

Media Advisory

Students showcase award-winning short films to raise funds to fight cancer

SASKATOON – Thursday, May 11, 2006

A group of budding young movie producers is ready to show off their award-winning short films this Friday at St. Peter Elementary School.

During this never-been-done-before event, the films will be screened for a packed house of students and guests, then celebrity judges Mark Loshack and Rob, Shauna, and Rambling Dave from Rawlco Radio will offer their feedback. After that, the audience members will vote for their favourite film. It's Filmmaker Idol! There will be prizes for the winning groups and a half-time show with movie trivia.

Media are invited to this unique event, which happens **on Friday, May 12 at St. Peter School (202 Sumner Crescent) starting at 1:00 p.m.**

The films to be screened were created by students in grades 6 to 8 at St. Peter as part of their classroom unit on videography. This pilot program was created by Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools teachers Dustin Kasun and Curtis Wagner. Students learned about each stage of production and then created their own short films.

Five of the 20 student films created were selected to be shown at the Flicks International Film Festival for Young People held recently in Saskatoon. In the festival's 11-year history, this is the largest number of films ever accepted from one school. When Grade 6 filmmakers Keshia Bayley, Amber Nichols, Raelene Anderson, and Katarina Michael were chosen as winners for their piece "The Boiler Room" it marked the first time that students from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools won the Flicks video competition. They are also the youngest ever to win this prize.

Cost of admission to Filmmaker Idol will be any donation to the C95 Radio Marathon for Breast Cancer. Proceeds from popcorn sales will also go to this worthy cause. As well, copies of the six movies from Filmmaker Idol and the Filmmaker Idol trailer will be available for purchase on DVD for a donation of \$5. Media are welcome to check out the display case at the front of the school for the Filmmaker Idol movie release posters and a videography exhibit.

The following films will be viewed:

Morgan's Story – Chantelle Froc

The Adventures of the Matt Team – Tyler Hoath and Matthew Koban

The Boiler Room – Keshia Bayley, Amber Nichols, Raelene Anderson, and Katarina Michael

The Interview – Tasia Paydli and Taylor Teichroeb

The Case of the Stolen Barbie – Janina Anderson, Bradie Armbruster, Megan Leniuk, and Ashley Siemens

Black Ninja – Dylan Paydli and Kyle Janzen

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