



MEDIA INVITE

King Edward Community School to open Sacred Heart Garden June 21

To remember is to honour. To learn is to grow.

June 7, 2016 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg School Division (WSD) invites media and the community to the grand opening and dedication ceremony of the King Edward Community School Sacred Heart Garden. The event is being held on Tuesday, June 21 at 2:30 p.m.

King Edward students participated in the Sacred Heart Garden project to remember residential school survivors, children lost to the residential school system, and their families. The Sacred Heart Garden project includes three important features. First, Grade 3 and 6 students built a medicine wheel garden. The four sacred sisters - tobacco, sage, sweet grass and cedar were grown and planted by our Grade 3 students. This garden serves as an acknowledgement to traditional indigenous teachings and as a gathering place for future teachings on indigenous issues.

Second, King Edward students, in partnership with students from R.B. Russell High School, designed and made life-sized metal silhouettes of children playing. These silhouettes will become a permanent art installation on the school's fence, framing the Sacred Heart Garden. The silhouettes represent both the lost childhoods of residential school survivors, and they serve as a reminder of the children that perished in residential schools; had those children not been forced from their families, their descendants might well be playing in our schoolyard, with our students, today.

Lastly, Grade 6 students wrote a poem, explaining the garden and the silhouettes. This poem was etched into a plaque and permanently affixed to a boulder in the garden.

When: 2:30 p.m., June 21, 2016

Where: King Edward School

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