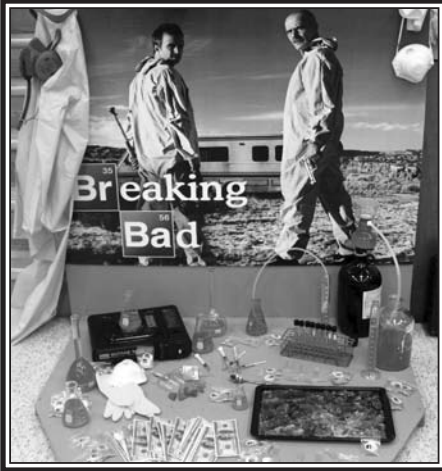


## Debert Winter Carnival

Note: Several photos taken by Maurice Rees, publisher during the final night of the Debert Winter Carnival were lost during a computer crash. We hope to have them retrieved and published in the next issue.



Gold Team's Breaking Bad themed corner at Debert Winter Carnival. (Harrington Photo)



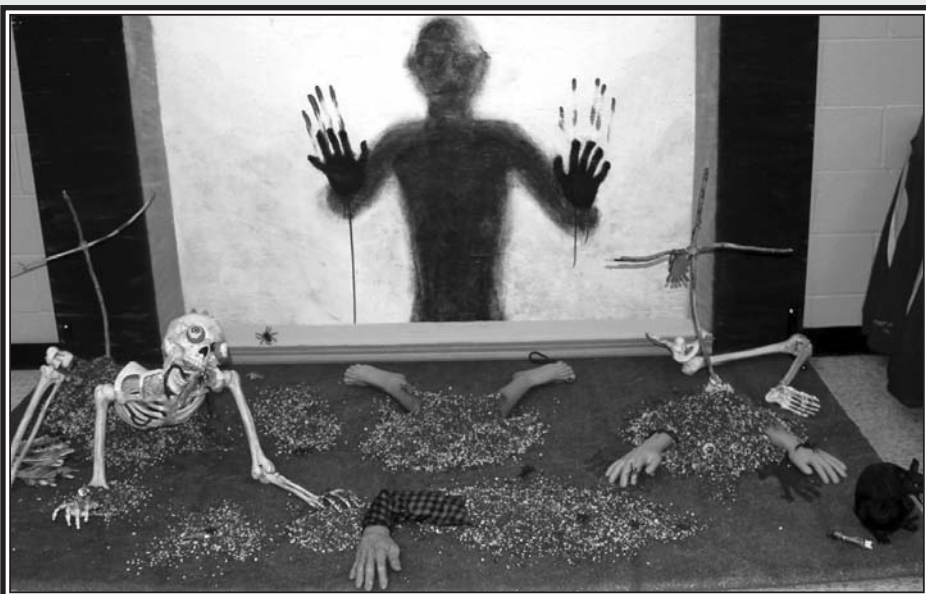
Olivia Putnam is cheered on as she completes the cup game at Debert Winter Carnival. (Harrington Photo)



Blue Team's Game of Thrones themed decorated corner at Debert Winter Carnival. (Harrington Photo)



Green Team won first place for their Sons of Anarchy decorated corner at Debert Winter Carnival. (Harrington Photo)



Black Team's corner for Debert Winter Carnival, with a Walking Dead theme.

## Lesson plans introduced for Jr High Students

Junior high school students now have access to new drug and alcohol prevention curriculum resources. The departments of Education and Early Childhood Development and Health and Wellness introduced seven lesson plans for grades 7 to 9 on Feb. 19, to get students talking about the pressures and influences that may lead to using substances like alcohol, cannabis and prescription drugs.

The lesson plans are available as part of the current health education curriculum. Teachers, mental health clinicians, guidance counsellors and school board administrators from across the province were invited to participate in training sessions to help them implement the lesson plans. So far, more than 300 teachers and

counsellors have attended sessions. The province will provide ongoing support and coaching, as needed.

The lessons are: Super Powers (Grade 7); Super Powers Part 2 (Grade 7); My Back and My Brain (Grade 8); Drug Land (Grade 9); Angels and Demons (Grade 9); Getting from Here to There (Grade 9) and Super Powers (Grade 9).

This resource for the Healthy Living curriculum is the first of its kind in Canada. It has been tested with youth in the province, is voluntary and will help teachers meet mandatory learning outcomes for health education.

The lesson plans can be accessed at <http://novascotia.ca/education>

## 40 Schools in Pilot Project

By Maurice Rees

Approximately 40 schools across the province are participating in the Google Apps for Education pilot project, which includes applications such as Gmail and Google Drive, is being tested in school boards across the province to support Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education.

The pilot project will allow students to collaborate, share, and access files anywhere, anytime, on any

Internet-connected device through cloud-based storage. "Google Apps for Education is about providing students with a 21st-century learning environment that puts the needs of students first," said Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey. "As this becomes available, no



matter where they are or what device they use, students will have access to these same tools, all at no additional cost to them or their parents.

The Gmail, Drive (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Drawing), Sites, Calendar, Contacts and Groups applications have been approved for use by all school boards in the province. How and when the apps are made available to students, educators and school board staff will be determined by each school board.

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