

JCSH News and Resource Bundle for February 7 2019

Hello everyone

Here is the News and Resource bundle for this week.

Cheers

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News Articles:

1) Why the GNWT chose augmented reality cannabis youth ads

Four augmented-reality cannabis youth ads in poster format have been released by the government of Northwest Territories, to widespread positive response from the targeted audience. During the launch, Health Minister Glen Abernethy remarked they are the result of considerable consultation: "The posters you see in front of you today? The youth and Elders were engaged and we got a significant amount of input from them." The posters feature an Inuksuk in one, a raven in another, and an unborn baby in a third. Health Canada funding to develop the ads is the first step in a broader campaign to engage people, especially youth. The posters are available to download: <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/cannabis>

<https://cabinradio.ca/12592/news/health/why-the-gnwt-chose-augmented-reality-cannabis-youth-ads/>

2) Two students in Fredericton look into vaping problem

This interview offers an insight into the experiences of two Grade 12 students in a New Brunswick high school who discuss how, and how often, their fellow students are vaping in school, including during class time. Completed as a documentary for their journalism class, the students found their fellow high schoolers are using vape materials regularly, and are easily able to purchase materials at area stores, despite the under-19 prohibition on sales. Among their findings: "Vaping is everywhere, especially in the schools. It's in the classroom, it's in the bathroom.... Most parents don't know that kids are vaping in class, and it's such a big issue." To find out how vaping during class is occurring and other views from these students, the full interview is recommended.

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/information-morning-fredericton/segment/15668360>

3) Alberta government buys 1600 Indigenous atlases for junior and senior high students

In support of new quality standards for Alberta educators on teaching Indigenous history, culture, and treaties, the province has purchased enough Indigenous atlases for every junior and senior high school in the province, including charter, private, and First Nations schools. The atlas comprises four books — on Métis, First Nations, Inuit, and one of maps and chapters on residential schools and truth and reconciliation. "The time is now to start the discussion on moving forward in a positive way," said Métis Nation of Alberta president Audrey Poitras. "One day, we will look back at what has happened and we will find peace within ourselves as we reach the true goal of reconciliation."

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/alberta-government-buys-1600-indigenous-atlases-for-junior-and-senior-high-students>

4) Teaching kids an old card game helps bridge a generation gap and much more

Students who meet for bridge club in Buffalo, New York are improving not only their game, but also their behaviour and academic outcomes. Parents and the game's teachers find the students are learning concentration and reducing screen time. "I look at problems in a new way," said a Grade 8 player. "I don't get frustrated as much. I stay calm if I get a difficult homework assignment." "Bridge helps your brain," said the program's coordinator. "The kids communicate with their partners without talking; that's where the focus comes in.... There's memory, planning."

<https://buffalonews.com/2018/12/27/young-bridge-players-learn-more-than-a-card-game/>

Resource: Share Our Pride website

This website draws on Australian approaches to reconciliation. Beautifully laid out, it allows the reader to explore aspects of the history and relationships of Australia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. As an example, if you scroll down to the links and begin with First Australians, you will see Acknowledgement of Country; under Our Shared History is the statement: "Many Australians seem to think that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples surrendered their country without a fight." It is well worth a look through this website.

<http://shareourpride.reconciliation.org.au/>