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YORKTON CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE SASKATCHEWAN CENTENNIAL IN FRENCH THROUGH CREATION OF TRAVELLING MURAL

Saskatoon, 15 July 2005 - On Thursday July 21 2005, Yorkton children will participate in the creation of a mural in celebration of Saskatchewan's centennial. The mural is a component of a week-long travelling day camp, *Fête du soleil* (Sun Party), for children aged 5 to 11 learning French as a second language.

Fête du soleil will be travelling to ten communities in the summer months: Moose Jaw, Regina, Yorkton, Nipawin, Lloydminster, Estevan, Prince Albert, La Ronge and Saskatoon. 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 sensitized of 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 during the fall and winter months.

Approximately 20 children will be taking part in the creation of this mural at St.-Michael's School (407 Darlington Street East) from 2:30-3:30pm. Everyone from the community is welcome to stop by and take part in the creation!

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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