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## KINISTINO SENIOR BAND MUSICFEST NATIONALS 2010 IN OTTAWA

The Kinistino Senior Band is very pleased to have received a GOLD rating at MusicFest Nationals in Ottawa. This tiny 25 piece ensemble entered Class B400 right along with large city schools like Saskatoon's Centennial and Evan Hardy Collegiate. Although those schools represented the province well with silver medals, Kinistino was the only Saskatchewan band to receive a Gold rating.

Each year, thousands of participants and hundreds of ensembles take part in the annual national festival finals known as MusicFest Canada. All adjudicated ensembles receive gold, silver, bronze, or merit standards of performance.

- A Gold Standard signifies that an ensemble has achieved excellence in all facets of its performance.
- A Silver Standard signifies that an ensemble is demonstrating an exceedingly high standard of musical performance.
- A Bronze Standard signifies an above average quality of performance with latitude for improvement.
- A Merit Standard acknowledges an average quality of performance and is not recognized by a plaque.

Kinistino's Senior Band began setting its sites on Nationals last year. They knew that in order to get an invitation to MusicFest they would have to score well at a provincial level festival like Regina or Red Deer. Fortunately, they were able to secure a rating of 1 at the Red Deer festival and shortly after the invitation to Nationals.

The group performed at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa on May 18 in front of an audience and four national level adjudicators. After the performance the group moved from the stage into another room where they were given a new piece of music to sight-read. Immediately following, one of the four adjudicators came in and worked with the band. She commented that it was the second piece, Huckleberry Finn Suite, that sold her on the group. "It is so nice," she said, "to sometimes be able to put the pencil down and just sit back and enjoy the music."

Thank you for making my day." She worked with the band on a lot of finer musical points and was very impressed with how easy the group was to work with. She noted that with a small group like this every member has to cover his/her part and that there were no slackers in this band. When the adjudicator left, the group was given a package with all of the comment sheets and the conductor's scores. There was definitely a plaque in it, meaning that they had won at least a bronze. Jim Banman, the Director of the ensemble, pulled it out slowly and let the kids see it. GOLD. What a happy bunch of kids! The Director was rather pleased as well! The Saskatchewan adjudicator made a special point of coming back stage to tell the group that they had represented the province well and had made him proud.

While in Ottawa the band toured the parliament buildings, where they were fortunate

to receive a tour of the Prime Minister's office and go up the bell tower. They saw the Governor General's Mansion and visited the Museum of Natural History. The Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces put on an outstanding performance for a packed house on Tuesday night. After the concert as they walked back to the hotel, they very much enjoyed seeing the parliament buildings all lit up.

The band then travelled to Niagara Falls where they immediately boarded The Maid of The Mist which took them right to the bottom of the falls. This was the first time for most of the students to see Niagara Falls.

Before heading home the Senior Band toured Toronto where they visited the Ontario Science Centre and the CN Tower. While in Toronto they were fortunate to be able to take part in a Medieval Feast. The entire week was a Golden experience.



## **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES FOR 2010-2011:**

### **PRINCIPALS:**

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| • Christopher Lake | - Dovona West          |
| • East Central     | - Neil Sherwin-Shields |
| • Wild Rose        | - Shannon McElligott   |
| • W.P. Sandin      | - Dawne Braaten        |

### **VICE-PRINCIPALS:**

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| • Birch Hills       | - Kevin Tait        |
| • École Vickers     | - Ryan Hughes       |
| • John Diefenbaker  | - Jennifer Drysdale |
| • Princess Margaret | - Darlene Schultz   |
| • Vincent Massey    | - Trishia Hastings  |
| • W.J. Berezowsky   | - Kent Arpin        |







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## SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS SCHOOL DIVISION BAND CONCERT

Over 300 Grade 6 to 8 Saskatchewan Rivers' band students demonstrated the skills they have mastered this year when they performed an array of songs for family, friends, and teachers at Carlton Comprehensive High School on the evening of June 2, 2010. Band teachers shared the conducting duties, each taking a turn conducting the collaborative group which consisted of students from 15 Saskatchewan Rivers' schools.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORT PROGRAMS at W.J. Berezowsky School

The saying "it takes a village to raise a child" can be seen in action at W.J. Berezowsky School this year. As the school addresses student needs like hunger and nutrition during school and safety and security after school, many businesses and community organizations have demonstrated their support.

