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RE: Springbank Community High to welcome Children's Nobel Prize winner Craig Kielburger

Springbank Community High School (SCHS) is pleased to welcome Craig Kielburger, Children's Nobel Prize winner and founder of the Canadian activist group *Free the Children*, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

Kielburger founded *Free The Children* in 1995 at 12 years of age. Today, he remains a passionate full-time volunteer for the organization, which now is an international charity and renowned educational partner that empowers youth to achieve their fullest potential as agents of change. Kielburger has a degree in peace and conflict studies from the University of Toronto and is the youngest-ever graduate of the Kellogg-Schulich Executive MBA program. He has received ten honorary doctorates and degrees, The Roosevelt Freedom Medal, The World Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child (often called the Children's Nobel Prize) and is one of the youngest recipients of The Order of Canada. He serves on a number of boards and award committees, including the Board of Governors of Scouts Canada.



As the world's largest network of children helping children through education, *Free the Children* has worked in 45 countries and built more than 650 schools and school rooms in developing regions, providing education to more than 55,000 children every day. *Free The Children* delivers innovative programming that educates, engages and empowers hundreds of thousands of youth in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

"We are extremely excited about Craig's visit," says Leslie Collings, principal of SCHS. "Over the last six years, our partnership with *Free the Children*, entitled *One Village*, has been instrumental in encouraging students to become active in the global community, and now we are ready to take this activism to the next level."

According to Collings, Kielburger will take to the stage, Oct. 18, at St. Michael Catholic Community Church (800 85th St. S.W. Calgary) to share his message about how one person can make a world of difference. The money raised from Craig's presentation will support new and ongoing *One Village* projects.

"Springbank High School is pleased to be one of the Canadian schools chosen to partner with Kisaruni High School, the first girls' high school built by *Free the Children* in Kenya," says Janice Hyshka, co-founder of SCHS *One Village*. "We hope to use our school's one-to-one school initiative to set up communication with the students at Kisaruni."

Springbank *One Village* is looking for sponsorship for this event. If interested, please contact Leslie Collings (lcollings@rockyview.ab.ca or 403.246.4771) for information about Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorship opportunities for this worthy cause.

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Tickets for Craig Kielburger's presentation are available online through the school's website <<http://springhs.rockyview.ab.ca>> or by calling the main office at Springbank High School. Costs are: Adults \$50, Seniors \$30, and Students \$25. Group packages also are available: 5 tickets for \$225 or 10 for \$450. Tax receipts are available for a portion of the tickets.

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