



MANS's Grade 4 class is enthusiastic about helping to build their future school with help from a SUPER MANS seed loan. By working together on a spaghetti lunch fundraiser, they turned \$90 into \$350.

MANS Students Get Active in Fundraising with SUPER MANS

When Pastor Lyle Notice, Assistant Director of the Alberta Conference Youth Department, donned his superhero cloak to launch Small Useful People Expanding Resources for MANS (SUPER MANS) during a Mamawi Atosketan Native School assembly, he invited the entire MANS family to participate in a unique and exciting fundraising initiative to build their new school.

SUPER MANS is both a “superhero” and an entrepreneur-style initiative of the Alberta Conference that encourages children to invest a \$20 “seed grant” to help build MANS’s new high school. The new school will allow First Nations children who attend the over-crowded NAD-accredited school to stay in the unique Adventist environment, and thus increase their chances of completing high school.*

While SUPER MANS’s purpose is serious, SUPER MANS has a playful side. “SUPER MANS helps kids realize they’re not alone and that they can make a difference,” said Notice. “They have the power to do good. If SUPER MANS helps them to realize that, I’ll play SUPER MANS all day long!” he smiled. The launch event was covered by the December 17 issue of *The Lacombe Express* newspaper.

MANS students and their families are already getting involved. The first SUPER MANS fundraiser was held January 27. The Grade 4s served more than 80 members of the MANS family a hot lunch of spaghetti. The eager Grade 4s helped with food preparation, lunch delivery, and clean up.

“The kids really got behind our SUPER MANS fundraiser,” said their teacher, Russ Nielsen. “They were excited to play a part in helping to build the new school. If the new building is started soon, these Grade 4 students could be some of the first students in the new building. We spent about \$90 on supplies, and we turned that into \$350 for the building project!”

The experience translated into more than a cash contribution. Participating in SUPER MANS is giving MANS students—and Adventist kids across Alberta—the opportunity to feel good about doing good.

“It feels good to help,” beamed Ryker (Grade 4).

Classmate Landin echoed that feeling. “I like helping build the new school!” he said.

MANS kids are not only learning about working together to build something important but also visualizing themselves in that high school—an incentive to stay in school and help improve their community. “It’s nice to know we will have a new school,” mused Chavez. “I will be in the new school some day!”

His classmate, Larrisa, was also enthusiastic: “I can’t wait to go into the new school!”

“I am helping to build the new high school for MANS!” said a smiling Rihanna, adding with infectious enthusiasm, “Join our SUPER MANS team and support our school!” ■

MANS and SUPER MANS Online!

See MANS students and SUPER MANS Lyle Notice in action at their school in the video section of www.mans1.ca (“MANS & SUPER MANS”). Under the SUPER MANS tab of the website, see what families and kids like 11-year old Nakita Greaves (“SUPER Nakita Flies Again”) are doing to help First Nations students get a great Adventist education at MANS—the largest Adventist First Nations mission school in North America!



SUPER MANS (Pastor Lyle Notice) appears—sometimes unexpectedly—around Alberta.