

Tour of Humanity to pass through Kenora



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A Tour of Humanity will drive into Kenora next week.

The mobile human rights education centre, created by the friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies, is rolling through Northwest Ontario next week and will pull into Kenora, Thursday, April 21 at Beaver Brae Secondary School. The mobile education centre was created to teach students, educators, community leaders and front-line professionals about topics of diversity, democracy and Canadian civic rights and respon-

sibilities.

“The purpose of the Tour for Humanity is to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds, empowering them to raise their voices and take action against hate and intolerance and bullying and to promote justice and human rights,” said tour co-organizer Cynthia Seitz of Dryden High School.

Sessions are expected to last about 45 minutes each with classes from Grade 6 to 12 rotating through the mobile bus unit to learn about a variety of topics,

which match the Ontario Ministry of Education expectations for general knowledge. All students will learn media literacy and oral communication lessons, while students in Grade 9-12 will learn more about Canadian and world history. Grade 10 students will learn civics, while Grade 12s will have lessons on world religion and international law.

There are three workshop options on the Tour of Humanity with the main one being a video called Never Again, and focusing on three areas: the Holocaust;

universal genocide; and real-world heroes, including Martin Luther King Jr., Helen Keller, Simon Wiesenthal, Anne Frank, Mahatma Gandhi, among others.

The other workshops include the Canadian Experience, which teaches about slavery, residential schools, immigration policies and the internment of Japanese Canadians, with discussions about the internet and cyber-bullying. The happy workshops is geared towards younger children, which focuses on having respect for people who are different.

Before arriving in Kenora, the Tour of Humanity will stop in Ignace (Monday), Dryden (Tuesday) and Red Lake (Wednesday).