

ASD_W – CIVICS & SOCIAL STUDIES

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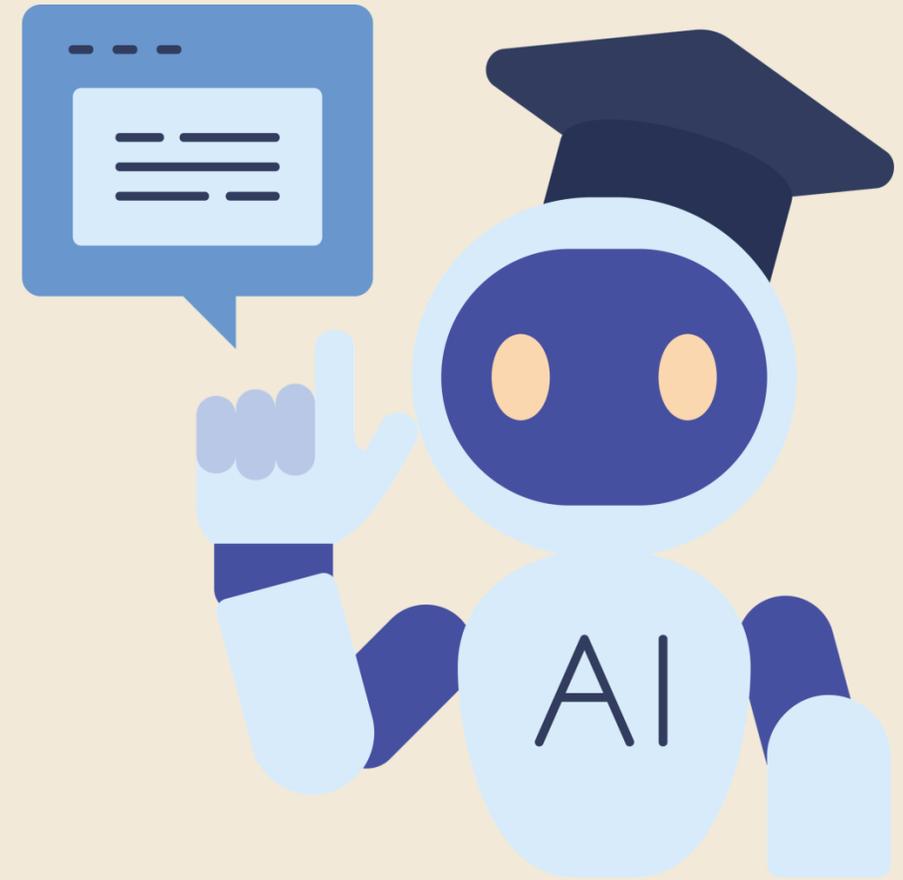
COUNCIL OF STUDENT LEADERS

- A forum for student voice in ASDW, now in its fourth year!
- Met on Oct. 27+28th at Hanwell Park Academy.
- Adopted a research topic:
“Student and Teacher use of AI”
- Research being conducted this month.
- Next meetings: April 8+9, May 26+27



AI AND CIVICS

-Central New Brunswick Academy used AI to help develop their course outline and projects for Civics 10. This creative approach was used by Mr. Ron Belczewski and his students first semester.



