



MEDIA ADVISORY

St. Frances students learning the legal ropes

About 40 students from grades 6 to 8 at St. Frances School are going to court this Friday – to stage a mock drug trafficking trial. It's part of a program to help aboriginal students learn more about law and consider it as a future career.

The students began the Dare to Dream program in November, meeting weekly with University of Saskatchewan law students. After learning the basics of the Canadian legal system they started preparing for the mock trial. It will be presided over by provincial court Judge Gerald Morin, a Cree speaker from the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation.

"It's an empowering program for the students," says Theresa Laroque, vice-principal at St. Frances. "It is inspiring some of them to pursue the field of law."

During the trial, the elementary school students will play various roles, including prosecutor, defence lawyer, juror and witness. In upcoming sessions, they will study sentencing circles.

Dare to Dream is organized by Canadian Lawyers Abroad (CLA), a group created by lawyers to improve lives in Canada and abroad. More information about CLA and Dare to Dream is available at <http://cla-ace.ca/>

Media are invited to attend the mock trial. Details are as follows:

10:00 – Mock Trial
Friday, January 23, 2015
Native Law Centre
University of Saskatchewan

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