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CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON DAYCARE CENTRE IN MONTMARTRE SCHOOL

Construction has begun on a licensed 25 space daycare centre in Montmartre School. The daycare centre will be open to the community for infants to school age children beginning in the upcoming school year.

The contractor began work in mid-April starting with demolition, mechanical and electrical rough-ins, and a new ventilation system. Most of the work will be completed by the end of June with a new fire suppression system scheduled for installation in July. Project completion is scheduled for the end of July so that move-in can be completed and ready for the new school year. The daycare board is planning a grand opening in the fall.

The location of the daycare centre requires extensive renovations to the middle years area of the school. Flooring will be replaced, a full kitchen, washroom facilities and nap room for infants will be installed, and an attached fenced outdoor play area will be developed. Other current upgrades to the Montmartre School facility include a joint Ministry of Education-Prairie Valley funded replacement of over 2100 square meters of roofing.

“Our daycare board is thrilled to be at this point in the development of a licensed daycare centre for the Montmartre area. It is so exciting to see all of the hard work and efforts over the past four years are now becoming a physical reality in the school,” said Renate Selinger, Chairperson of Montmartre Licensed Daycare Inc. “Licensed childcare will benefit our community, as well as bring employment opportunities and economic development to Montmartre and area.”

“Prairie Valley School Division is pursuing many upgrades to our facilities and buildings. Our Board of Education is proud to be able to construct a brand new daycare centre in Montmartre School and to be a partner in a worthwhile community project,” said Ed Geall, Chairperson of the Board of Education. “We are pleased with the successful team work amongst the daycare board members and other stakeholders.”

The \$420,000 construction project is funded by the Ministry of Education, with Montmartre Licensed Daycare Inc. providing additional funds. Prairie Valley School Division will be doing some related life safety system upgrades in the area adjacent to the new daycare.

The board of the Montmartre Licensed Daycare Inc. will provide programming and organize fundraisers to help assist in operating costs. Currently the group is searching for a Director as well as other full-time and part-time employees trained in Early Childhood Education.

The trend of providing community daycare within a school is supported by research that shows positive impacts on child development and a positive transition between daycare and entering the school system.

Prairie Valley School Division serves approximately 8,000 students in 38 schools throughout southeast Saskatchewan. In support of the vision “Leadership in Learning and Life”, the Division strives to ensure a high-quality education that provides students with the tools to reach and exceed their potential.

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