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STUDENTS HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD A HOME IN FORT QU'APPELLE

Prairie Valley School Division is proud to have 31 students from Bert Fox High (Fort Qu'Appelle), Balcarres, Lipton, Greenall High (Balgonie), Montmartre, Indian Head High, North Valley High (Lemberg) Schools take part in a Habitat for Humanity build in Fort Qu'Appelle.

Grade 11 and 12 students enrolled in the Trades and Skills Construction Apprenticeship Program (TASCAP) will build the home to industry standards resulting in a safe, affordable house for a Fort Qu'Appelle family. Students will also gain valuable experience in the home construction industry which could lead to future career opportunities.

"The primary goal within the Prekindergarten to Grade 12 education sector is to prepare our students for their life after high school, says Director of Education/CEO of Prairie Valley School Division, Ben Grebinski, "TASCAP brings relevance to the Practical and Applied Arts curriculum which results in increased student engagement. With increased engagement our students will likely see increased achievement levels and go on to become contributing citizens."

In the past, Prairie Valley students have been transported into Regina to participate in a Habitat for Humanity build. This build will happen right in the Prairie Valley community of Fort Qu'Appelle and as a result more students will have an opportunity to participate.

Dennis Coutts, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Regina said, "TASCAP students make a significant contribution to Habitat for Humanity Regina each year, through our partnership with Prairie Valley School Division and Regina Trades and Skills Centre. We are excited to launch the TASCAP program in Fort Qu'Appelle this year. It is a great way for students to gain valuable trades experience while giving back to the community, by helping a Fort Qu'Appelle family break the cycle of poverty through homeownership."

"The Board of Directors for the Regina Trades and Skills Centre is also very supportive of providing enhanced opportunities for Prairie Valley School Division high school students to participate in TASCAP," says Armand Martin, CEO of the Regina Trades and Skills Centre.

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The Fort Qu'Appelle build will take place during the 2013-2014 school year. Prairie Valley School Division students have been active in TASCAP for several years. Approximately 40 students have participated in Habitat for Humanity builds since the program began. Until now, all of the builds have taken place in Regina.

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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