

Media Advisory



Saskatoon Public Schools
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May 3, 2010 – Well known authors, illustrators, and story tellers headline Literacy for Life Conference!

Saskatoon Public Schools is celebrating its 5th Annual Literacy for Life Conference – a conference for children, youth and adults. The line up of events and presenters is incredibly exciting!! Conference delegates will have the opportunity to see some of the finest national and international authors, illustrators, storytellers and journalists. The theme for this year's conference is *Literacy Pathways To A Richer Future*. Delegates will engage with writers and illustrators in ways that connect social and global issues to literature and to literacy.

Here's the line up:

- The literacy banquet – with over 1000 people in attendance – is being held at TCU Place on **Monday, May 3rd**. The keynote speaker is **The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson**, former Governor General of Canada.
- Over 3500 public school student delegates will attend conference sessions on the University of Saskatchewan campus on **May 4th and 5th**. Conference presenters include:
 - Drew Hayden Taylor, Ben Mikaelson, Marsha Skrypuch, Marie-Louise Gay, David Poulsen, Deborah Hodge, Frieda Wishinsky, Bill Slavin, and Rebecca Grambo.
- The Business Leaders' Luncheon on **Thursday May 6th** at the Hilton Garden Inn features keynote speaker **Gary Merasty of Cameco Corporation**. The luncheon is sponsored by Cameco and Saskatoon Public Schools is thrilled to have Gerald Grandy, CEO of Cameco as Honourary luncheon chair.

Building partnerships with the community is second nature at Saskatoon Public Schools. The Division is proud of the relationships built through our Literacy for Life initiative and this conference. Over 30 community sponsors allow 4000 student and 1100 adult delegates to experience a unique and inspiring conference. We are leaders in literacy!

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