



A STORY POLE FOR ÉCOLE DE L'ANSE-AU-SABLE, IN KELOWNA

(Richmond, October 25th, 2011) The sounds of aboriginal drums will echo in École de l'Anse-au-sable of Kelowna this week.

Following the signing of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement between the Conseil scolaire francophone and the Ministry of Education, two years ago, the school l'Anse-au-sable in collaboration with the Westbank First Nation will erect a Story Pole to celebrate the respect of its students for First Nation culture and heritage.

The carving has started Monday and should be completed in time for the inauguration celebration, Friday afternoon. Three artists, including an internationally known master carver from the Musqueam First Nation, Rick Harry, will contribute to the creation of this 4 meters high, 900 kilos artwork.

The totem will celebrate the harmony between the Bear, aboriginal symbol of change and representing the city of Kelowna, the Salmon representing the WestBank First Nation and the Eagle, representing all the People on Earth.

Of the 190 students from école de l'Anse-au-sable, 30 are of aboriginal ancestry.

The ceremony will be held at the school, **located at 675 Lequime Road, in Kelowna, Friday October 28th, at 1:40 PM**, with many representatives from the Westbank First Nation, the local community, parents and students attending.

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