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Remember the Past; Honor the Future: Time Capsules for the William Bennett Bridge

Kelowna, BC: Young people more focused on planning for the next math test or summer break now have a unique opportunity to plan 27 years into the future. Central Okanagan students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 can create lasting memories of their school years through a time capsule project coordinated by the Ministry of Transportation and School District No. 23. When the time capsule is opened in 2035, participants can also glimpse the technology, fashion, education, and cultural values of our present age.

“This is a great opportunity for the students of the Central Okanagan to both see history in the making and to be part of it,” says Superintendent Mike Roberts. “They are very excited to take part in this project.”

Today, all 41 schools in the District will receive a small, wooden box that can be decorated and filled with items of significance to students and staff. In mid-April 2008, at a ceremony at Kelowna’s City Park, the boxes will be put into a large, weatherproof container built by Dean Nutter, Chair of the Welding Trades Department at Okanagan College and his students. Once the school time capsules are added, the container will be sealed and transported to one of the bridge pontoons. It will be secured in place where it will remain for the next 27 years.

The time capsule will be opened in 2035 during an event to commemorate the official transfer of the Willam Bennett Bridge to the Province of BC.

Students and staff of School District No. 23 mark your calendars for a glimpse into your past!

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