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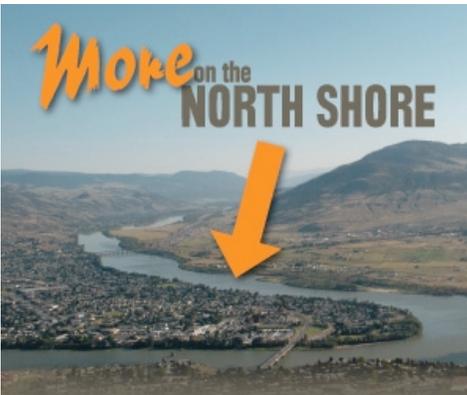
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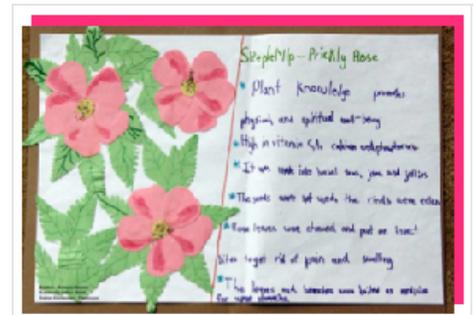
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A Dallas elementary school student is the primary winner in a poster contest focussing on aboriginal heritage.

Easton Duplessis, of the Kamloops Indian Band, won \$50 for her creation with the theme traditional knowledge and medicine.

The contest sponsored by FORED BC celebrates the culture and heritage of B.C.'s aboriginal people.



"This contest was an opportunity to showcase the valuable knowledge that is passed through storytelling from generation to generation amongst aboriginal people. And youths are able to gain a sense of pride in that unique legacy inherited from their elders," FORED President Cheryl Ziola said in a press release.

"We also hope that by seeing their talented poster work and that of other aboriginal students on our website and promoted in the media, this contest might help foster a stay-in-school ethic, thereby increasing aboriginal Grade 12 completion rates."

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