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CARLTON PARTNERS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Mr. Helgason and Carlton Students proudly built a house for Habitat for Humanity

In this, the first year of the partnership between Carlton Comprehensive High School and Habitat for Humanity, Carlton students did an amazing job of building a new house from the ground up at 1238 13th Street West in Prince Albert. Along with earning apprenticeship hours and high school credits, Carlton students Reilly Barton, Colby Bell, Ryan Dewhurst, Dylan Kennedy, Kaila Kristiansen, Taylor Lafond, James Morin, Brandon Padget, Brandon Parasuik, Patrick Rishchynski, Royce Vickland, Scott Ward, and Biniyam White learned an immense amount about construction and working as a team.

The partnership between Carlton Comprehensive High School, and Habitat for Humanity proved to be a benefit to both organizations and to the community. At the celebration evening on February 8, 2011 Carlton vice-principal, **Mr. Ken Morrison** expressed thanks to all those who made the build possible; Mr. Morris Sawchuk, President of Habitat for Humanity Prince Albert; **Mr. Patrick Helgason**, Carlton teacher and journeyman carpenter; Mr. Darren Swanson, from RNF and chairman of the build committee; Mr. Brian Howell, building coordinator; and of course, the Carlton students.

You can find out more information about the Carlton Carpentry Apprenticeship Program (CCAP) and the incredible home that was built by visiting the Carlton webpage at



CCAP Students begin foundational work.

<http://www.carlton.srsd119.ca/students/CCAP.pdf>



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Leigh Turner and her children playing together.

KING GEORGE PUTS COMMUNITY IN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



King George Community School is more than a school; it is a community within a school. While students are engaged by classroom teachers in learning experiences during the day, other spaces within the school are utilized by partner agencies to provide families different types of learning opportunities.

Partnership arrangements between the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division, King George Community School, and various community agencies have enabled engagement and support programs like KidsFirst, the Children's Choice Early Learning Program, and the Family Futures/King George Early Learning Childcare Centre to operate within the school. These programs offer services to a range of families from those who are expecting their first child to those who have children up to age 5.

The Family Connections/King George Community School Volunteer Centre offers different types of opportunities to parents through a range of short-term afternoon and evening sessions held within the school. Parents attending have taken advantage of sessions such as; the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region immunization clinics, KidsFirst Healthy Relationship sessions, Prince Albert Literacy Network's Alphabet Soup and Come Read With Me programs, mom's and tots programs, craft nights, infant massage sessions, an Elder Rendezvous, and Nobody's Perfect parenting sessions.

If it takes a community to raise a child, King George Community School children are well on their way.

LEARNING TAKES ON A DIFFERENT SHAPE AT RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

When one thinks about learning in school, the image of students sitting in neatly aligned desks comes to mind. **Gina Sinoski's** grade 7 students at Riverside Community School have come to understand that learning can take place in a variety of contexts not just classroom desks.

While focusing on outcomes from the English Language Arts, Health, and Art curricula, Ms. Sinoski's students are working toward creating a culturally responsive environment in the school library. Students have been challenged to design and paint a tipi using First Nations and Métis symbolism to represent Riverside Community School. During the learning process, students have come to value First Nation and Métis worldviews as they have listened to Elder Stuart Amyotte share teachings around the drum and the medicine wheel.

The finished project would not have been possible without the support of the Wahpeton Healing Lodge who provided the canvas and poles, the P.A.C.I. construction students who stained and varnished the poles, and Elder Stuart Amyotte. To culminate the learning experience, the finished tipi will be unveiled at the Gathering of the Community POW WOW on March 19th.



Riverside grade 7 students working on the tipi.





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*St. Louis Community School students
(Left to Right) Tamiah, Tessa & Julianna*



*St. Louis Community School students
(Left to Right) Layton, Trae & Mikhail*

INTERACTIONS AND INTERDEPENDENCE TAKES ON NEW MEANING

While many studying Social Studies in school think of interactions and interdependence in terms of the relationship between communities, Lacey Primeau's class in St. Louis Community School has learned that the terms can have a different meaning.

