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GOOD SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION CELEBRATES SUCCESS THROUGHOUT FALL, 2014

Good Spirit School Division has enjoyed many successes over the past few months. Both staff and students have worked hard and earned accolades for their dedication to education. At the end of the year, we want to take this opportunity to share these accomplishments.

2014 GENERAL PROFICIENCY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS AND 2014 GOOD SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Board of Education of the Good Spirit School Division is pleased to announce that twenty-one Grade 12 students within our division qualified for the Ministry of Education 2014 General Proficiency Awards. The Ministry of Education determines the number of recipients by division on total province-wide enrolments.

We are very proud to announce the following students as recipients of the \$400.00 General Proficiency Award: Chenoa Kweens, Troy Forst, Ethan Paramor and Carmen Johanson from Esterhazy; Leslie Korpatniski from Kamsack; Hailie Schappert, Tory Yont, Brooke Prazma, Regan Olson and Eryn Yeske from Langenburg; Tenielle Sieben, Tiffany Crandlemire, Nicholas Hornung and Jalisa Fendelet from Melville; Destiny Stark from Sturgis; and, Irene Stamatinos, Kate Martin, Michael Kozushka, Bo Chiasson, Charles McKen and Suun Shin from Yorkton.

Also, the Board of Education of the Good Spirit School Division sponsors a \$400.00 scholarship at each of our twelve high schools which is awarded to the student with the top academic average. We are pleased to announce the following recipients: Jenna Stusek from Canora Composite School; Chelsey Debnam from Churchbridge Public School; Chenoa Kweens from Esterhazy High School; Jessika Abrahamson from Fort Livingstone School in Pelly; Andrew Kuras from Invermay School; Leslie Korpatniski from Kamsack Comprehensive Institute; Hailie Schappert from Langenburg High School; Tenielle Sieban from Melville Comprehensive School; Amanda Fedorchuk from Norquay School; Devin Barabash from Preeceville School; Destiny Stark from Sturgis Composite High School and Irene Stamatinos from Yorkton Regional High School.

STUDENT OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

During Education Week 2014 (October 20 to 24), the Good Spirit School Division recognized student achievement division-wide through the fourth annual Student of Distinction Awards. Students were chosen in each of the division's 28 schools based on their hard work and dedication not only to their school but their community as well. This was a special way to recognize their amazing work ethic, volunteerism and efforts to

shape positive schools. The Ministry of Education's week-long theme of "**Supporting and Celebrating Success**" is a perfect complement to the reason why this is so important ... to show how student accomplishments today prepare them to be leaders in the future.

**Note: Many papers already covered exact names of students with pictures ... thank you! Specific names are not included in this release but rather just a mention of the amazing things students are doing. If you would like further info, please advise.*

STAFF APPRECIATION AWARDS

Good Spirit School Division Board of Education hosted its Eighth Annual Staff Appreciation Awards Gala dinner attended by approximately 300 people on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Gallagher Centre in Yorkton.

Both years of service award recipients as well as Sea Stars Making a Difference Employee Recognition Award recipients were recognized. Permanent, continuing service to education were recognized at the 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 year levels with 84 employees attaining these specific years of service. Sea Stars are those employees which are "**Sparkling Examples of Accomplished Skillful Talented and Radiant Staff**" who portray dedication to student success in one of three recognition areas including:

A High Level of Achievement ...

