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MEDIA INVITE

Hugh John Macdonald School hosts Mystery Lake's Juniper Elementary students for a journey of Winnipeg

May 25, 2015 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg media are invited to join staff and students from Hugh John Macdonald as they host Juniper Elementary School on an exciting adventure through Winnipeg. The journey starts at **9:30 a.m. tomorrow, May 26** at Hugh John Macdonald School with a cycle and storytelling tour.

Embracing the idea that “we are all treaty people” the two schools are joining together for the learning tour, led by storyteller Tibert le Voyageur and supported by the Winnipeg Police Service. Tibert will share his gift of storytelling to bring the historical and present day stories of our city to life. The group will explore the streets of the Exchange District, St. Boniface, The Forks and the legislative building. WRENCH is providing bikes and equipment for the visiting students and the Winnipeg Police Service is providing both an honorary and safety escort.

“After we collect these various threads of our past, we will work together to write a new story that weaves urban and rural voices into one,” said Principal Vinh Huynh, Hugh John Macdonald School. “The purpose of our partnership with Juniper School is to build authentic relationships with each other so we can celebrate our individual and collective identities while building community between students from the north and south.”

Lucy Mayor, Principal of Juniper School, and Lorie Henderson, Superintendent for the Mystery Lake School Division, will be accompanying the group of students on their journey.

“This partnership is the beginning of a relationship between students, staff and community members,” said Mayor. “We hope everyone will end the week knowing more about themselves and the communities they live in as they listen and speak to each other.”

The three-day visit includes a trip to the Winnipeg Art Gallery and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for the Juniper students.

What: Opening ceremony
When: 9:30 a.m., May 26 2015
Where: Hugh John Macdonald School
567 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg

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