

On behalf of the students and the staff at St. Martin de Porres School, we are kindly requesting your knowledge, collaboration and participation to help us celebrate **Canada's 150th birthday on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017**. To introduce ourselves, we are a Kindergarten to Grade 5, Fine Arts, Catholic school located at 3911 - 57A Avenue in the WestPark Community of Red Deer, Alberta. We are an elementary school with a fine arts focus in drama, music, arts, and movement.

Our Canada 150 Celebration Day is part of our **CREATE** (Children Readily Engaged Actively To Excel) program. The focus of CREATE is to offer students exciting, experiential learning sessions to support curricular related, student generated interests. Students choose the activities that they would like to participate in and, using their Canada 150 passport, students attend three different activities for approximately 35 minutes each. In the past, we have facilitated CREATE events which have focused on themes of careers and healthy lifestyles. Our entire staff is seeing significant learning benefits from these student-driven events.

What are we kindly requesting from you? We are asking if you would consider **sharing your knowledge, skills, and understanding with our students on Wednesday, March 1st for three 35-minute sessions**. We are looking for sessions that would be educational in nature, with a portion of storytelling/lecture, activity/engagement, and questions/response time for a group of 20 grade 1-5 students. We are asking you because we truly feel that your story is a significant part of Canada's past, present and future.

What will this two hour volunteer event look like?

- Opening Celebrations 12:20 - 12:40 pm.
- Lunch for the volunteers will be offered in the staffroom from 12:40-1:00 pm.
- Volunteer for 3 - 35 minute sessions in either a classroom, the Learning Commons, the gymnasium or outside from 1:15 - 3:20 pm.
- Thank you's will be offered to volunteers starting at 3:20 pm as we pack up in our respective session areas.



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Who to contact?

Principal Cathy Cameron, Assistant Principal Kristie McCullough or U of A student Lorie Penner. To further enhance learning at all levels, St. Martin de Porres School staff have generously shared their CREATE vision with a University of Alberta Education student, Lorie Penner. Lorie is coordinating our Canada 150 event as an opportunity to further gain knowledge and understanding in ways that education and PBL (project based learning) can enhance student learning through the Alberta Education curriculum. Lorie has worked with our staff in the past and is thrilled to volunteer for this project as a coordinator.

Can we count on you to celebrate and volunteer with us?

We would really appreciate your participation! We need your **confirmation by Monday, February 20th, 2017**. Please contact either Lorie, Cathy or Kristie below to confirm your attendance or to ask any additional questions.

On behalf of the students and the staff at St. Martin de Porres School, we sincerely thank you,

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