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MANY MANITOBANS TRAVELLING OVER SPRING BREAK

Amid lower Canadian dollar, many still travelling to USA

Some students today are squirming in their seats to start Spring Break, and for good reason. A recent CAA survey has found that nearly one-third of Manitoba parents with school aged children will be taking a vacation next week.

“Spring break is certainly one of the busiest times of the year for travelling,” says Melanie Carter, Corporate Manager of Travel for CAA Manitoba. “We are curious to see how the lower Canadian dollar would affect Manitoban’s travel patterns this year.”

Though some Manitobans have opted to stay closer to home this year (about 44 per cent), about 44 per cent still intend on travelling to the popular USA destinations like Grand Forks, Fargo, Phoenix, and various parts of Florida.

Even with the sun shining and the snow melting here at home, it still isn’t a beach. About 11 per cent of respondents said they were intending to travel to a sun destination over the break, like Mexico, Cuba or Jamaica.

Still, half of parents with school aged children indicated they were not going on a trip, citing reasons like the US exchange rate is too high, or they don’t have enough vacation days.

CAA Travel is also offering these tips to parents travelling with kids next week:

- **Keep them entertained.** Whether travelling by plane or car, make sure you have a lot of activities to keep your children busy. This will make for a more enjoyable trip for you, and others around you.
- **Get them involved.** Pick up tour books from CAA to get them reading about where they will go and what things they want to see. Let them carry their own boarding pass and lead the way in the airport.
- **Bring extra clothes.** Travelling with kids can get messy, for a number of reasons. Pack an extra set of clothes, just in case.
- **Pack travel insurance.** A must. This can be purchased online at caamanitoba.com or at any of our service centres.

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