When **Mrs. Primeau's** grade 6 students began their Social Studies unit, Interactions and Interdependence among Canadians and their Atlantic Neighbors, they were challenged to learn about and appreciate the rich diversity, experiences, roles and responsibilities of individuals, societies, cultures and to understand how global interdependence impacts daily life in those regions. The twist was that students were to demonstrate their appreciation and understanding by interacting with and being dependent on technology.

The challenge was eagerly accepted by the students and they set about gathering information using resources like CultureGrams and World Book on-line. Students then worked in groups using Photostory to create documentaries that synthesized their learning about our Atlantic neighbors. To culminate the experience, students proudly shared their documentaries with their families at school and have posted them on Mrs. Primeau's webpage to share with other students using the ePals global community.

The students' documentaries can be found at <https://st.srsd119.ca/content/mrs-lacey-primeau>.

CHRISTOPHER LAKE STUDENTS ENJOY "THE WAY HOME"

Students were in for a real treat when Jeanne Corrigan brought her movie, "Jim Settee: The Way Home" to Christopher Lake School. The film, which Jeanne wrote, produced, and directed, shares the story of the life of Jim Settee. As a Metis leader, First Nation advocate, spiritual mentor and oral historian, Jim's life was legendary in northern and central Saskatchewan where he worked to preserve the heritage of the people and in doing so, with wisdom and guidance, he helped many to find their own 'way home'.

Corrigan was as pleased to bring her movie to Christopher Lake as the students were to see it. "It has been very special for me to come to the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division with my film. I have been touring the province, but this school division is home for both myself and Jim Settee. I went to school here and Jim spent much of his life working for the community in this area."

Christopher Lake students Ryan Ehman and Eldon Bird both appeared in the movie. When asked about how he felt about introducing Jeanne Corrigan at the school and watching the movie with his friends, Ryan said, "It made me feel shy but I felt proud of my great grandpa. I was excited!"

Dovona West, the principal of the school, summed it up best, "Jeanne Corrigan created a sense of pride in the Settee family and the history. She made strong connections between the students, their homes, and the history in the movie."



*Back Row (L to R)
Tina Settee, Erin Mackie, Jeanne Corrigan
Front Row (L to R)
Eldon Bird, Shenoah Bear, Mason McKenzie,
Ryan Ehman*





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DECISION 2011

WHICH URBAN SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS HIGH SCHOOL IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

It is time for your child to make a decision about which of our three high schools will be their school next year!

***Will you be a Crusader,
Golden Bear, or a Wild Cat...?***

Information sessions will take place at Carlton, P.A.C.I. and Wesmor to help all grade 8 students and their parents decide which school best meets their needs.

**Wednesday, March 16, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

Carlton Comprehensive High School
665 - 28 Street East
Dawn Kilmer, Principal
(306) 922-3115

**Thursday, March 17, 2011
4:30 p.m.**

Wesmor Community High School
1819 - 14 Avenue West
Shelley Storey, Principal
(306) 764-5233

**Thursday, March 17, 2011
6:30 p.m.**
P.A.C.I.

45 - 20 Street East
Randy Emmerson, Principal
(306) 763-6485

If you are unable to make these sessions and would like to arrange a different date, please contact the above principals as listed.



REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN – RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW! *(English & French Immersion)*

If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2011, it's time to start thinking about Kindergarten for the fall of 2010 – English or French Immersion Program. Parents are invited to contact their neighborhood school to register their child. Half day every day or full day alternate day formats are available in the City of Prince Albert to best suit families' needs.

Free transportation is provided for those students who:

- attend rural schools;
- attend an out-of-neighbourhood school for French Immersion programming within city limits.



APPLY FOR PREKINDERGARTEN

Prekindergarten programs are available for children who are turning 3 or 4 years of age by December 31, 2011.

Learn more about Prekindergarten & Kindergarten in Saskatchewan Rivers School Division by:

- Calling **764-1571** or toll free **1-888-764-1571**
- Contacting your local school
- Visiting our web site at www.srsd119.ca

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