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Seven Oaks School to Host First Annual STEAM Festival

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Winnipeg -- The Seven Oaks School Division will be hosting its first ever STEAM Festival on **April 5th and 6th at Garden City Shopping Centre**. STEAM, or Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, is a central core of the Division's commitment to engaging learners in learning that is authentic, meaningful, content-rich, and creative.

Over 600 Learners from kindergarten to Grade 12 will participate in a variety of experiences throughout the two days, most notably in opportunities which allow them to speak to their inquiry and growth. "Public exhibitions are powerful moments when learners can bear witness to their own learning. Where they can tell us how they are smart, not how smart they are," explains Matt Henderson, assistant superintendent of Seven Oaks School Division. "When learners exhibit their inquiry in a public way, they are able to demonstrate the sophistication of their thinking."

Learners who exhibit and attend the STEAM Festival at Garden City Shopping Centre will be participating the following experiences:

- Traditional Science Fair
- Three Minute Thesis competition
- Video Game Jam (Learners creating video games)
- KenKen Math Celebration
- Hands-on Inquiry demonstrations
- Interactive STEAM Playground
- STEAM Workshops

The public is invited to take in the festival between 10:00 and 2:00 pm on both days. For more information, please contact Matt Henderson at <u>matt.henderson@70aks.org</u>.

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