



## Fort McMurray Public School Division Students Winners in the Caring for our Watershed Program

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014, the Battle River Watershed Alliance hosted the Final Competition for their annual *Caring For our Watersheds* program. One of the eleven finalist groups was from the Fort McMurray Public School Division. Over 299 students were involved in the 2014 competition from school divisions including Edmonton, Battle River, Lakeland Catholic, Northland, and Wolf Creek.

**The finalist from the Fort McMurray Public School Division  
won \$300 for herself and her school!**

**Maham Fatima** in **Amanda McCulloch's** class at Ecole McTavish School won 10<sup>th</sup> place and \$300 for her proposal to raise awareness about the dangers and effects of acid rain.

The Caring for our Watersheds program asks students in Grades 7-12 from across Central Alberta **“What can you do to improve your watershed?”**

- Students develop a 1000 word proposal describing their project idea.
- Finalists present a 5 minute verbal presentation at the Final Competition.
- All finalists receive a cash prize, as well as matching prize amount for their school.
- Funding is also available for students who would like to implement their idea.



The Caring For our Watersheds program is a great fit for project-based learning in both junior and senior high classes, and fits well in both science and social science curriculum.

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**We would like to thank all participating students and teachers from the Fort McMurray Public School Division who helped make the 2014 *Caring for our Watersheds* Program a success! We look forward to receiving entries from your school division again next year!**