

## News Release/Media Invite Winnipeg School Division 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Festival

**April 3, 2017 (Winnipeg, MB)** – Winnipeg School Division is holding its 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Festival on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba. Over 200 diverse projects from four grade levels will be on display for this year's event.

Students from Elementary (Grades 4 to 6), Junior High (Grades 7 to 8), Intermediate (Grades 9 to 10) and Senior (Grades 11 to 12) participate in this annual exhibition. Project entries cover a variety of categories ranging from Biology, Chemistry and Physics to Sustainable Development and Innovation, Environmental Science, Engineering, and Consumer Science. This year, there are nine major categories in all. Projects may take on the form of a research project, an innovation, or a scientific experiment.

"The Winnipeg Schools' Science Festival is enthusiastically supported by teachers, parents, mentors and administrators who recognise the importance of encouraging young minds to ask questions and to develop action plans to address these questions," said Mary Lucy Rocha St. Lawrence, WSD Science Consultant. "It's called Scientific Inquiry and the Design Process, and every year we see amazing ideas and the results of this process."

**Where**: Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, 727 McDermot Ave.

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:15 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public Viewing and Judging

The awards ceremony will be held on Saturday April 8, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Frederic Gaspar Theatre at the University of Manitoba on 727 McDermot Avenue. Near the end of the ceremonies, the names will be announced of the three students who will be representing Winnipeg School Division at the Canada Wide Science Fair taking place in Regina, Saskatchewan on May 14-20, 2017.

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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