

This news brief is meant to provide the highlights of the decisions made at the Board meeting for the benefit of our community; the notes do not serve as the official record of the meeting (See Board or Committee minutes).

Congratulations to all the recipients of Arts Recognition Awards for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

The Marjorie Loughrey Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Fabyenne Gosselin – Canterbury H.S.

Her enthusiasm, dedication, and long hours of hard work inspiring her students in the Dance Programme at Canterbury have been outstanding. Her involvement in writing curriculum, maintaining the high quality of the Programme, developing performances and outreach programs and organizing enrichment activities for her students has been remarkable.

The Marjorie Loughrey Award is in memory of a former Chair of the Board of Trustees and an avid proponent of arts education, a long serving Trustee who was instrumental in the creation of Arts Canterbury. It is awarded annually to an outstanding individual who has devoted him or herself to a career in arts education lasting at least 25 years.

Elementary Literary Arts

Susan Atkinson – Rockcliffe Park P.S.

Her classroom teaching based on current up-to-date pedagogy, her deep understanding of literacy in practice, and the meaningful way in which she engages her students in the joy of literacy inspires all those around her. Innovative practices such as publishing student books, creating poetry sculptures, and issue pamphlets instill a passion for writing in her students and excite their parents.

Elementary Music – Primary/Junior

Doug Hume – Woodroffe Ave. P.S.

Each day he challenges his students and joyfully engages them in the art of music using his untiring energy and personal excellence. As Director of the Cold Weather Choir and leader of the Woodroffe Talent Show, he has over the years involved countless students and parent volunteers as well as the whole community as audience members to join him in his love of music.

Elementary Music – Intermediate

Alison Read – J.H.Putman P.S.

Her work developing a concert band and student jazz band, engaging parents, holding fundraisers and holiday concerts along with conducting dynamic music classes inspire all those around her.

Elementary Visual Arts

Cathy Ayotte – Trillium E.S.

Her innovative approaches to teaching the elements and skills needed to produce the myriad of artworks seen in her classroom and the halls are a testament to her own talents. Her passion for the arts has enriched all her students immeasurably.

Secondary Literary Arts

Joanne Leger Legault – Merivale H.S.

Her enthusiasm, dedication, and long hours of hard work inspiring her students in oral and written French have been outstanding. Her promotion of French Literary Arts with her students and staff members has been congenial and tireless. Her students have been successful competitors in many contests, such as the Roch Carrier Short Story Narrative Writing Contest, the Grade 12 French for the Future essay contest and the Provincial French Public Speaking Contest in Toronto.

Secondary Visual Arts

Jaclyn Canas – Merivale H.S.

Her expertise inspiring her students in photography courses has been outstanding. Her combining digital and film photography to teach composition, art history, and photographic skills and principles has inspired enough students to fill six sections of photography at Merivale.

Leadership in the Arts Award

Rene Bibaud – Principal, Nepean H.S.

Rene Bibaud has been a true champion of the arts at Nepean High School. His leadership and support have been instrumental in the continued growth and success of all Arts Department programs and activities. With Rene as leader, Nepean now ranks as one of the finest all-round schools. His passion for the arts has enriched all Nepean students as well as its staff immeasurably.

Community Arts Award

Mike Tremblay – Nepean H.S.

As a professional musician and musical mentor to saxophonists and jazz lovers all across the city, Mike has definitely made his mark on many lives. As a passionate volunteer at Nepean High School and many other places, he has enhanced countless students' musical experiences. The innumerable hours he has given to tutoring young individuals and coaching ensembles to master the jazz genre are deeply appreciated.

Community Arts Award

Tara Klager and Chantal Leblanc – Castor Valley E.S.

The launching of the Castor Valley Arts Club this year by parents Tara and Chantal introduced Haida drawing, photography, and the ukelele to various age groups during their recess break. This was an excellent example of parents working together with educators and community members to help the Board achieve its vision of "meeting every learner's needs." Their passion for the arts has enriched all the students at Castor Valley E.S. immeasurably.

Elementary School Event (Visual)

Education Week Art Exhibit – Woodroffe Ave. P.S.

