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**A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS SCHOOL DIVISION**

**BILL COOKE RETIRES**

As the 2010-2011 school year comes to a close, we wish to recognize the retirement of *Dr. Bill Cooke*, Director of Education in the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division. Bill has had a long and distinguished career in education in Saskatchewan. He came to Saskatchewan Rivers as Director, in 1998, from the Saskatoon Public School Division where he worked for many years as teacher, principal, superintendent, and Deputy Director of Education. Under his leadership, Saskatchewan Rivers has become respected as one of the finest divisions in the province.



*Dr. Bill Cooke*

During his 13-year tenure as Director, Bill's positive approach to challenge and change led the school division through provincial restructuring and division amalgamation, through unprecedented changes to taxation and school division funding, and through significant curricular changes. We will miss his experience and decisiveness in tough times and his integrity, commitment, and dedication at all times.

Saskatchewan as well as the respect and admiration of his peers, the Board of Education, the Ministry of Education, LEADS, STF, SSBA, and most notably of Saskatchewan Rivers employees.

Bill's leadership at all levels of education and the ability to keep the Division moving forward has earned him the reputation of "Senior Statesman" in education in

On behalf of the Board of Education and all Saskatchewan Rivers employees, we want to thank Bill for his years of distinguished service, congratulate him on his retirement, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

**BUILDING A BRIGHTER  
FUTURE: KIDS HELPING KIDS**

Weeks of planning and fundraising came to fruition in late February when the St. Louis Travel Club, Kids Helping Kids, embarked on the journey of a lifetime. For 9 days, teachers *Dana Piercey*, *Lacey Primeau*, and *Jacquie Johnson* and students Brooklyn Potter, Brittany MacDonald, Candace Royer, Danielle Georget, Blossom Lamalice, Cydnie Patrick, and Courtney Boyer immersed themselves in the communities of Aqua Negra and La Union Bete (slums in the northern area of the Dominican Republic). With the goal of providing a better future for families, they began by working alongside community members framing buildings, cutting rebar, mixing concrete, and laying bricks to build two cinder block homes in Aqua Negra. They then moved on to spend time picking garbage with the community of La Union Bete, a community of "stateless" Haitians (people without identity papers). These people, considered illegal immigrants, survive by picking recyclables from the garbage dump every day to raise money to feed their families.



*Students mixing concrete*

The mission was not all work and no play. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the two half days spent with the children of Aqua Negra. Games of skip rope, football, and volleyball were played in a little muddy area near the river, the same river that carried the garbage and household waste. The young children loved playing with the "gringas"

What began as a mission to help build a couple of homes in an impoverished area turned into so much more; the journey brought learning to life for these students. They were able to use classroom lessons to provide a brighter future for those they met in the Dominican and will use the life lessons learned there about poverty and culture to shape their own future.





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Destination ImagiNation Challenge Day

## DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination ImagiNation (DI) is an educational program that engages students in applying essential 21st Century skills. Skills include teamwork, creative thinking, and problem solving. This year, several SRSD schools chose to incorporate DI into the regular school day or during after school programs.

Saskatchewan Rivers School Division held its first Destination ImagiNation Challenge Day at Prince Albert Collegiate Institute (PACI) on March 30th. Sixteen teams of grade 5 to 10 students from seven SRSD schools participated in the exciting event! Student teams were presented with two open-ended challenges along with guidelines and materials to creatively solve the challenges. PACI's student leadership team provided participating students with encouragement and positive feedback.

Student leaders from PACI used rubrics to appraise the student teams' innovative solutions as well as their ability to work together. All participating students received certificates acknowledging their exemplary teamwork, creativity, and problem solving skills. Prizes were awarded to teams from Princess Margaret School, Queen Mary Community School, and Riverside Community School.

