



MEDIA ADVISORY
Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Taking down the walls of racism

Fighting racism means breaking down walls between cultures and celebrating our differences.

Students at Georges Vanier Elementary School in Saskatoon will see that idea illustrated symbolically on Wednesday when a wall constructed of nearly 1,400 red foam bricks comes tumbling down. The event, which will take place on the school's front lawn, will mark the 2007 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The wall will be built Wednesday morning by grade 7 and 8 students from the school's art club. When finished, the wall will be about 1.5 metres high and about 6 metres long. The bricks have been supplied by Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon.

At an afternoon school gathering, representatives from Habitat for Humanity and the City of Saskatoon Race Relations Committee will wield the sledgehammers that will knock the wall down. Afterwards, every student from the school will receive a brick, each of which has been emblazoned with an anti-racism message.

Georges Vanier is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school that offers an arts education core program of music, art, drama and dance to the school's 290 students.

Media are invited to see our guests bring down the wall. Details are as follows:

Taking Down the Walls of Racism Event
2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21, 2007
Front Lawn
Georges Vanier Elementary School
820 Wilson Crescent

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