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Press release

The first edition of *Génie en herbe* in Canmore was a success

EDMONTON, May 3rd, 2010 – Almost 40 students from Grades 8 to 12, from five Southern Alberta Francophone school, participated in the first day of the *Génies en herbe* competition (on April 28th 2010). The event took place at *École Notre-Dame des Monts* in Canmore. The winners of Wednesday's competition were; Grades 8-9 *École Notre-Dame des Vallées*, and Grades 10 to 12 *École de la Rose sauvage*.

The competitions for students from Grades 5 to 12 were to take place on April 28th and 29th 2010. The snowstorm sadly forced organizers to cancel the Thursday, April 29th event. The Grades 5 to 7 competition has been postponed to this Thursday, May 6th, at 10:00 am. A further 40 students are expected for this event.

Presented by the ACFA, the *Conseil scolaire catholique et francophone du Sud de l'Alberta* (CSCFSA) and the *Conseil scolaire du Sud de l'Alberta* (CSSA), *Génies en herbe* is an initiative of Community School Coordination Project. A second Alberta edition of the competition is already in the works for next year. Other Francophone schools not involved this year have manifested an interest.

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