

***Celebrate Children !  
Vieren met kinderen !  
Wie willen eenen besondren dach fieren fa Kjinja en Famielje !***

On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Village of Nobleford hosted an event in the Community Complex to “Celebrate Children”. The afternoon began with a family Carnival where 20 organizations shared fun activities at their booths with children. The Carnival participants consisted of organizations, churches and schools from Monarch, Nobleford, Barons and the County of Lethbridge. Over 300 people enjoyed the interactive games hosted at each booth while listening to background music from the youth music band “**Something with a Moustache**”. Families were also able to take part in a large “Circle Time”, hosted by Family & Community Support Services; enjoy a curling participation/demonstration or feel the “pressure” while manning a fully loaded fire hose set up by the Nobleford & District Emergency Services.

Guests were then treated to dinner prepared by high school students from Noble Central School. Dinner began with blessings said in English, Dutch and Low German. Then the Early Childhood Mapping Project Coalition, presented results from a study of “THE FIRST 2000 DAYS OF LIFE” where Nobleford, Barons, Monarch and the County of Lethbridge were identified as sub community ‘A’ and ranked very high in many categories, definitely a reason to Celebrate! The complete study results can be viewed at

The evening continued with wonderful entertainment in the form of a Talent Show featuring young individuals, bands, choirs and then ended with some Karaoke fun highlighted by mom’s singing action songs with their children. It was definitely an exciting celebration of children with their families. No fee was charged to participate in or attend the event thanks to funding provided by donations, the Village of Nobleford and the Early Childhood Mapping Coalition.

***Thank you to the participating organizations and their volunteers, apologies to those we have not listed***

Early Childhood Mapping Coalition - Margaret Van Egmond, Isabelle Plomp, Marilyn Visser, Barb Fiest  
Family & Community Support Services - Brenda Rathwell, Maria Klassen  
Nobleford Parks & Recreation Society - Gen Hofman, Martha den Dekker  
Monarch Reformed Church - Mary Harbers, Bernice Hofman, Tracy, Tyson & Abby Dorchak  
Providence Christian School - Kathleen Bolink, Willena Bremer  
Christian Reformed Church – Gems - Bennita Hummel, Diane Kooy, Tara Vanee, Taryn Konyonenbelt, Shauna Konyonenbelt  
Christian Reformed Church – Cadets - Jeff Notenbomer, Chris Hummel, Tom Slomp, Sid Havinga, Damon Postman  
Christian Reformed Church – Vacation Bible School - Lindsey Hummel, Melinda Notenbomer, Anita Slomp  
Christian Reformed Church - Tot time - Lammie Hummel, Rika Vander Kooij  
Immanuel Christian School - Nadyne Alaric  
Nobleford Area Museum Society - Julie Pike, Peggy Campbell, Linda Sterenberg  
Barons School - Taryn Deeble, Jen Neufelt, Annamarie Moulding  
Old Colony Mennonite Church - David & Maria Unger, John & Annie Wall (Chin Colony)  
Nobleford Complex Society - Joyce Holinaty, Marlies Vincent  
Barons Parks & Recreation Society - Maxine Chapman, Dell-Ann Jones  
Family Centre - Denise Fedunec  
Nobleford & District Emergency Services - Marvin VandenHoek, Steve Mulder, Derk Harlaar, Kevin VanLagen, Glenn Elgersma  
Noble Central School - Broc Higginson, Clara Kuk, Nicholas Oudshoorn, Ainsley Newton, Greg Westerhaud, Jade Hodgson, Peter Fehr  
Noble Central School - supper volunteers - Chelsea Fischer, Aimee Sherman, Logan Schlamp, Peter Fehr, Brooke Groenenboom, Baily Coutu, Colten Gurr, Courtney Wolfe, Taylor Holtorf, Greg Westerhoud, Kaven Many Shots  
Village of Nobleford - Kirk & Barb Hofman, **Trisha &..... Dubasov**, Greeters: Don McDowell, Marguerite Wobick