While students learn about balanced nutrition during classes at Berezowsky, the school models what it teaches with its Breakfast for Learning/ Snack Program. This program provided approximately 28,000 nutritious snacks and 418 emergency lunches to students in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 this year with support from The United Way, Breakfast for Learning, The Prince Albert Lions, and the Saskatchewan Indian and Gaming Authority.

The Breakfast for Learning/Snack Program began four years ago with a crew of tireless volunteers. This year, a grant from the Regional Intersectoral Committee's Community Initiatives Fund, enabled funded positions to be available to coordinate, organize, and run both the Breakfast for Learning/

Snack Program and the After-School Program.

The After-School Program began at Berezowsky last year with a care for student welfare during the late afternoon time period. This year 136 students from 106 families took advantage of the opportunity to engage in popular educational, recreational, and cultural sessions that support the development of a healthy community. While sessions run Monday through Thursday from 3:15 – 4:30, with different groups comprised of Grades 1-2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6-8 students attending four week blocks of activities one day a week, students are allowed to attend on any particular day to accommodate family needs or to help out with the session. In addition to ensuring a safe and welcoming place to be until families return home at the end of the day, students engage in a variety of fun learning experiences that support the development of lifelong skills while helping them to discover talents and interests. Parents and families are invited to participate, drop in, and/or lead sessions.

Partnerships are continually being created as the After-School Program reaches out into the community and/or resources are brought into the school. With support from Wal-Mart and resource people from Carlton, SUNTEP, the First Nations University, and families in the community, the program was able to provide cultural experiences that taught respect and diversity while helping the students to explore and expand their own identities.

Both the Snack Program and the After-School Program have been deeply appreciated by the students and staff of W.J. Berezowsky School. As one Grade 8 student claimed, "This year was a different year; no one went hungry so they started to pay attention. I should know because I was one of those kids." From a Grade 6 student came this statement, "I think the After-School Program is important because it teaches kids new skills for life. Also, it is fun and something good to do after school instead of some kids being really bored." And finally a Grade 4 student commented, "The After-School Program helps my family because my mom is always gone at work...I love it when we do art or beading."



Preparations for Breakfast for Learning/Snack and the After-School Programs







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## A CENTURY OF LEARNING ...P.A.C.I.

Over 800 people attended the three day celebration at P.A.C.I. this past weekend. Some of the activities included a banquet, a school tour, a car show, sports events, a tea, and a pancake breakfast.

"Prince Albert Collegiate Institute"

# 100 years



## WESTVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL HAS A NEW 'LOVE OF READING'

Westview Community School staff and students have renewed their love of reading! On May 26, 2010, it was announced that they were recipients of the Indigo Love of Reading grant that will amount to \$85,000 over the next three years.

Each September this amazing award will provide all Westview students with the opportunity to travel to Saskatoon to choose books from the Chapters book store to add to their classroom and school libraries. Upon their return, a reading celebration will be held in a local park where parents and

community members will be invited to share in the reading of the newly chosen books. It will be a challenge for children to pick out their two favorite books but it will be equally exciting!

The addition of new books to the library will allow Westview students and their families to benefit in other ways as well. As the new books come in, older reading material will be weeded from the library and donated for use in other programs such as a summer library where children can borrow books with help from the city's playground program. Research shows that reading 5 books over the summer helps to maintain a child's reading level so this will be a positive learning experience for everyone!

*Pictures on the Right:  
(TOP) Never too young or too old to begin reading!  
(BOTTOM) Green bag reading program.*





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## LONG SERVICE RECIPIENTS & RETIREES - JUNE, 2010

