

Media advisory/photo opportunity:

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Time: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Location: Seven Stones Community School - 1101 Princess St, Regina, behind the school (north side)

Expected attendance: 700 students, families, school administration

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Working Together for Student Success

Regina, Saskatchewan – A diverse relationship between Seven Stones Community School and Evraz Place will be celebrated as the partners gather together for festivities on National Aboriginal Day on June 21, 2016.

Jay Fladager, Principal of Seven Stones Community School, says plans for the celebration at the school are grounded by deep roots of mutual respect because of the significant progress made together since 1990.

“Evraz Place has been a welcome and contributing member of our community for a number of years,” says Fladager. “The contributions are extensive and have ranged from sponsoring activities and programs for individual students, to enabling new ways of bringing our whole community closer together. Evraz Place not only supports students but also employs a number of the students’ family members. We appreciate this full integration.”

The events scheduled for this year’s National Aboriginal Day include performances, demonstrations, games, competitions, food, storytelling, crafts and more. The day’s focus helps to build a sense of community pride and is supported by an Elder’s attendance. The full school enrolment of 340 pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 students and their families will be welcomed at the event. The Evraz Place sponsorship helps to offset costs, and the organization encourages staff engagement to provide assistance at the barbeque.

Elma Shoulak, Evraz Place Vice-President of Human Resources, says the organization’s team shares the excitement for the school partnership and compliments Principal Fladager and all Seven Stones Community School staff for their work throughout the year.

“Giving back to our community is important to all of us,” says Shoulak. “Our organization understands that with the proper investment in education, we can help shape the future and enrich the quality of life for youth and their families.”

Fladager describes the “Circle of Courage Awards” as an example of the partnership with the school. These awards are presented monthly to a deserving nominee from each grade and celebrate accomplishments in the areas of generosity, mastery, belonging and independence. Evraz Place sponsors the medallions for the awards. Evraz Place also provides scholarships for any Grade 12 student who attended Herchmer/Wascana School in Grade 8, has gone on to graduation from Grade 12 and is now enrolled in post-secondary education

“We have seen excellent progress from the assistance we provide for a number of academic tools that enable growth in literacy and numeracy programs,” says Shoulak. “We are proud to help address community needs as we focus on our growing workplace opportunities, while helping to make dreams come true.”

Fladager agrees. He appreciates the Evraz Place investment in the future as demonstrated through the ongoing partnership.

“We strive for great and getting greater,” Fladager says. “Each day, with our community partners, we take steps closer toward that goal.”

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About Evraz Place

Situated in the heart of Regina, Evraz Place is one of the largest and most influential event complexes in the country. The organization hosts the majority of Regina’s major events, including Canada's Farm Progress Show, the Queen City Ex and Taste of Spring. Evraz Place is home to Canadian Western Agribition, the WHL Regina Pats, the Regina Soccer Association and numerous concerts, trade shows and conventions.

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