



News Release

École Robert H. Smith School invitation to Prime Minister accepted

Trudeau touched by students' letters

January 26, 2017 (Winnipeg, MB) – Students and staff at Winnipeg School Division's (WSD) École Robert H. Smith School are excited to be hosting a special guest today, The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau. The visit is the result of a letter writing project students participated in last December. Their messages included an invitation to visit the school and talk to the student body about active citizenship and leadership.

"Prime Minister Trudeau received the letters, read them and was quite touched by them," said Tom Rossi, Principal at Robert H. Smith. "The Prime Minister's Office contacted us earlier this week and asked if we could make arrangements for the Prime Minister to talk to the students about these themes." Rossi said students are excited to have such an historical opportunity to interact with Canada's 23rd Prime Minister.

Only staff, students and the Prime Minister's staff will be allowed to attend the school during the visit. No parking will be allowed on Oak Street in the area of the school during the visit.

"This is about our students feeling pride in their accomplishments and being responsible for making something happen. If not for the efforts of all of our students, this visit would not happen" said Rossi. "The Prime Minister wants to acknowledge their efforts and provide support by encouraging our children to be active citizens in whatever capacity that may be."

École Robert H. Smith School is a Winnipeg School Division French Immersion dual track school in the River Heights area. 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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