Mr. Jason Boyda, Teacher, Yorkdale Central School (Yorkton)

Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association Outstanding Coach Award

Mr. Gord Erhardt, Principal, Esterhazy High School

National Principals of Music Award for Western Canada

Mrs. Tracy Huckell, Student Services Coordinator (South Cluster)

Published author "Equity in Education: The Rights of Individuals with Disabilities"

Mrs. Amanda Kornaga, Teacher, Churchbridge Public School

Dr. Andy Anderson Young Professional Award – Physical and Health Education Canada (Saskatchewan recipient)

Mrs. Charlotte Raine, Library Learning Coach

Art Forgy Award of Recognition – Saskatchewan School Library Association

***Individual or School Staff Making a Marked Difference ...**

Ms. Roger Herman, Bus Driver (Yorkdale Central), (Yorkton)

Mrs. Chantel Kitchen and **Mrs. Colleen Pennell**, Teachers, Victoria School (Kamsack)

Mrs. Christine Mitschke, Teacher, Hoffman School (Langenburg)

Mr. Dennis Muzyka, PAA Teacher, Melville Comprehensive School

Ms. Rita Swanson, Educational Assistant, Churchbridge Public School

***Dedicated Service ...**

Ms. Donna Boake, Teacher, Miller School (Melville)

Ms. Karla Sastaunik, Educational Assistant, Langenburg High School

Mrs. Wendy Shabatoski, Teacher, Kamsack Comprehensive Institute

Mr. Bob Thompson, Supervisor, Yorkton Bus Garage

**Winners in these 2 categories were nominated by fellow staff members.*

Pictures attached include the following attendees:

10 Years of Service Award

Back Row (L to R-): Barry Calanchie, Tammy Danylko, Robyn Lang, Brandy Lechner, Darla Nashiem, Heidi Paterson and Kelsey Seerey

Middle Row (L to R): Rita Herperger, Jackie Grant, Amy Bishop, Lisa-Marie Kitch, Shawna Rosowsky, Bonnie Trowell and Kelsey Seerey

Front Row (L to R): Greg Thomas, Tanya Breitreuz, Nicole Clarke and Donna Simpson-Domres

15 Years of Service Award

(L to R): Mark Federuik, Jody Harman, David Langley, Perry Ostapowich, Alan Sharp and Pamela Werle

20 Years of Service Award

(L to R): Adam Fetsch, Brad Hanson, Laurel Kentel, Cindy Potter and Joanne Schwartz

25 Years of Service Award

(L to R): Valerie Gendreau, Wayne Clark, Cathy Gerhardt, Patricia Holtkamp, Elmer Litzenberger, Christine Mitschke, Kelly Perepeluk-Nieckar, Anita Varga and Perry Yelle

30 Years of Service Award

(L to R): Jo-Ann Erhardt, Jo-Ann Graves, Roger Herman, Cindy Landstad, Shelly King-Kaminsky, Brenda Ortynsky, Glenda Lazurko, Sharon Ward and Brian Rosenmeyer

35 Years of Service Award

Ralph Hilderman

SCHOOL / FACILITY LOCATIONS

10 Years:

John Ardell	M.C. Knoll School, Yorkton
Joan Barron	Kamsack Comprehensive Institute
Amy Bishop	Columbia School, Yorkton
Lee Bowes	Kamsack Comprehensive Institute
Tanya Breitreuz	Yorkdale Central School, Yorkton
Barry Calanchie	Yorkton Bus Garage
Annette Callfas	Melville Comprehensive School
Melissa Chorneyko	Norquay School
Nicole Clarke	Churchbridge Public School
Tammy Danylko	Dr. Brass School, Yorkton
Jackie Grant	M.C. Knoll School, Yorkton
Luann Haas	M. C. Knoll School, Yorkton
Rita Herperger	School Counsellor, Langenburg
Lisa-Marie Kitch	Davison/Miller Schools, Melville
Darren Kitsch	Kamsack Comprehensive Institute
Robyn Lang	Davison School, Melville
Ronda Lasko	Fort Livingstone School, Pelly
Brandy Lechner	Davison School, Melville
Sherry Miles	Davison School, Melville
Amber Moore	Melville Comprehensive School
Darla Nashiem	Davison School, Melville
Heidi Paterson	Preeceville School

Kristen Peterson
Shawna Rosowsky
Kelsey Seerey
Donna Simpson-Domres
Greg Thomas
Bonnie Trowell
Dean Turchinetz
Trudy Tuttle
Ryley Wawryk

