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MEDIA INVITE

The Bear Clan Patrol shows cubs the ropes

February 24, 2020 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg media are invited to join Winnipeg School Division (WSD) students and staff with special guests, the Bear Clan and Winnipeg Police Services, during a Bear Clan Patrol event on **Wednesday, February 26 at General Wolfe School**, 661 Banning Street, Winnipeg.

The Bear Clan is holding an inaugural Youth Mock Patrol at Winnipeg School Division's General Wolfe School to provide positive interaction between the Bear Clan, Winnipeg Police Service and the school division. Children living and going to school in the downtown area will interact with uniformed police officers, cadets and School Resource Officers, along with the Bear Clan, teachers, parents and community members.

The program is as follows;

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Indigenous educational presentation.

Winnipeg Police safety presentation.

Bear Clan Patrol safety session regarding what may be encountered during the patrol.

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

All participants will conduct a patrol suitable for youth, through the community. Depending on the weather, the patrols may be on the school grounds or the immediate area.

If it is a warmer day, patrols may venture out a bit further in the community.

This is a highly visible group, uniformed police and cadets, various age students (wearing hi-vis vests, marked with Bear Clan logos), teachers and parents have been invited to attend. The Bear Clan will be wearing their standard marked patrol gear. Approximately 60 to 100 participants are expected to take part and will break off into groups to patrol the area. Upon conclusion at 5:00 p.m., students will be provided with a healthy snack before being dismissed.

Students involved in this event have signed media release forms on file, however, please check in with an adult at the event before taking photographs or video.

WSD was established in 1871 and currently has 78 schools, 33,000 students and 6,000 employees. Its purpose is to provide a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provide equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

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