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**2017 Bicycle Safety Week Kickoff**

The fifth annual Yorkton Bicycle Rodeo will teach basic bike safety skills to over 275 grade three students this year, covering all eight Yorkton elementary schools.

The program is part of Bicycle Safety Week and was kicked off at Yorkdale Elementary school today. The program runs until May 19, with bike rodeos at each of the remaining seven elementary schools in the city.

“We’re proud to again be part of this program, and to assist our local RCMP members in giving our young people a good grounding in basic bicycle safety. This is something they will remember throughout their lives,” said Councillor Aaron Kienle, representing the City of Yorkton.

The program is an initiative of the local RCMP detachment and is sponsored by Canadian Tire, the Painted Hand Community Development Corporation, SGI and the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute. All participants in the program will receive a free bicycle safety helmet and bicycles will be awarded to winners of a colouring contest amongst all participants in the program. The Yorkton Fire Department will be doing a safety inspection of all bicycles participating in the program.

Participating schools include St. Mary’s, St. Paul’s, St. Michael’s, M.C. Knoll, Columbia, St. Alphonsus and Dr. Brass, as well as Yorkdale.

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