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### **Annual Kathy O’Connell Expo-Sciences at École Notre-Dame gives kids the science bug and draws a prominent crowd**

**Edmonton, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – CSCN is pleased to announce the Expo-Sciences of École Notre-Dame. This event will be held on **Thursday, April, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM** at the school (15425 - 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW in Edmonton). Many guests of honor are expected to attend such as the Mayor of Edmonton, Don Iveson, the MP for Edmonton-Center, Randy Boissonault, and the city councillor, Andrew Knack.

Student exhibits, researched and assembled independently by individuals or teams, are the focus of the event. This year, amongst others, the CSCN’s Superintendent, Mr. Robert Lessard, and the Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Gisèle Bourque will have the honour of offering feedback to participants.

Visitors to the Expo-sciences will receive a passport designed to encourage them to travel through the exhibition, once passports have been signed by exhibitors, visitors can submit them for a chance at winning a door prize, drawn at the close of the event.

The evening, sponsored and organized by members of the school’s Parent Committee, with the collaboration of the school administration and teachers, is a beloved event for those who participate. Ms. Marielle Perich, Notre-Dame’s school Principal, sees the event as an opportunity to instill a passion for science amongst the students. “The event emphasizes the pleasure of independent exploration and discovery. Students of all ages and abilities are invited to participate, and do – we are delighted to help foster a love of science at such an early, and critical time in our students development!”

#### **About Kathy O’Connell Expo-Sciences**

The Expo-Sciences is the brainchild of former Notre-Dame parent Kathy O’Connell and her husband Michael Lema. Kathy O’Connell, a civil engineer, and passionate lover of all things science herself, was convinced the event would be a good way to bring the school community together, and inspire the same kind of curiosity she had about the world around her. Mrs. O’Connell passed away in 2006, but she has left a lasting and inspiring legacy at the school. The event still receives the continued support and participation of her husband and their grown sons.

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A group of dedicated parents and teachers have continued to lead the organizing committee in her honour. This year the Expo-sciences is proud to have 60 exhibits.

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