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## PRAIRIE VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION AND THE REGINA PATS ENGAGE STUDENTS THROUGH HOCKEY GAME DAY

As a unique learning opportunity, 3,200 grade 4 to 8 students from across Prairie Valley School Division are attending the Regina Pats Hockey Day on February 29, and teachers are integrating the experience into the classroom with the new *Hockey Day Teacher Resource*.

Prairie Valley School Division's team of educational consultants created a 30-page *Hockey Day Teacher Resource* to provide a unique and engaging educational experience for students in addition to them enjoying the game. The resource relates hockey to the subjects of arts education, career education, English language arts, health, math, physical education, science and social studies. Teachers can choose lesson ideas to complement existing lesson plans. The versatility of the resource also allows teachers to apply it to other sports or activities.

The Regina Pats are supplying free tickets and transportation to the game. "We thank the Pats and are pleased to be working with them to provide students the opportunity to explore curriculum through the sights and sounds of a hockey game," said Ben Grebinski, Director of Education and CEO for Prairie Valley School Division. "We are proud of the work of our teachers and educational consultants and excited to introduce our students to this unique and enjoyable learning experience."

Prairie Valley's science consultant, Mark Edmonds, is part of the team that created the *Hockey Day Teacher Resource*, and he will be working with students on game day to collect data and analyze how players react to different ice quality and temperatures. "It's important for students to recognize that science is all around them, and they can apply it to real life situations," says Edmonds. "When we apply curriculum to a practical and relevant experience, students are more engaged in the learning process and perform better in school."

"To join our two organizations together is a great accomplishment," said Todd Lumbard President of the Regina Pats. "The Regina Pats have a strong belief in education and its values. To help students realize what they learn in the classroom can be applied and shown anywhere is a special moment for everyone involved in Hockey Day."

Hockey Day is February 29 at 11:30 AM at the Brandt Centre in Regina. The *Hockey Day Teacher Resource* is available on Prairie Valley's site at [www.pvsd.ca](http://www.pvsd.ca).

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