The enthusiasm and long hours of hard work of teachers like Patrice Seyer, and so many students was most impressive. The way the display was set up in the gymnasium like a gallery, the many concepts and different media on display including a video about expressing emotions through movement captivated the audience of students and parents. The ingenuity of the teachers to create the projects and the ability of the students to create the pieces was exceptional.

Elementary School Event (Performance)

So You Think You Can Dance – John Young E.S.

Directed by Teacher Lisa Levitan

The talent and perseverance shown by Lisa Levitan and many other teachers along with so many students was most impressive. Coordinating and training the 312 students and organizing the multitude of costumes (often provided by parents) was a gargantuan feat in itself. The thrill of the students and their parents was unforgettable. The lessons learned by this extracurricular event are unending.

Secondary School Event (Visual)

John McCrae Art Show – John McCrae S.S.

Teachers Mike Goodson, Margaret Grant, and Evelyn Michaud

As Principal Tom Schultz describes it, “This year’s Art Show was the best that I have ever experienced in my 40 years of teaching and administration. The displays were outstanding and involved the total program of the school: Ceramics, Painting, and Photography. The display received raves from the community.” John McCrae artists continue to win numerous awards at the City of Ottawa *Young At Art* Show every year and the outstanding techniques in all media were evident at this art show. The achievements of the students are a fitting tribute to the quality of the teaching taking place at John McCrae S.S.

Secondary School Event (Performance)

An Evening of the Arts – Merivale H.S.

Produced by Parent Volunteer Lisa Nash

The enthusiasm, dedication, and long hours of hard work of parent volunteer Lisa Nash and so many teachers and students in putting together this showcase of music, art, and drama was most impressive. The fact that the event also included the participation of feeder school Sir Winston Churchill P.S. and the community group SUZART made it even more rewarding and exciting. Lisa’s tireless work behind the scenes in coordinating the groups as well as the P.R. and door prizes was astounding.

Chair’s Report

Congratulations to Ridgemont High School student Maryam Kebbe who has won a national poetry award – le Prix national de poésie en immersion en langue Française 2010. Maryam won the award for her poem “Le cycle de la vie” that was composed for her French immersion class during the last school year. The award comes with a scholarship for two years of study at the Collège Laflèche followed by three years of undergrad study at the University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières. Maryam, along with her teacher Marieve Fontaine, was also invited to participate in the 26th International

We have begun the process of renewing our Strategic Plan and we are looking for community input to help us make the right choices about how we deliver our programs and services in future years. The District has developed an article entitled 21st Century Learner: Schools for the Future. The article is intended to create an opportunity for stakeholders to become aware of educational issues and to think about future directions of the District. Consultation forums have been organized during the month of November on November 9, 10, 18, and 30. In addition there are

several other ways to participate. Find out more about the consultations by visiting the home page of our website under the Schools for the Future icon.

Director's Report

Our annual World of Work event for Grade 8 students takes place tomorrow on October 27th at the Aberdeen Pavilion, Lansdowne Park. This event that runs in conjunction with Canada Career Week is designed to increase awareness, and give thousands of grade 8 students an appreciation of the variety of career pathways that are open to them. This forum allows students an opportunity to: speak to people who are already in the workforce, try out some interactive displays and determine what educational requirements they will need to pursue that career.

National Take Our Kids to Work Day is also fast approaching. Students will be spending November 3rd in the workplace with their parents, or a volunteer host for the day. This unique job shadowing experience promotes a first-hand view of different careers and an opportunity to find out which studies would be needed to enter that field. Since 1994, Take Our Kids to Work Day™ has helped our grade 9 students connect the value of school and their future careers.

PUBLIC MOTIONS

Approval of Terms of Reference and Timelines for Boundary/Grade/Program Review re Elementary Schools in Kanata

An Accommodation Review Committee study for elementary schools in Kanata was approved. Preliminary timelines were approved as presented to the Business Services Committee held October 13, 2010

http://www.ocdsb.ca/Documents/Board_Meetings/Meetings/2010/October_2010/BSC_Oct13_2010/BSC_Oct13_2010.asp. Dates will be finalized by the Accommodation Review Committee and communicated to the public.

Approval to Purchase Portable Classrooms

The Board approved the purchase of 20 new portable classrooms to be funded from Capital Reserves, subject to Ministry approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.