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Media Advisory / Photo Opportunity - West Dover School takes to the ice with Olympian Kristina Groves in RBC Learn to Skate Program

CALGARY, January 27, 2014 – RBC Olympian and five-time Olympic medalist in speed-skating will join third grade students from Calgary’s West Dover School for their final RBC Learn to Skate lesson on January 29th.

RBC is making strides to build a nation of skaters and, throughout the fall and winter, select schools from coast-to-coast are taking part in the [RBC Learn to Skate](#) program. West Dover School was selected and received a skate and helmet library (valued at more than \$5,000) for their students to use, along with coordination of ice time and lessons, compliments of RBC. The RBC Learn to Skate program is part of the [RBC Believe in Kids Pledge](#), a five-year, \$100 million commitment to improve the well-being of one million children and youth in Canada.

“Recognizing the lifelong lessons gained through sport, RBC wants to introduce kids to skating, giving them the opportunity to skate for fun, play hockey or figure skate,” said Tazmoon Ratanshi, Regional Vice President, RBC. “By putting our focus on school-based learn-to-skate programs and improving access to community hockey our goal is to help build a nation of skaters.”

Media are invited to attend the lesson to see how much the students have learned and celebrate their accomplishments as they receive their skating certificates.

“What a great opportunity for our students to not only get a great pair of skates but also get three excellent hours of lessons so they can develop good skating habits from the start” said Bev Nelson, Teacher, West Dover School. “They all had a great time, and have been talking about it in class non-stop all week.”

What: West Dover School grade three students’ final RBC Learn to Skate lesson

Who: RBC Olympian, Kristina Groves, five-time Olympic medalist and four-time world champion, speed-skating
Cathy Turner, Principal, West Dover School
Tazmoon Ratanshi, Regional Vice President, RBC

Where: Dover Community Association Rink
3033 30TH Avenue SE
(Please note: This is an outdoor rink)

When: Wednesday, January 29, 2014
11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
(Certificate presentations at 12:20 p.m. AND 1:20 p.m.)



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