

New York's Reality Check Roles Into Town

The "Schools Without Borders" committee of representative elementary, secondary school students, teachers and Algoma Health Unit staff wrapped up an eventful 2004-2005 school year of tobacco-free health promotion.



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CHRIS BIOCCHI, of Parkland School, blows up a balloon in the Lung Power Challenge with the help of Kasheef Moore, , program leader with Reality Check, a New York-based youth group that aims to help young people combat pressures to smoke.

December 2004, saw the Ontario Tobacco-Free Network host a workshop in Sault Ste. Marie for participants across North-East and Central Ontario. The assembled also heard from a New York based youth group "Reality Check" who work to give youth the tools to counter the tobacco industry's message. On-hand at the workshop, were "Schools Without Borders" representatives, Chris Biocchi (Grade 8 - Parkland), Jeremy Periera (Grade 12 - Korah) and Stephanie Kwolek (Grade 12 - St. Basil's).