

Media Advisory

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MEDIA INVITED TO OBSERVE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN RAINFOREST VIDEOCONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

The City of Saskatoon invites the media to observe students from St. Michael Community School participating in an interactive videoconference about the tropical rainforest as part of the Schools Plant Legacy in Trees (SPLIT) program. This educational program has been integrated with the school's curriculum so that students can learn about trees as an essential component of a healthy environment. The event is on Tuesday, February 15 starting at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael Community School.

The videoconference, Rainforest Connection, provides an opportunity for the students to converse via webcam with researchers in a rainforest in Panama. Students from St. Michael Community School participated in the SPLIT 2010 program, and will share that experience with a student group from New Jersey who will also be participating in the videoconference.

TROPICAL RAINFOREST VIDEOCONFERENCE

Tuesday, February 15

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**St. Michael Community School – Mr. Figueroa's Grade 4/5 Classroom
22 – 33rd Street East**

SPLIT, coordinated by the City of Saskatoon and the Riversdale Kiwanis Club, provides an opportunity for Saskatoon school children to participate in a tree planting and landscaping program that enhances the greening of school grounds. The program includes a tree maintenance schedule and also encourages students and neighborhood residents to protect their landscape by monitoring tree health, discouraging vandalism, and reporting tree insects and disease.

Students from Holliston School are participating in SPLIT 2011 and will have an opportunity to participate in the rainforest videoconference in February 2012.

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