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Celebrations at Dr. Hanna School

The Dr. Hanna School community in Regina celebrated Family Literacy Day on February 27, 2010 by hosting a Books and Bagels breakfast for students, parents and staff. Children brought their favourite book to read to their parent or guardian. Families then enjoyed a breakfast of bagels and juice. There was also a contest to raise money for an author visit in April. Students purchased tickets for a chance to win a box containing 30 books and various other prizes. There was a literacy box for girls and one for boys. There were two very excited winners! Book prizes were also drawn the week before the event, to get the students excited about Literacy Day. The event was well attended with over 100 participants. Everyone had a great time!



Celebrations at Judge Bryant School

The Judge Bryant School Community Council collaborated with the Bryant staff to celebrate Family Literacy Day on January 27, 2010. The goal for the event was to have families participate in a variety of literacy and numeracy activities in a fun interactive environment.

The school community council members collected prizes for the draws from local businesses. They also arranged to have Dignity Memorial Services provide mini donuts and hot chocolate for the evening event. Along with the donut treats, three numeracy and literacy areas were set up for families to visit for twenty-minute intervals. Judge Bryant staff members assembled hands-on math activities that used dice, cards, and sales flyers. In a second area they offered word development activities. The third area had celebrity readers from the community reading to the students and parents: Mike Abou-Mechrek, (Saskatchewan Roughrider #67 from the 2007 Grey Cup Champion team, two members from the Regina Fire Department and Dan Reynich, a CBC journalist).

No one went home empty-handed! Children had an opportunity to choose an age-appropriate book supplied by the school and *Scholastic Book Fairs* and their own hot chocolate mug, supplied by *Giant Tiger*. Families were supplied with a handout of the various activities for home use. In addition, the *Leader Post* provided free newspapers for the evening.

The large amount of snow that we received a few days earlier and the frightfully cold weather did not deter the 100 people who attended the literacy event. Students and their parents enjoyed immensely playing the variety of literacy games together. Because all involved were pleased with the turnout and positive response, we are ready to organize a similar event in the future!

