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PRAIRIE VALLEY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF THE ARTS

Seventy students danced, sang, created and delighted at the annual Prairie Valley School Division Arts Gala evening on May 31, 2016 at University of Regina's Riddell Centre.

In keeping with Prairie Valley School Division's 10th anniversary, the program included reflections on how the Division has increased opportunities in the arts in the past decade, such as offering band in 37 schools, adding new arts credit courses, like guitar, expanding existing credit courses in arts education and visual arts by bussing students from one school to another, and continuing to support extra-curricular opportunities like improv groups, drama clubs and jazz band.

"We value the arts, and we are proud that we have been able to expand arts opportunities so our students can nurture their talents and passions in music, singing, dancing and acting," says Janet Kotylak, Chair of the Prairie Valley Board of Education. "I am so impressed by our students, and I am grateful to our staff and parents for their dedication and support."

"At Prairie Valley, we strive to provide our students with diverse opportunities that stimulate and engage them, from academics to the arts," says Ben Grebinski, Director and CEO of Prairie Valley. "We have many talented students, and providing them with the opportunity to experience a professional venue at our local university may inspire them to return to this stage in pursuit of more education or a career in the arts."

The gala featured art displays and band, choir and dance performances from around the school division. This year, 18 of 39 schools participated including Balcarres Community School, Bert Fox Community High School, Broadview School, Cupar School, Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary Community School, Greenall High School, Grenfell Community High School, Indian Head High School, Kelliher School, Lipton School, Lumsden High School, Milestone School, Montmartre School, Robert Southey School, Stewart Nicks School, Vibank Regional School, Whitewood School and Wolseley High School.

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