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Dryden Historica Fair Committee
NEWSLETTER
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CALLING ALL GRADE 4 TO 8 TEACHERS

Last year Dryden hosted a very successful Regional Historica Fair at New Prospect School. For those of you who have participated in past years, we don't need to sell you on the idea of participating again this year! If there are new teachers in your school who have never participated, please spread the word and get them involved!

This year's Regional Fair will take place at Lakewood School in Kenora on May 2, 2008.

Schools in the Dryden area will participate in a local fair on April 24, 2008 at St. Joseph's School to determine which projects will go on to the Regional Fair in Kenora. Once we know how many Dryden/area classes will be participating, we will advise everyone of the number of projects that they can send to the local Dryden Fair.

The committee members are always available to answer any of your questions or to talk to you/and or your students about possible project ideas.

Table with 3 columns: Name, School, Phone Number. Rows include MARRISA FERRIOLO, CHERIE MITTLEHOLT, JOE HART, TANIS OBERG, JANICE RADBURN.

**Historica Fair Representatives
Provincial Fair— Ottawa
May, 2007**



From left to right: Teacher chaperone, MARRISA FERRIOLO; NEVIN MALLYON, EMMA AUBIE, HEIDI HUTCHINSON, TERRA AMBRIDGE

Ontario sent 15 representatives to the National Fair held in Lethbridge, Alberta last July. **Morgan Church** was our representative at the National Fair. When the delegates were asked, “What are you enjoying most about your Historica experience?”, here is what Morgan had to say:

“Meeting new kids from different provinces and territories and learning about history. I didn’t like history before, but now I do!”

Morgan (Kenora Thistles)



Check out the Historica website ... www.histori.ca for tons of information on Historica Fair, project ideas, reports on past fairs, and more!



When you're visiting the Historica website, go to "showcase" and view projects that students have investigated and created for previous Fairs



The Historica Fair program integrates a wide-range of subject areas including history, geography, language arts, science and technology and the arts; and fits very well with cross curricular studies.



Historica Fair projects don't have to be an "extra add-on" to the curriculum. It could be a culminating task for one of your history, geography or social studies units.

Here are some ideas for a project:

- Write a journal that describes daily life in your school or community. Compare today to 50 or 100 years again, and see how life has changed! Or has it ...?
- Interview someone knowledgeable about the history of your school or community.
- Write and perform a play about local history, with historic figures as the characters. You could even make a short video of you and your friends performing the play!
- Record the snowfall, rainfall or temperatures in your community over a period of time, and compare these statistics to those from 50 years ago.
- Do a fashion study: what was cool for your parents or grandparents to wear to school? You can compare these fashions to what's hot today, and explain how fashion is linked to history.

Showcase

*Discover
some of the local
histories and stories
that students have uncovered
while creating their
Fair projects*



Student Project Guidelines

So you want to take your project to a Fair, eh? The following guidelines will let you know what types of projects are considered Fair Game!

- Projects can be created by individuals or in groups. Please note that projects selected for the National Fair can be represented by one student only.
- All projects must have a Canadian theme - history, geography, heritage, or culture - and include written research conducted by the students.
- Teachers or other adult supervisors can help, but all submissions must be produced by students.
- Projects may be submitted in either a single format or any combination of the following formats:
3-Dimensional Presentations

Creative Writing and Performance

Multimedia Presentations

- Students and their projects must be registered with the local Fair organizing committee. Some personal information is required, including: a brief description of the project, the student's full name, address, telephone number, school and grade, address of school, name of contact teacher, and name of parent/guardian.
- Because of space limitations in certain areas, the Fair organizers reserve the right to register participants on a first come/first served basis.
- Projects should be ready for display. Those selected for the National Fair may not exceed: eighty (80) centimetres in depth, one hundred & fifty (150) centimetres in width, and one hundred (100) centimetres in height.
- All presentations must avoid profanity, racial or sexist remarks, innuendo, negative stereotypes, or any other potentially offensive matter.
- Any person or organization clearly identifiable in a presentation must have given permission to the presenter.
- Students must be present to interpret their displays at scheduled times during the day(s) of the Fair.