### 10 YEARS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kent Arpin</li><li>• Sharon Ashby</li><li>• Clay Bergen</li><li>• Denise Boutin</li><li>• Michael Bowden</li><li>• Kelly Brown</li><li>• Juanita Buyaki</li><li>• Megan Campbell</li><li>• Corinne Cey</li><li>• Anna Cholodnuik</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tracy Dolezsar-Glarvin</li><li>• Wanda Dreaver</li><li>• Jennifer Drysdale</li><li>• Brenda Dyck</li><li>• Art Feher</li><li>• Florette Gareau</li><li>• Sandra Hesp</li><li>• Kathryn Hughes</li><li>• Roseanne Kowalsky</li><li>• Wendy Krip</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Darren LaRose</li><li>• Jodi Letendre</li><li>• Lana Lorensen</li><li>• Gwen Marsh</li><li>• Cheryl Mullner</li><li>• Kelly Njaa</li><li>• Bonnie Olexsyn</li><li>• Dale Olsen</li><li>• Jodie Osmundson</li><li>• Philip Racette</li><li>• Jean Reid</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colette Robertson</li><li>• Connie Schill</li><li>• Dale Sharp</li><li>• Kim Simpson</li><li>• Jennifer Sinclair</li><li>• Ken Taylor</li><li>• Julie Thorpe</li><li>• Rona Tolley</li><li>• Harriet Tomporowski</li><li>• Brian Tremblay</li><li>• Bonnie Vandale</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dawn Vickers</li><li>• Melanie Willie</li><li>• Jodie Wykes</li><li>• Marilyn Young</li><li>• Lorie Zbaraschuk</li></ul> |
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### 15 YEARS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perry Acorn</li><li>• Odile Aiken</li><li>• Eric Bolay</li><li>• Arnold Brown</li><li>• Linda Calder-Aydt</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alice Cullen</li><li>• Jocelyne Cumming</li><li>• Twyla Gange</li><li>• Trishia Hastings</li><li>• Tom Hazzard</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bonny Johnson</li><li>• Mona Markwart</li><li>• Melissa Neubuhr</li><li>• Gwen Neudorf</li><li>• Corinne Olson</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Penny Slater</li><li>• Wayne Smith</li><li>• Carrie Stene</li><li>• Tom Sutherland</li><li>• Angela Thiessen</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shannon Vey</li><li>• Bruce Wait</li><li>• Carol Zultok</li></ul> |
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### 20 YEARS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holly Abrey-Hare</li><li>• Carol Allen</li><li>• Gail Black</li><li>• Lori Bolay</li><li>• Shelly Bourlon</li><li>• Shirley Byrne</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Randy Emmerson</li><li>• Louise Hall</li><li>• Karen Jasieniuk</li><li>• Kim Jones</li><li>• Donna Kereluk</li><li>• Neil Martin</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judy Mason</li><li>• Peggy Patzer</li><li>• Cynthia Petit</li><li>• Tammy Reid</li><li>• Linda Sass</li><li>• Michelle Smith</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colin Steele</li><li>• Bryan Swystun</li><li>• Maureen Taylor</li><li>• Dean Toutant</li><li>• Norma Walso</li><li>• Wendy Watrin</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David Zultok</li></ul> |
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### 25 YEARS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brenda Anderson</li><li>• Debbie Ashby</li><li>• Rob Clarke</li><li>• Pamela Cochet</li><li>• Nancy Dragan</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roxanne Dunn-Smith</li><li>• Sandy Gessner</li><li>• Sharon Gosselin</li><li>• Jim Helm</li><li>• Karen Helm</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debra Hernter</li><li>• Charlene Hickie</li><li>• Leah Mesenchuk</li><li>• Kevin Mugford</li><li>• Monica Nicholls</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ken Norris</li><li>• Ron Poetker</li><li>• Cindy Schultz</li><li>• Shelley Smith</li><li>• Corinne Soloducha</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robert Thompson</li><li>• Janet Toles</li></ul> |
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### 30 YEARS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geraldine Arpin</li><li>• David Dice</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jim McLachlan</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Valerie Preston-Zbaraschuk</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alan Ruder</li><li>• Janet Ruder</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simone Thompson</li></ul> |
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### RETIREES

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| Geraldine Arpin<br>Judith Bischler<br>Dave Debruin<br>David Dice<br>Deanna Dore<br>David Durell<br>Elaine Edeen | Wendy Fiddler<br>Carol Francoeur<br>Barb Fraser<br>Florette Gareau<br>Virginia Gray<br>Brenda<br>Holowachuk | Dolly Kellett<br>Peter Laflamme<br>Donna Leland<br>Janet Lukowich<br>Dawn MacLeod<br>Jim McLachlan | Debbie<br>McPherson<br>Tanya McShane<br>Jim Mireau<br>Bev Morgan<br>Ross Nicolas<br>Gloria Olson | Lynn Phaneuf<br>Vivian Reeves<br>Terry Smith<br>Joyce Stevenson<br>Eloise Varga<br>Reg Vaughan<br>Twylla Wall | Elizabeth Ward<br>Graeme Wesson<br>Jan Wood |
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