

Walk to Breakfast Celebrates 2017 Mosaic Challenge Winners

Efforts of Saskatchewan schools to improve student nutrition and create healthier environments were celebrated on Sept. 15 with the Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge's Walk to Breakfast.

"Each year we have the opportunity to visit a winning school and take part in the Walk to Breakfast," said Sarah Fedorchuk, Mosaic's Senior Director, Public Affairs. "It's great to see the project come to life with the grant funding Mosaic provides, but what's even better is seeing the students' excitement about what the changes will do for their school and its nutritional environment."

Since 2006, The Mosaic Company and the SSBA have hosted the Challenge to encourage grassroots initiatives. Ten schools each received \$10,000 as the 2017 winners. One was Muskowekwan School, where this year's Walk to Breakfast event was held.

"Muskowekwan School can be proud for being chosen as one of the top 10 schools in Saskatchewan for your work to promote a healthier learning environment for students,"



Muskowekwan School students participate in the 2017 Walk to Breakfast.

said Larry Doke, Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs.

Muskowekwan School's winning project highlights include purchasing kitchen equipment, ensuring nutrition programming for all and enhancing food safety and efficiency. Other winning projects have goals including developing or expanding gardens; improving education about nutrition, cooking, agriculture, food safety and First

Nations learnings; and, implementing or furthering breakfast and snack programs.

Many schools submitted projects to compete for a total of \$100,000 in prizes, provided by Mosaic. Other schools receiving grants this year are part of the Good Spirit, Greater Saskatoon Catholic, Northwest, Prairie South, Saskatchewan Rivers, Saskatoon Public and Horizon school divisions; the Conseil des écoles fransaskoises; and, Key First Nation.

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Orange Shirt Day Recognized in Saskatchewan

The SSBA encouraged everyone to wear orange and to reflect on residential schools for the second officially proclaimed “Orange Shirt Day” in the province.

“Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for discussion to happen about residential schools,” said Dr. Shawn Davidson, SSBA president. “It is important to build understanding about this history of our province and country.”

Orange Shirt Day is recognized on Sept. 30 each year.

“The history of residential schools is an essential part of our history,” Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “While it is embedded throughout our elementary and high school curricula, Orange Shirt Day provides an important opportunity for students and school communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation.”

In 2016, SSBA members passed a resolution to request official recognition of Orange Shirt Day.



SSBA and SASBO staff members participate in an Orange Shirt Day walk in Regina on Sept. 29.

Safety Top-of-Mind for Provincial Students’ Day

Students across the province are back in their classrooms and the SSBA reminded everyone to focus on student safety.

Sept. 5 was officially proclaimed as “Provincial Students’ Day” in Saskatchewan to help ensure safety is the primary consideration for students, families and communities, and especially for motorists who will be driving in and around school zones this fall.

“Having a special day set aside helps alert drivers that students are back in school and extra care for safety should be considered,” said Dr. Shawn Davidson, SSBA President.

The Government of Saskatchewan officially proclaims Provincial Students’ Day each year at the SSBA’s request, with the intent of reinforcing the message of care and concern for students as they head back to school.

“The safety of our students is of paramount importance,” Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “I’m pleased to support the SSBA’s message to drivers on Provincial Students’ Day to exercise increased caution in their travels, now that students are back in class.”

Provincial Students’ Day was first proclaimed in 2010, in response to a resolution passed by the province’s trustees at the SSBA 2009 AGM.

SSBA Thanks Minister Morgan, Welcomes Minister Eyre

The SSBA extended its sincere thanks to outgoing Minister of Education Don Morgan and offered congratulations and welcome to incoming Minister of Education Bronwyn Eyre after a cabinet shuffle was announced in August.

“We thank Minister Morgan for his service to the province of Saskatchewan and its students during his time as Minister of Education,” said Dr. Shawn

Davidson, SSBA President. “We wish him all the best in his new role as Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in addition to his continuing roles as Deputy Premier and Minister responsible for Labour and the WCB.”

Davidson also congratulated and welcomed incoming Minister Eyre, noting her history of past service to the K-12 education sector as a locally elected school board trustee.

“We look forward to working with Minister Eyre to advance the important efforts happening in our sector to support our province’s students,” said Davidson. “The SSBA and its member boards believe all students should have the resources they need to succeed and achieve, regardless of where they live in the province or their personal circumstances. Education is an investment in our future.”

SSBA Fall Members' Council – Sept. 21 & 22



Presenter Dr. Charles Smith and SSBA President Dr. Shawn Davidson.



Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre and SSBA President Dr. Shawn Davidson.



Education Sector Strategic Plan Presentation and Q&A with Provincial Leadership Team.



SSBA Executive Director Darren McKee's address to Fall Members' Council.



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Calendar Update

Upcoming Events in 2017:

SSBA Fall General Assembly

Regina – Nov. 12-14

<http://saskschoolboards.ca/event/fall-general-assembly-nov17/>

For more information, see the SSBA website under [Events](#).

Association Activity



SSBA President Shawn Davidson, Vice-President Aleana Young and Executive Director Darren McKee in July met with the Northern Lights School Division Board of Education (pictured) as well as the Creighton and Ile a la Crose school boards.



Jaimie Smith-Windsor, Central Constituency Representative on the SSBA Provincial Executive (second from left), represents Saskatchewan during the Cross Country Check-In portion of the Canadian School Boards Association Congress held in B.C. in July.