**JCSH News and Resource Bundle for March 27 2020**

Hello everyone

Here is the News and Resource bundle for this week. Wishing everyone health and safety.

Cheers

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**News Articles:  
1) Hearts in windows, teddy bear hunts: how children, families, and communities share love in a time of distancing**

From Nain to Saskatoon, Victoria to Moncton, teddy bears, hearts, and other sweet greetings are appearing in windows throughout the country. The Labrador City woman who started the teddy bear hunt in her province and others like her are hoping to support joy and good mental health in children and youth home from school and isolated from their friends. Others have found children’s books, some that are new and some that are decades old, and they stick them in snowbanks along roadsides. Cut-out hearts are appearing in windows to provide smiles for those walking and driving by. “Just do it,” said one of the organizers of these pop-up greetings. “It isn't silly. If it makes a little kid's day you've not only made that child's day, you've also gone a long way in helping the parents because I would think some of them are getting close to wit's end.”

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/teddy-bear-hunt-gets-children-out-and-about-1.5508557>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/hearts-photography-movements-sask-coronavirus-1.5507837>

**2)** **Organizations are working hard to provide meals to students amid school closures**

Organizations throughout the country and, in some cases, restaurants and food centres are combining efforts to ensure food insecure students are nourished during this time. In Moncton and nearby towns in New Brunswick, buses are transporting bagged lunches to drop-off spots. It's a joint effort by the United Way, Moncton Headstart, Moncton Boys and Girls Club, Riverview Boys and Girls Club, Food Depot Alimentaire, and the Anglophone School District East. Food4Kids in Hamilton is mailing gift cards to students every two weeks. In Regina the Lobby Kitchen and Bar owners are working with Kam Bahia of I Am Her to provide nourishing meals for school kids throughout the city. "It doesn't matter to us how long the duration goes, we will continue this expense ... we will find a way for as long as we can," said the Food4Kids executive director.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/lobby-restaurant-feeds-school-kids-1.5507370>

[**https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/food4kids-feeding-low-income-students-amid-covid-19-school-closures-1.5506266**](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/food4kids-feeding-low-income-students-amid-covid-19-school-closures-1.5506266)

[**https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/bagged-lunches-moncton-1.5509240**](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/bagged-lunches-moncton-1.5509240)

**3) How some schools and students are staying connected and keeping ‘the spirit going’**

From teachers sending online fun projects and videos so their students can stay in touch and feel supported to students sending out virtual Spirit Week messages, school communities are creating and maintaining a sense of community and support. "I feel like creating this on social media, you still get to see so much connections from the school and your teachers and stuff," said the student council president of Mobile Central High School, located on the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland and Labrador. The emphasis is on connection and fueling exploration and interest. "Our focus is on connecting with them, making sure that they're well, making sure everyone knows how to take care of themselves," said one principal. "Right now is not the time for the added stress of academics."

[**https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/mchs-school-spirit-social-media-1.5506177**](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/mchs-school-spirit-social-media-1.5506177)

[**https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-teachers-connecting-students-march-2020-covid-19-1.5511135**](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-teachers-connecting-students-march-2020-covid-19-1.5511135)

[**https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-teachers-hosting-virtual-lessons-as-covid-19-keeps-students-out-of-class-1.5508428**](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-teachers-hosting-virtual-lessons-as-covid-19-keeps-students-out-of-class-1.5508428)

**4) Here’s why this Indigenous educator thinks a local outdoor program could be ‘a first step to healing’**

In the southernmost section of Canada, a homestead built by a European couple in the 1800s is used to providing education about the nation’s heritage to thousands of students. For the first time in the more than 40 years the program has been underway, Indigenous traditions that helped define the landscape and growth of the area are being included. "It's about time our students understood the impact that Inuit, First Nations and Métis people have had on development historically and currently in Canada," said Darlene Marshall, the Indigenous education lead at the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board and one of the developers of the program. Now, along with farming techniques, the lessons include how maple syrup was discovered, how snowshoes help to traverse deep snow, and how plants and animals helped sustain the inhabitants. "Understanding is the first step to healing, reconciliation and mending that relationship between Canada and its Indigenous people."

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/here-s-why-this-indigenous-educator-thinks-a-local-outdoor-program-could-be-a-first-step-to-healing-1.5489083>

**Resources: ‘How to help kids survive, even thrive, while stuck at home’ and other resource links to support learning, projects, games, and virtual travel**

Check out the [webcams being offered by the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute](https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams) and choose from a naked mole rat, lion, panda or elephant. CBC is also offering free access to Curio, an online learning platform [featuring content from Canadian educational institutions](https://curio.ca/en/).

<https://www.outdoorplaycanada.ca/should-i-go-outside-in-the-covid-19-era/?utm_source=CPHA+Weekly+Update&utm_campaign=bc5a1613e7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_12_04_17_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5a537eba78-bc5a1613e7-164509843>

[**https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/covid-19-isolation-ideas-parents-kids-resources-1.5509233**](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/covid-19-isolation-ideas-parents-kids-resources-1.5509233)