## LEMONADE FOR SALE

W.J. Berezowsky's grade 3 class, under the guidance of *Mrs. Angie Lysitza* and *Mrs. Bev Shewchuk*, participated in the first provincial PotashCorp Lemonade Day Saskatchewan. Lemonade Day originated in the United States and this year was brought to Canada for the first time through a Saskatoon based partnership.

In the days leading up to the lemonade sale, students at W.J. Berezowsky School participated in lessons about entrepreneurship. The students brainstormed ways to promote their product and decided to do promotion through posters and personal contact.

On Wednesday, May 4th, the grade 3 students put their learning to the test. The students took ownership of the lemonade stand helping to prepare the lemonade, choosing a fair market price, and then marketing it to their school in an attractive selling space.

They also incorporated math skills related to business as they decided how to spend, save, and share the profits from their day. The efforts of the grade 3 students proved successful as they were able to save a portion of their proceeds to spend on class events and share the profits with a donation to the Cancer Society. The students not only had a fun time at their lemonade stand, they learned skills that will assist them in becoming productive citizens, and maybe even future entrepreneurs!



Grade 3 Class under the guidance of Mrs. Angie Lysitza



## JUDO – ACTIVE LEARNING AT WESTVIEW

- Written by: Westview Community School students

Our grade 3 and 4 class has been participating in judo for two hours each week for the past 12 weeks. On Monday and Wednesday mornings we meet with our Sensei in the gym. Sensei Doyle comes to us from the penitentiary where he works. The penitentiary and Westview Community School have joined together to help bring this program to our school.

When we talked it over amongst ourselves, we realized that we share some common ideas about our judo experience. We believe that judo has helped us to become more focused and better listeners. We've learned that respect, cooperation, and trying our best helps us to be successful. These are some of Sensei's key guidelines. Safety is also a primary consideration. We learned a lot about control and how our body works. We laugh and have a lot of fun. Judo makes us feel happy and relaxed. Participating in judo makes us feel included and part of a team. We know that it helps our bodies to be strong and healthy.

During our judo lessons, we do exercises, front rolls, somersaults, cartwheels, play games, and practice breakfalls. We learn judo strategies and moves. We also learn some Japanese words. Sensei says we are learning the basics and that respect is an important part of all of our learning. We are getting faster and better each time. At the end of 10 weeks, he invited us to the dojo for a special morning of judo and a celebration of our learning. It was an exciting visit.



*Westview students Judo class*



*Grades 3 and 4 Judo*



## A PASSION FOR PLASTICINE

Watch for Mrs. Shannon Auramenko's grade 2 students plasticine art work to be featured on author Barbara Reid's website.

The grade 2 students from John Diefenbaker School have just completed an author study on the famous plasticine author/illustrator Barbara Reid. As a final project, the students created a plasticine portraits of themselves with a character from one of Mrs. Reid's stories. They chose their character based upon their ability to connect with the character's personality traits. John Diefenbaker School should be proud of the amazing job these students did to honor one of their favorite author/illustrators, Barbara Reid.

<http://www.barbarareid.ca/students&teachers.html>





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## LONG SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS - JUNE, 2011

### 10 YEARS

Rhonda Allard  
Ida Allen  
Rob Anderson  
Colleen Andrusyk  
Donna Baergen  
Nathalie Beaulieu  
Marion Bradbury  
Leanne Bradley  
Jamie Burns  
Kara Cantin

Bob Coffin  
Heather Deschambeault  
Susan Donaldson  
Jennifer Dryka  
Lorinda Elkin  
Lenore Eskes  
Jennifer Ferguson  
Craig Finnestad  
Marlessa Hamel  
Kristal Hendricks

Heather Hladun  
Jean Howden  
Diane Johnson  
Leanne Jordan  
Nancy Keller  
Tonya Kleinert  
John Kunard  
Trevor Kutnikoff  
Angela Laroche  
Laureen Lussier  
Aaron MacDonald  
Lori Magee  
Graham McGregor

