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### **Prairie South Schools Celebrates International Literacy Day 2015**

During the morning of Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, William Grayson School is excited to host the Honorable Don Morgan, Minister of Education, as a guest reader during our school's celebration of International Literacy Day. Together with Deputy Minister Julie MacRae, Mr. Morgan will be reading with our Kindergarten Class and touring our school. We are thankful for this opportunity to display our Wolfpack of Learners community!

September 8 was proclaimed International Literacy Day by UNESCO on November 17, 1965 to raise public awareness of the extraordinary value of the written word and of the necessity to promote a literate society. It was first celebrated in 1966.

The theme of International Literacy Day 2015 is Literacy and Sustainable Societies. Literacy is a key driver for sustainable development. Literacy skills are the prerequisite for the learning of a broader set of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values, required for creating sustainable societies. At the same time, progress in areas of sustainable development, such as health and agriculture, serves as an enabling factor in the promotion of literacy and literate environments.

As in previous years, International Literacy Day 2015 will be celebrated worldwide, bringing together governments, multi-and bi-lateral organizations, NGOs, the private sectors, communities, teachers, learners and experts. William Grayson School is proud to be a part of the global community on International Literacy Day!

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