



# Board of Education

## Media Information

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### Grade 5 Students Care and Make It Fair

**Kelowna, BC:** On Friday April 18, Grade 5 students from throughout School District No. 23 will have an opportunity to attend unique motivational workshops related to social justice. From drumming to examples of cyber-bullying, students will explore issues taking place as far from home as Afganistan and as a commonplace as chocolate.

“It is so important to help our elementary students develop their empathy and concern for those in need, whether we are speaking of orphans in Africa, the homeless in the Okanagan, or lonely kids in our schoolyards,” says Darylene Godkin a librarian and learning assistant at Davidson Road Elementary School. “Each group of students will spend time near the end of the day, with their teacher, developing a plan to make their schools and the global community a better place.”

Keynote Presentations beginning at 9am at Hollywood Road Education Centre:

1. Bicycles for Humanity
2. The Kelowna-Zambia Partnership (KAZ)
3. The Caia Connection

Workshop Presenters:

Angela Roy- Drumming: Experience the power of music and drumming and be prepared to take a journey around the world through Angela’s musical stories.

Rutland Middle School WEB Leaders – Laptops and Leadership: Learn about from other children about leadership, ‘cyber bullying’ and some of the hidden dangers on the Internet.

Mount Boucherie Peer Counsellors, Positive Communication Skills: Students learn from their peers positive ways to resolve conflict and personal struggles at school and at home.

Alaina Podmorow, Little Women for Little Women in Afghanistan (LW4LW): Little Women for Little Women in Afghanistan was founded by Alaina Podmorow in the fall of 2006. Eighteen girls from Davidson Road joined the chapter and raised more than \$30,000. This workshop provides information about Afghan women and how students can establish a chapter of LW4LW.

Clay McLeod, Choices About Chocolate: Before you take a bite of chocolate, do you know if it was produced using child labour, impoverished workers or even slaves? In this workshop, a game becomes a method to demonstrate the principles of fair trade and discover how consumer choices can improve the lives of cocoa farmers and others across the world.

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