

## Press Release

### Francophone geniuses to compete in Canmore

EDMONTON, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 - The ACFA, the Conseil Scolaire Catholique et Francophone du Sud de l'Alberta (CSCFSA) and the Conseil Scolaire du Sud de l'Alberta (CSSA) are pleased to announce the *Génies en herbe* competition of Southern Alberta to be held at Notre-Dame des Monts of Canmore Francophone school, this April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

The program *Génies en herbe*, is the French version of what some of us may recall as *Reach for the Top*, is a knowledge game. The activity targets three principal objectives: provide an outlet for youth to experience culture, language and social diversity, strengthen students' academic skills, and create a venue for youth and community to gather. To add a little Alberta flavour, the ACFA developed historical questions regarding French Alberta. These questions are going to be added to the game repertoire.

Teams have been formed and are presently working hard to prepare for the competition. Canmore will host 67 students, grades 5 to 12, from seven different southern Alberta Francophone schools.

Gérard Auger, Superintendent of the CSSA, is happy that this event will be held in southern Alberta; « We are very proud to be involved in this project. For us, it is the first step towards bringing our otherwise isolated school communities together. ». Speaking on the behalf of CSCFSA, Sophie Leclair, Principal of École Notre-Dame des Monts (NDM) said: «It's an honour to host the 2010 Génies en herbe edition of the south of the province. The students, the employees and the parents of NDM are delighted to be the ambassadors of this event. Even more than putting their knowledge to the test, this competition is a great opportunity for our youth, to meet new challenges and give the best of themselves. This event will allow students exposure to French language and culture helping them to reinforce their sense of belonging and cultural pride. "

Dolorèse Nolette ACFA president, states: "This is a good example of the type of initiative that is organized through our school-community coordinator program. It makes me even happier knowing the competition will be held in the south of the province, in Canmore. "

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