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F.H. Collins students host public Holocaust education event

WHITEHORSE—The History 12 class at F.H. Collins Secondary School hosted a special event in recognition of Holocaust Education Week on Wednesday, November 5. It included a free talk with Holocaust survivor Mr. Robbie Waisman as well as student-led tours of the traveling exhibit *Anne Frank – A History for Today*.

"Having Mr. Waisman share his profound experiences with our community and students is an honour," Minister of Education Elaine Taylor said. "This is an opportunity for Yukoners to engage in discussions on issues that are still relevant in today's world, such as discrimination and the importance of tolerance."

Today in the Legislative Assembly, Minister Taylor delivered a tribute on behalf of the Yukon government in recognition of Holocaust Education Week. Mr. Waisman and the History 12 class were invited to attend.

Waisman also spoke with Yukon students today, sharing stories about his experiences in Poland during Nazi occupation, in the Buchenwald Concentration Camp and in Canada after immigrating in 1948. Waisman works with the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre and as an outreach speaker on Holocaust Education.

"We are honoured to host Mr. Waisman," student Erin Spicer said. "His presentation is a momentous opportunity for students and the Whitehorse community to hear the story of a survivor from a tragic time in human history."

The Anne Frank – A History for Today exhibit moved to F.H. Collins on October 24 from its previous home at Vanier Catholic Secondary School. In September, students were trained to lead the tours. The exhibit will move to Porter Creek Secondary School on November 21.

Learn more:

Robbie Waisman, Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre Anne Frank traveling exhibition

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