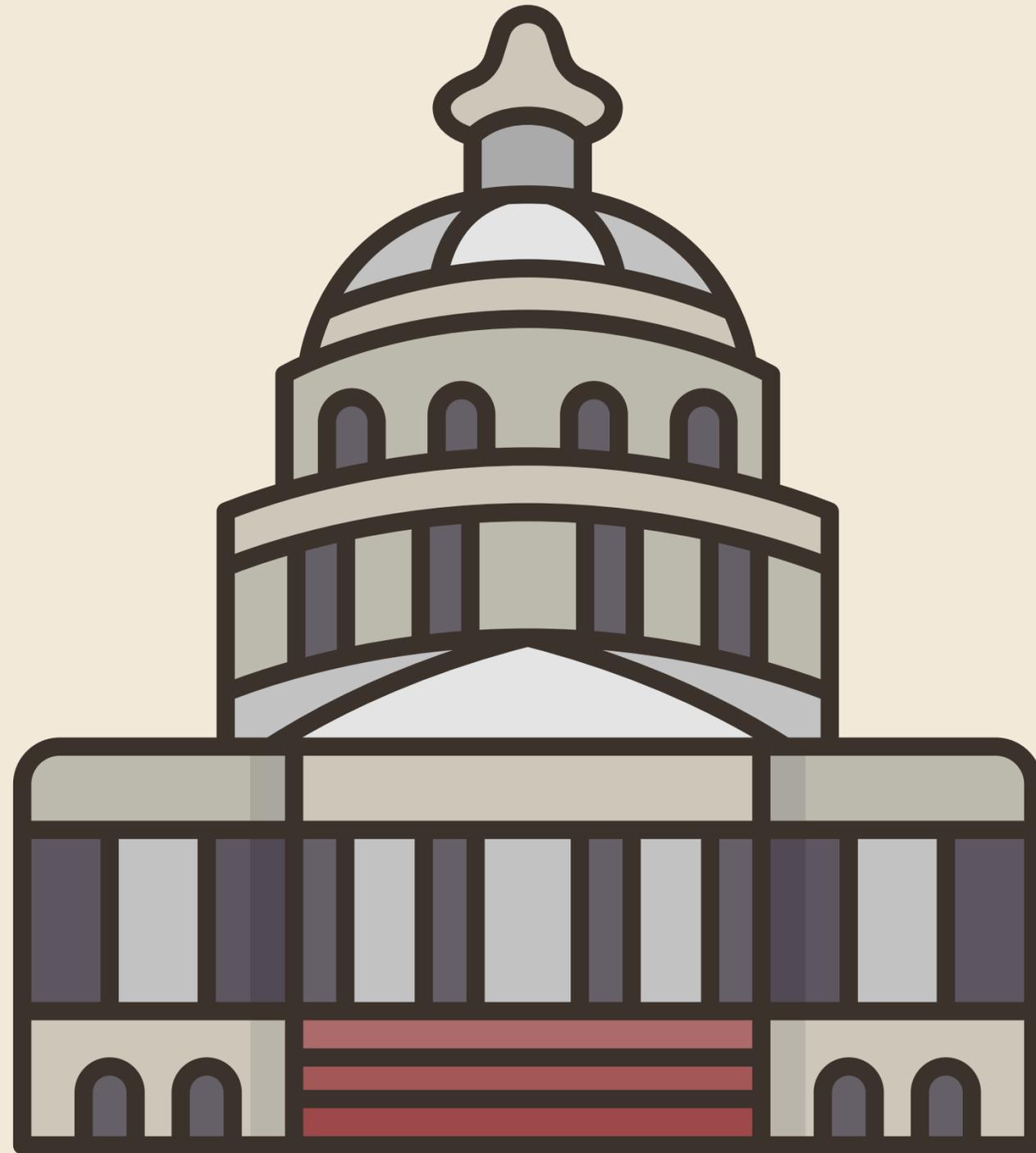
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION EXHIBIT

- Fredericton High School and Leo Hayes High School hosted the Holocaust Education Exhibit in Jan. and Feb.
- Students learned from teachers and facilitators about the causes, events, and themes that encompassed the Holocaust.
- FHS is looking to host again in April.
- Built capacity by training another teacher in ASDW. Three certified facilitators.



“Whoever listens to a witness, becomes a witness.”

-Elie Wiesel



LEGISLATURE VISITS

- Seven schools are visiting in Feb.-March with 17 classes from grades 5-10.
- This important learning opportunity will also be offered to 30 Heritage Fair students.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – VOLUNTEERISM

-Many students have participated in volunteer activities while visiting the ASDW Outdoor Learning Center at Yoho Lake. Activities such as trail cleanup, litter collection, and wood-piling connect to the holistic curriculum and assist with maintenance of this beautiful learning setting.

-One of the main themes of volunteerism is 'partnerships within communities' – it's important to explain and model this with students. Our goal is for students to leave Yoho with a CIVIC MINDSET as contributing members of their community.



CIVIC FAIRS

- Numerous celebrations of student-led Civic Action Projects throughout ASDW.**
- Most recently, McAdam High hosted their first ever Civic Fair with resounding success!**



UPCOMING EVENTS – MAY, 2026

- Heritage Fair: 22 schools, thousands of students participating in classroom, school, and regional events.
- Student Vote (municipal): anticipated registration of every school in ASDW.



THANK YOU!

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