

Innisfail High chosen to host prestigious national science and innovation exhibit

For Immediate Release, May 25, 2017: Innisfail High will be transformed on May 31st, as it becomes one of only four locations in the province to host the nationwide Innovation150 exhibit that is traveling to select sites across the country.

Innovation150 is a national partnership designed to provide inspiring experiences in science, technology and innovation for young people, families and communities during Canada's 150th anniversary. It involves an interactive science exhibition and extensive display, which is open to the public in the evening. During the day, four different lessons and presentations will be provided to Innisfail High School students and other Chinook's Edge schools that are keen to take advantage of the unique opportunity.

"This all came about when Ryan Beck (Sundre High) and I attended the Perimeter Institute's EinsteinPlus Physics Teacher's Workshop last summer," said Deen Lockhat, Math and Physics teacher at Innisfail High School. "The Perimeter Institute is a key organizer of Innovation150, which speaks to the calibre of the event. Once we applied to attend the camp, where teachers from across Canada and around the world gathered to expand their knowledge in modern Physics, we are now unable to re-apply for another five years because the program is in such big demand. They want to reach as many teachers as possible, and now through the traveling Innovation150 exhibit they want to reach as many students as possible. Being part of that program gave me new ways to teach concepts, with a lot of exciting hands-on projects that I've been able to implement in my class right away. It generated great ideas, and we are really excited about what Innovation150 will bring to students throughout the area.

"It is highly significant that Innisfail High has been given this opportunity, because the magnitude of the program is huge. Our Chinook's Edge schools are excited about the opportunity and we have over 300 students who will be joining us throughout the day. We are also working with schools from outside our division to make this opportunity available to them, particularly the evening session that is open to the public. I hope families and community members from well beyond the community will join us that evening, because we think they're going to love it!"

The exhibit will be open to the public at Innisfail High School from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on May 31. The only other stops in Alberta are Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton.

"Everyone here is really excited and proud that the tour will be stopping at Innisfail High School," said Vice-Principal Scott MacDonald. "Innovation150 involves five leading science organizations that celebrate Canada's innovative past and sparks the ideas and ingenuity that will propel our future. The interactive program is making its way across the country for Canada's 150th year, providing exciting experiences in science, technology, and innovation. And it will be at Innisfail High on May 31st!"

Innisfail High School is located at 4459-51 Avenue, Innisfail.

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