"; April 21st is "Focus on early childhood education"; April 22nd is "Focus on parental engagement"; and, April 23rd is "Focus on the new *Education Act*".

"Education is about so much more that just kindergarten to grade twelve. Our government's *Tamapta* mandate is dedicated to education that spans from early childhood to postsecondary, to career planning to aiding Elders in receiving their benefits," stated Tootoo. "This week, let's celebrate our achievements, our incredible educators at every level, and our ambition to succeed in a reflective and holistic learning environment made by and for Nunavummiut!"

Education Week is an annual event aimed at acknowledging Nunavut educators and raising awareness about the importance of education in building a Nunavut that is self-reliant, connected and vibrant.

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