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**LLOYDMINSTER AND NIPAWIN CHILDREN TO  
CELEBRATE SASKATCHEWAN CENTENNIAL IN FRENCH  
THROUGH CREATION OF TRAVELLING MURAL**

Saskatoon, 22 July 2005 – On Wednesday July 27 2005, Lloydminster and Nipawin children will participate in the creation of a mural in celebration of Saskatchewan's centennial. The mural is a component of a week-long traveling day camp, *Fête du soleil* (Sun Party), for children aged 5 to 11 learning French as a second language.

*Fête du soleil* has already visited three communities so far: Moose Jaw, Regina and Yorkton. The coming weeks will also include the communities of Estevan, Prince Albert, La Ronge and Saskatoon for a total of ten communities. Led by a CPF-SK team of qualified French-language monitors, each community will add onto the previous communities' pieces of the mural during a day themed on multiculturalism in Saskatchewan. "Creating and promoting French-language learning opportunities for Saskatchewan youth is important" remarks Mihaela Giurgiu, Youth Programming Officer. "But doing so in a fun and interactive setting while building on Saskatchewan pride and culture is quite exciting!"

The finished product will be presented at the Legislative Assembly where Saskatchewan leaders will be invited to grasp the importance of linguistic duality in Saskatchewan and the learning of a second language, starting from a very young age. The mural will also be hung in various public areas over the winter and fall months, for everyone to admire.

Children will be taking part in the creation of this mural in Nipawin at Scout Hall Building (306 Nipawin Road East) and in Lloydminster at St. Thomas School (5216-44<sup>th</sup> Street). Everyone from the community is welcome to stop by and participate!

*Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan (CPF-SK) is the provincial network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and that is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.*

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