

Arts Recognition Awards – Winners 2004-05

The following thirteen individuals and schools have been deemed worthy of receiving the Arts Recognition Awards for 2004-2005 given out by the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

Staff Awards

Elementary Drama Award – Barb Friesen – Goulbourn Middle School

As the Integrated Arts teacher at Goulbourn Middle School, Barb organized her students and a large portion of the staff for an elaborate production of “The Wizard of Oz”. She coached the students in acting and singing and guided others in set, costume and prop preparation. Her expertise, patience and diligence resulted in a thrilling production for the whole Goulbourn community.

Elementary Music Award – Phil Nolan – Henry Larsen Elementary School

Phil’s approach to teaching highlights a number of important traits of a successful educator – consistency, inclusiveness, firmness, fairness, high expectations for achievement, a variety of approaches, appropriate support, and all of it spiced with a generous amount of fun. His list of music groups and support activities for the music program at H.L.E.S is truly impressive.

Elementary Visual Arts Award – Lise Seguin – Elgin Street Public School

Lise is dedicated to teaching fine arts to her students at Elgin Street Public School. Her art lessons, bulletin boards and displays are an inspiration to the whole school. She is always ready to help in a multitude of artistic endeavours which make the school a joy to attend.

Secondary Drama Award – Paul Griffin – Canterbury High School

Paul is a highly dedicated and knowledgeable teacher who has taught in the Arts Canterbury program for many years. He has a perception and intuitive ability to mentor, both in his classes and during the countless hours spent in rehearsal for the endless stream of dramatic productions throughout the year. He possesses an ability to give guidance and direction to his students allowing them to grow into capable, independent, mature individuals.

Secondary Music Award – Deb Flynn – Merivale High School

As well as leading a number of award-winning music groups at Merivale, Deb has supervised the music for several spectacular stage musicals. She has accompanied her students to perform at DisneyWorld in Florida and instituted new and popular courses in guitar, vocal music and beginners’ instrumental music. Deb is currently in Saskatchewan on a

year's leave of absence. Accepting the award on her behalf is Irv Osterer, head of Fine Arts at Merivale H.S.

Secondary Visual Arts Awards There are two recipients for this award this year: **Michael Goodson of John McCrae S. S.** and **Joanna Swim of Colonel By Sec. School.**

Michael Goodson's students display a highly commendable array of drawings and paintings throughout the halls of John McCrae Secondary School. The styles range from realistic to abstract, from painterly to linear. Having impressive talent himself as an artist, he is able to inspire his students to heights they never thought possible.

Joanna Swim at Colonel By S.S. also inspires her students to unexpected heights with very creative projects. Two of these - the Firestone Show with pieces reflective of those at the Ottawa Art Gallery, and the IB2 Art Exhibition, with pieces culminating from the four year art program – gave her graduating class of last year such artistic excitement that the class nominated her for this award.

School and Community Awards

Elementary Event Awards There are two recipients for this award this year: **Hawthorne Public School** for their ***Hawthorne Music Recital***, **Tracey Heard, organizer**, and **Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School** for ***Artrageous '05***, **Kathy Smith, Sue LaForge, and Lauralee Comeau, coordinators.**

As a "beacon school", Hawthorne received a \$10,000 grant to purchase wind instruments for its students and initiate a music program. Music teacher Tracey Heard organized the first-ever **Hawthorne Music Recital** featuring 213 individual performances over three nights. The gymnasium was transformed into a coffee house for parents and community members to appreciate the students' newfound skills. Accepting the award for Hawthorne P.S is Tracey Heard.

The annual **Artrageous Art Fair** showcases the incredible artistic talent of every single Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School student from JK to 6 – all 830 of them! Teachers Kathy Smith and Sue LaForge and parent Lauralee Comeau led the team of teachers and parents to display the treasured student work ranging in media from papier maché to watercolour to painted shoes. With the ACES choir providing background entertainment the community was able to appreciate the results of the strong focus on arts education at Adrienne Clarkson. Accepting the award for Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School is Kathy Smith, Sue LaForge and Lauralee Comeau.

Secondary Event Award – Brookfield High School’s *Waves of Hope Benefit Concert* – Jeannie Hunter, coordinator

In response to the disastrous Asian tsunami which took place during the Christmas vacation, Jeannie Hunter organized a benefit concert early in January in only nine days. Brookfield’s musical groups were joined by several other groups from the Ottawa region with Saul Jacobson from Magic 100 as MC. The \$1500 raised that night was donated to the Red Cross for relief projects. Accepting the award for Brookfield High School is Jeannie Hunter.

Leadership Award - Reg Lavergne, Osgoode Township H.S.

Reg Lavergne as Head of Social Sciences leads by example. He conducts a variety of extracurricular bands and musical groups taking them to the feeder schools to promote Osgoode Township High School and its arts program. His groups are active participants at assemblies, grade eight parents’ night, bandathons and pep rallies. His award winning students represent the school at band competitions and music festivals around the country.

Community Award – Catherine Carroll – volunteer at Castor Valley E.S.

Catherine has devoted many hours of her time to Castor Valley Elementary School to promote and integrate the Arts. She was responsible for the implementation of two outstanding programs: “*Partenaires in lecture*” to promote literacy and French literature to all levels of students, and the C.V.E.S. Arts Field Trip Program to bus students to a variety of arts activities in the Ottawa region throughout the year.

Marjorie Loughrey Lifetime Achievement Award

- Jean Buchanan – Bells Corners Public School

Throughout her career as an elementary school teacher from the early 1970s to 2005, Jean Buchanan introduced and utilized music in the classroom as an innovative way to enhance learning of the curriculum. Prompted by her strong belief in the importance of music in elementary education, Mrs. Buchanan formed and led numerous school choirs, wrote and directed musicals for elementary students, instructed fellow teachers in the creation of music programs and involved students in the wider musical community by arranging for their attendance at concerts and community events, and inviting professional musicians and groups into the school. Her career took her from Huntley Centennial Public School to DND Baden Soellingen, West Germany, to the Education Dept. of the University of Ottawa, to Leslie Park Public School and finally to Bells Corners Public School from which she retired in June 2005. Her passion and enthusiasm has influenced countless students over the years.