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Mini Language Lessons Program

The Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages is a provincial non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of heritage languages in Saskatchewan.

The Mini Language Lessons Program, launched during the 1996/97 school year, is a project of the Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages. The goal of this program is to place heritage language teachers into regular public and separate school classrooms to introduce language and culture to students who would normally not be exposed to such opportunities. It also allows teachers to match multicultural education with the social sciences curriculum in a direct and meaningful way for students. It is also hoped that the experience will contribute to the elimination of misunderstanding and racism through cultural awareness and acceptance. Classroom teachers in Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Yorkton, and North Battleford have participated. SOHL partners with regional multicultural councils throughout Saskatchewan to coordinate the Mini-Language Lessons Program.

The heritage language teachers provide eight one-hour lessons of their language and multi-dimensional aspects of their culture. Classroom teachers apply to participate in this program through an application form that is sent to them via the district school systems.

Information is available on our website
www.heritagelanguages.sk.ca.

FACTS

- 2010 marks the fourteenth year that the Mini Language Lessons Program has successfully been facilitated.
- Major funding for this program comes from SaskCulture's Multicultural Initiatives Fund, SaskLotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation, SaskEnergy, Sasktel, and Saskatchewan Government Insurance.
- In 2009, 53 classrooms took part in the program.
- Languages of Cree, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Ukrainian were taught. The lessons included not only the language but also aspects of the culture.
- 100% of teacher participants surveyed wanted the program to continue in their schools.

Heritage Language Teaching Opportunity

The Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages (SOHL) is pleased to be able to offer the 2010 Mini-Language Lessons Program. This program provides opportunities for Heritage Language teachers to teach in the Public and Catholic school systems and for students to experience a new language and culture.

This year it is hoped that the Program will include Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Swift Current and Yorkton districts. We also hope to have requests from the Prince Albert and Weyburn districts.

Applications are now being accepted from teachers who wish to share their language and culture in a classroom anywhere in Saskatchewan. Heritage Language teachers are matched with a classroom teacher and receive an honorarium of \$30 per hour/lesson for up to 8 lessons per classroom.

If you have taught in the program before, please inform us if you are interested in participating again.

Interested individuals who have not taught in the program before may submit a resume to the SOHL office by mail or email sohlcoordinator@sasktel.net. Classes will take place starting in January and are usually held one hour per week for eight weeks. Teachers do not have to be qualified to teach in the regular school system but should have experience working with children. Preference will be given to those who have formal training including the Heritage Language Teaching Certificate.

Please send a cover letter and your resume to the SOHL Office now.

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