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- Passion for
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- Love of
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The Magic in Correctional Education

How do you end a three day conference on a high note? You hire a speaker that combines audience interaction, magic, and a message.

Mindcheck Motivation's own Joe Vilcheck was the keynote speaker at the Correctional Education Association of PA annual Conference held in Altoona,, PA.



Joe Vilcheck, President of Mindcheck Motivation.

Conference officers were looking for a speaker that was unique and one that was able to bring a "little excitement"



Audience members learning the French Drop.

to the subject of correctional education.

Joe presented his program "The Magic in Correctional Education." Which focuses

on leadership in the classroom, expectations, and doing the impossible. Joe also presented a brief history of the CEA in his own unique fashion.

Nearly 400 people were in attendance. The audience was comprised of adult and juvenile educators, principals, directors, counselors, PDE officials, and numerous school support professionals.

Joe is looking forward to future ventures with CEA of PA and other correctional education associations.

Speaking with Future Teachers

Joe Vilcheck was a guest lecturer in Mr. Bill Cooper's class at California University of Pennsylvania. Joe talked to more than 40 student teachers who are on their way to earning a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree.

Joe focused half his program on switching from a classroom manager to a classroom leader and the other half on alternative education.

We would like to thank the students and staff for making us feel welcome at Cal U.



GO VULCANS!!!



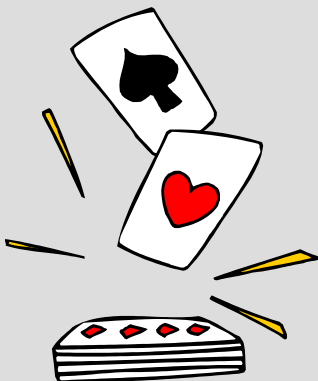
MAGIC
in the
CLASSROOM

Try this trick in
your classroom,
next meeting,
or with friends.

*“The power of
thought.*

*The magic of the
mind”*

-Lord Byron



The Pittsburgh Card

Effect: The magician can determine a spectator’s card by simply dealing cards and spelling out PITTSBURGH.

Preparation: You will need 21 playing cards. Lay the playing cards out in 3 columns with 7 cards in each column.

Method:

- 1) Lay out the playing cards as described above. Ask a spectator to mentally pick out a card. Have them tell you what row it is in.
- 2) Next, collect each column and place the group of cards in the selected row in between the other two groups of cards (first time).
- 3) Lay out the cards again in the same way, 3 across and 7 down (row by row, dealing across 1, 2, 3-1, 2, 3, etc.).
- 4) Again, ask the spectator what row his card is in. Collect each column and place the group of cards in the selected row in between the other two groups of cards (second time).
- 6) Lay out the cards again in the same way, 3 across and 7 down (row by row, dealing across 1, 2, 3-1, 2, 3, etc.).
- 7) Again, ask the spectator what row his card is in. Collect each column and place the group of cards in the selected row in between the other two groups of cards (third time).
- 8) If done correctly, their card is eleventh from the top. I usually ask a question that I know will give me the answer of “PITTSBURGH.” I then deal the cards while spelling out P-I-T-T-S-B-U-R-G-H and the next card (the eleventh card) will be theirs!



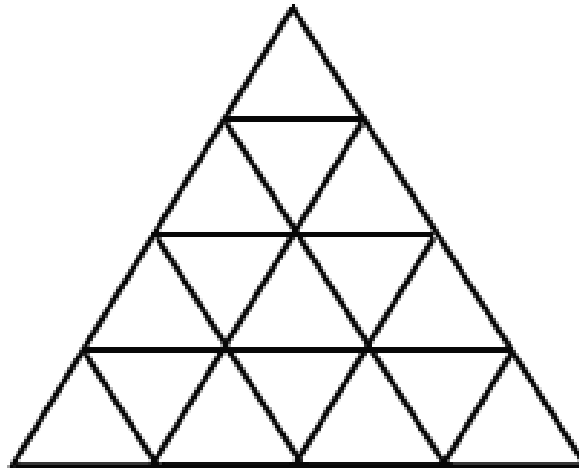
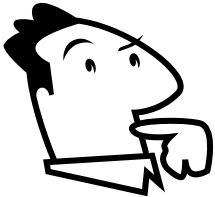
Word Puzzles— Say What You See

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Gun Jr.

Critical Thinking Puzzle

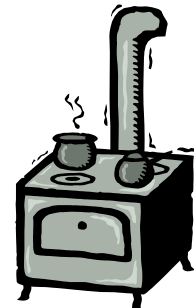


*Answers to all
puzzles are on
Page 4.*

How many equilateral triangles are located in the image above?

Check Your Thought

You have one match. You enter a dark room with a candle, a wood stove, and a gas lamp. What do you light first?



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When Joe Vilcheck began a career in education, he started on a path that he never thought he would take. He left a career in environmental consulting to teach at an alternative school for delinquent youth in Western Pennsylvania.

Shortly afterward, he was hired by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit- 3 (AIU3) and began teaching at the Shuman Detention Center in Pittsburgh. Today, Joe is well-known throughout the AIU3, Alternative Education Department, as a veteran teacher of at-risk teens and as a motivator.

In 2007, Joe received the “Award of Excellence” from the AIU3.

Joe has worked closely with at-risk students in the Shuman Detention Center and at local programs such as the Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP). Additionally, he has worked for Pittsburgh non-profit social service agencies such as Family Links and Wesley Spectrum. Joe is an active member of both the Society of American Magicians and the Pittsburgh Mentalist Society.

MINDCHECK PUZZLES

SAY WHAT YOU SEE

Tennessee

Minnesota

Son of a gun



CRITICAL THINKING PUZZLE

27 total:

16– 1 cell

7– 4 cells

3– 9 cells

1– 16 cells

CHECK YOUR THOUGHT

You have to light the match first!

