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RE: Rainbow Creek Grand Opening Held

Rocky View Schools will celebrate the official opening of its new Kindergarten to Grade 4 school in Chestermere, Rainbow Creek Elementary, on May 28, 2009.

The official ceremony will commence at 1:30 pm and was built around the theme, “dreams at the end of a rainbow”. The celebration will include plaque presentations, ribbon cutting, and student entertainment, with a special performance by the talented Keister Family Fiddlers.

“It’s been a fabulous experience to open this beautiful new facility,” says Principal Laura McArthur. “It has been a tremendous adventure for staff, students and parents alike, and the challenges and opportunities have brought us together as a family and community of learners.”

The school name was brought forward by the van Ree family and Prairie Waters’ Gr. 2 student Samantha Bec, who participated in the jurisdiction’s ‘Name the School Competition’.

Outside of Samantha’s rationale that the name would “make a great picture of a beautiful rainbow ending in a fresh flowing creek”, the name Rainbow Creek Elementary helps define the school’s location as it is located between the two neighbourhoods of West Creek and Rainbow Falls.

“Our Board is very excited to be celebrating the opening of this new elementary school in Chestermere,” said Board Chair Sylvia Eggerer. “We look forward to the success of its current and future students.”

The modern facility is 3482 square metres in size and features 12 regular classrooms and a music room. Construction started in September 2007 and was completed in December 2008, allowing staff and students to move from their temporary location at Prairie Waters Elementary by January 2009.

The school’s boundaries have been defined as “the area within the Town of Chestermere, south of 1A and west of Chestermere Lake”. The present grade configuration is K-4, but in 2010 will change to include grade 5 students.

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