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Saskatchewan Polytechnic celebrates National Child Day

Sask Polytech's Early Childhood Education programs are hosting activities for National Child Day

November 20, 2015 – Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Early Childhood Education programs at Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert campuses are hosting activities to bring awareness to National Child Day. National Child Day has been celebrated since 1993 in Canada, reinforcing the commitment Canada made to ensure children are treated with dignity and respect.

"I'm happy our Early Childhood Education programs take time to celebrate children's rights on National Child Day and throughout the year," says Dr. Larry Rosia, Sask Polytech president and CEO. "Children have a right to be protected, as well as experience full participation in family, cultural and social life. Today is a great day for students and children to be reminded of these rights."

"We have many activities taking place at three of our campuses in recognition of National Child Day," says Nancy Dill, Sask Polytech dean, School of Human Services and Community Safety. At Prince Albert campus, Early Childhood Education students are selling bracelets to promote National Child Day. They are also working with children from the campus child care centre to create a panel presentation on their individual rights. At Saskatoon campus Early Childhood Education students are planning flower art and activities with children in the infant and toddler centres. Based on observations from these interactions they are creating a display on their flower exploration project. Early Childhood Education students at Regina campus are working in collaboration with library staff on interactive, sensorial activities for Sask Polytech students and passing out National Child Day blue ribbons. They are also making homemade playdough for children at the Regina campus child care centre to take home.

"I am pleased to see all the support for National Child Day and for our early childhood educators." Advanced Education Minister Scott Moe said. "Early childhood programs give individuals the skills they need to work with our children to make sure they all have the best start in life. I'm pleased to see our Saskatchewan Polytechnic students are able to obtain hands-on training for a career working with children while celebrating this day."

Saskatchewan Polytechnic offers an Early Childhood Education certificate and diploma. Early Childhood Education students are trained to work in a variety of child care settings, with an emphasis on observation and documentation to build positive relationships with children and their families. Saskatchewan Polytechnic had 518 Early Childhood Education students in the 2014-2015 academic year.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 26,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic

engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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