



## M E D I A   R E L E A S E

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### **SONGWRITING WORKSHOP**

New Liskeard and Haileybury Public Schools are excited about a unique musical opportunity that will be coming to their schools. Both schools will be hosting a songwriting workshop with Steve Slade -- a Yukon songwriter and performer who has played at concerts, coffee houses, and festivals across Canada!

This 'monster of music' has a real talent for working with elementary students to create their own songs. Steve's school songwriting workshops have garnered rave reviews across Canada. Working with two classes a day, the entire class becomes involved in writing a song, right from the initial concept. Songs can be written from the curriculum, everyday life, 'flights of fancy' and make believe. Slade and the students collect various ideas for the theme of the song, and then edit them down to a manageable number. Splitting into groups, the class then decides on the lyrical structure, genre and rhythm.

It's a new experience for schools in the area but Slade's workshops have taken off across Canada and kids say they love the process. Slade will spend **September 28<sup>th</sup> at New Liskeard Public School** and **September 29<sup>th</sup> at Haileybury Public School**. To learn more about the school songwriting program and Steve Slade, log-on to [www.steveslade.com](http://www.steveslade.com).

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