Sturgis Composite High School
Columbia School, Yorkton
Sturgis Composite High School
Columbia School, Yorkton
Kamsack Comprehensive Institute
Yorkton Regional High School
Springside School
Fort Livingstone School, Pelly
Yorkton Regional High School

15 Years:

Kipp Bayer
Tara Blosha
Kathryn Brunskill
Keri Elmy
Mark Federuik
Terry Gendur
Jody Harman
Rick Heise
Tim Kempton
David Langley
Martin Leis
Perry Ostapowich
Donna Sawatzky
Tricia Shankowsky
Alan Sharp
Jodi Stewart
Pamela Werle

Sturgis Composite High School
Fort Livingstone School, Pelly
Macdonald School, Stockholm
Melville Comprehensive School
Maintenance Garage, Sturgis
Yorkdale Central School, Yorkton
School Counsellor, Yorkton
Esterhazy High School
Langenburg High School
Yorkton Regional High School
Kamsack Comprehensive Institute
Yorkton Regional High School
Kamsack Comprehensive Institute
Fort Livingstone School, Pelly
Administration Office, Yorkton
M.C. Knoll, Yorkton
Churchbridge Public School

20 Years:

Adam Fetsch
Bradley Hanson
Laurel Kentel
Cindy Potter
Joanne Schwartz

Yorkton Bus Garage
Yorkton Bus Garage
Churchbridge Public School
P.J. Gillen School, Esterhazy
Kamsack Comprehensive Institute

25 Years:

Wayne Clark
Valerie Gendreau
Cathy Gerhardt
Michele Haczkewicz
Carol Hollinger
Patricia Holtkamp
Donna Kriger
Christine Lansford
Elmer Litzenberger
Christine Mitschke
Kelly Perepeluk-Niecker
Anita Varga
Shelly Westberg
Perry Yelle

Yorkton Regional High School
Yorkton Regional High School
Grayson School
Speech-Language Pathologist, Yorkton
Churchbridge Public School
Calder School
Administration Office, Yorkton
Melville Comprehensive School
Melville Bus Garage
Hoffman School, Macdonald
Canora Composite School
Yorkton Bus Garage
School Counsellor, Yorkton Regional High School
Melville Bus Garage

30 Years:

Bernice Berscheid	Yorkton Regional High School
Jo-Ann Erhardt	Saltcoats School
Edmond Frazer	Esterhazy High School
Jo-Ann Graves	Yorkton Bus Garage
Roger Herman	Yorkton Bus Garage
Shelly King-Kaminsky	Preeceville School
Cynthia Landstad	Yorkdale Central School, Yorkton
Glenda Lazurko	Columba School, Yorkton
Brenda Ortynsky	Yorkdale Central School, Yorkton
Brian Rosenmeyer	Yorkton Bus Garage
Donna-Marie Sugden	P.J. Gillen School, Esterhazy
Betty Tomilin	Canora Junior Elementary School
Sharon Ward	Yorkton Bus Garage

35 Years:

Ralph Hilderman	Kamsack Bus Garage
Bernice McKen	Columbia School, Yorkton
Marlene Palaniuk	Sturgis Bus Garage
Terry Zawislak	Sturgis Elementary School

Note: Retirees reached years of service level the year previous while still employed with GSSD.

The Good Spirit School Division Board of Education would like to congratulate all graduates and student of distinction award winners and extend best wishes on a bright and promising future. We are very proud of our staff and their accomplishments and look forward to continuing our collaborative work into 2015.

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The Good Spirit School Division provides education opportunities to over 6,000 students operating 28 schools in 17 communities throughout East Central Saskatchewan. Caring for children in a supportive environment is as important as offering excellence in educational programming. Our public schools value belonging, respect, responsibility, learning and nurturing by ensuring "Students Come First".

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