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Elementary students jump ahead to university with Laurier JUMP *Multidisciplinary program offers hundreds of students a taste of university life*

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WATERLOO – Close to 1,900 elementary school students will spend two or three days sampling university life as Laurier hosts its annual Junior University Multidisciplinary Preparation program. JUMP encourages young students to pursue higher education by exposing them to university courses, residence and campus life.

Between May 7 and June 20, students in grades six, seven and eight will participate in a series of two- or three-day programs, featuring interactive courses taught by Laurier professors, senior students and graduate students. They'll choose from a list of courses that includes archaeology, athletics, biology, business, chemistry, fine arts, mathematics, music, political science, psychology, social work and theatre.

"We've found that exposing young students to several aspects of the university encourages them to consider higher education later on," says Michelle Jokic, JUMP co-ordinator. "They learn about academics, but also gain a little independence, meet students from other schools and develop the skills needed to make decisions that will shape their academic careers."

JUMP also includes a university-life and careers-choice seminar designed to help students address any concerns they have about university, and to develop the skills and attributes necessary for post-secondary education. And the students will experience other aspects of campus life by living in residence and eating in campus hangouts.

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JUMP 2003 Participants

Most students attend seven classes from the list of 12, as well as the university-life and career-choices seminar. They also tour campus, live in Willison Hall residence and eat in the dining hall. The visit ends with evaluations and a graduation lunch where students receive diplomas from the JUMP program.

This year, Laurier is also introducing a two-day version of JUMP in order to offer the experience to more schools. This program provides the academic and student-life aspect of the JUMP program.

Created in 1994 with six participating schools, JUMP expands year after year as many schools return and new ones learn of the program. This year's program includes 64 classes from 40 different schools. A list of the schools participating this year is attached.

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Note: A list of participating schools and contact information is attached to this release.

JUMP 2003 Participants

CITY	SCHOOL	CONTACT	PHONE
Barrie	Monsignor Clair S.	Pat Modeski	(705) 737-2812
Brantford	St. Leo S.	Dalia Scivllo	(519) 759-3314
Cambridge	Avenue Road P.S.	Allyson Godfriod	(519) 623-0860
	Chalmers Street P.S.	Denielle Berry	(519) 623-0950
Chatham	Winston Churchill P.S.	Deb Brecevic	(519) 352-8680
Dwight	Irwin Memorial P.S.	Greg Pitts	(705) 635-2232
Fergus	Victoria Terrace P.S.	Ken McDougall	(519) 843-2720
Fonthill	A.K. Wigg P.S.	Arlene Garrett	(905) 892-1365
Guelph	St. Peter Catholic S.	Spiro Theologos	(519) 836-3730
	Taylor Evans P.S.	Sandy Tubbs	(519) 766-4544
	Tytler P.S.	Gord Heasley	(519) 822-9271
Hagersville	Hagersville Elementary S.	Heather Whitford	(905) 768-3012
Hamilton	Westview Middle S.	Beth Lupton	(905) 388-1502
Kitchener	St. Anne S.	Cathy Renda	(519) 745-7847
	St. Patrick S.	Alaine Goodacre	(519) 748-6008
Listowel	Listowel Central	Frank Stretton	(519) 291-3250
	Listowel Eastdale P.S.	Rich Maertens	(519) 291-2930
Markham	James Robinson P.S.	Gay-Ann Hamilton	(905) 294-3484
	Markham Gateway P.S.	Shyrna Gilbert	(905) 472-3303
Matheson	Joseph H. Kennedy	Connie MacMullin	(705) 273-2324
Mount Forest	St. Mary Catholic S.	Tracey Lindsay	(519) 323-2586
Newmarket	Bogart P.S.	Anita McQuarrie	(905) 836-8041
Newton	Mornington Central	Linda Schurter	(519) 595-8995
New Hamburg	Forest Glen P.S.	Alison Rodger	(519) 662-2830
	Holy Family S.	Theresa Foss	(519) 662-1734
Sebringville	Central Perth E. S.	Laurie Long	(519) 393-5300
St. Mary's	Holy Name of Mary	Dianne Vivian	(519) 284-2170
St Paul's	Downie Central P.S.	Sara Steckly	(519) 393-6196
Stratford	North Easthope	Sherrie Hearn	(519) 625-8398
Thornhill	German Mills P.S.	Karen McNaughton	(905) 889-8776
Wallaceburg	A.A. Wright P.S.	Monique Hazzard	(519) 627-2587
	H.W. Burgess P.S.	Kyle Sniden	(519) 627-3822
	St. Elisabeth S.	Frank Cannella	(519) 627-6331
Waterloo	Elizabeth Ziegler P.S.	Rebecca Fleisig	(519) 742-4402
	Lester B. Pearson P.S.	Tim Uttley	(519) 880-0300
	Westvale P.S.	Merrill Peirce	(519) 746-6724
Whitby	St. Marguerite d'Youville C.S.	Brian Fahey	(905) 666-9301
Warton	Warton P.S.	Robin Gibson	(519) 534-1760
Wingham	Sacred Heart S.	Kathy Wachter	(519) 357-1090
	Wingham P.S.	Ainslie Martyn	(519) 357-3270