Juanita McKay-Raymond  
Crystal McKenna  
Roxanne Mitchell  
Cindy Oleksyn  
Connie Padget  
Rona Pelletier  
Mishel Quaal  
Katherine Raas  
Charlene Roy  
Deanna Roy  
Laura Scheidl  
Trina Sigrist

Gregory Smith  
Christine Soles  
Dianne Spencer  
Joan Stolle  
Shelley Tendeck  
Lucy Tessier  
Dwayne Tournier  
Joanne Tremblay  
Glenda Truba  
Jana Wilkie  
Geri Woods  
Beverly Wyatt  
Brenda Yeaman

### 15 YEARS

Barclay Batiuk  
Larry Bergen  
Sandra Brown  
Glenda Chartrand

Karen Cloarec  
Mark Eggleston  
Kendra Fernie  
Cindy Gallegos

Michael Gange  
Joanne Goller  
Cindy Gouldhawke  
Linda Greyeyes  
Beverly Griffin  
Kenneth Harder

Valerie Horner  
Kevin Koroluk  
Laurie Muirhead  
Cathy Porter  
Ann Praud  
Charlene Puddicombe

Tana Ross  
Janice Semchuk  
Laurel Smith  
Jasmin Tiessen  
Valerie Whitter

### 20 YEARS

Jane Adema  
Carol Blair  
Annette Brockman  
Rick Croshaw

Janell Dunn-Johnson  
Darcie Eschyschyn  
Shannon Fiddler  
Terry Franc

Edith Glendinning  
Debbi Hobson  
Rick Lett  
Lynda Lutkin  
Sandra Marcotte  
Patricia Martens

Connie McConechy  
David McConechy  
Judy Norheim-Poncelet,  
Richard Ronning

Sterling Swain  
Don Tomy  
Laurie Walker  
Paul Watson  
Dena Wilson

### 25 YEARS

Mary Adrian  
Colleen Berge  
Randy Boscher

Dawne Braaten  
Dallas Bridge  
Laura Brillinger

Brenda Cromartie  
Mary Giles-Sander  
Kirk Hagemeister  
Charlotte Kuhn  
Gail LeMoal

Shirley Lowe  
Shelley Nicolas  
Paul Roy  
Arlene Salen  
Elaine Serfas

Beverley Shewchuk  
Betty Strand  
Sandra Williams  
David Zulkoskey

### 30 YEARS

Sonia Cherepuschak  
Rhonda Fitch

Pamela Forsyth-Rybinski

Val Mamczasz  
Corinne Meyer  
Sharon Mitchell  
Shelly Rusheleau

Cathy Ruxton  
Dorothy Stewart  
Gloria Timm  
Wendy Verge

Tim Wilkinson  
Karen Yaremko  
Bill Yeaman

### RETIREES

Penny Altstadt  
Debbie Avey  
Lyndon Beeds  
Ken Belyea  
Barbara Bogard  
Dallas Bridge  
Donna Clark  
Bob Coffin  
Bill Cooke  
Patricia Devonshire

Anne Dickin  
Dave Dubyk  
Susan Healey(Elliott)  
Pamela Forsyth-Rybinski  
Andrea Gareau  
Marlene Gobeil  
Lee Goodfellow  
Kirk Hagemeister  
Debbie Hansen

Karen Helm  
Sandra Hill  
Valerie Horner  
Nancy Hug  
Gwen Jones  
Jane Krafchuk  
Janice Krawchuk  
Charlotte Kuhn  
John Kuzbik  
Rick Lett

### 35 YEARS

Renee Lotts  
Bill Simpson

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Corinne Meyer  
Wendy Murray  
Carol Norris  
Muriel Pelletier  
Phillip Racette  
Daryl Rushbrooke

### 40 YEARS

Norman Bruce

Berk Seymour  
Diane Sumners  
Tom Sutherland  
Nancy Vandale  
Wendy Watrin  
Tim Wilkinson

