

Arts Recognition Awards – Winners 2005-06

The following fifteen individuals and schools have been deemed worthy of receiving the Arts Recognition Awards for 2005-2006 given out by the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

Staff Awards

Elementary Dance Award – Lisa Levitan is an Early French Immersion teacher at Castor Valley Elementary School. Starting in January, Lisa coordinated and supervised a lunch hour dance club with approximately 200 students from grades 1 to 8. Working with various groups of students she choreographed 9 different dance numbers representing styles from jazz to ballroom culminating in a fantastic afternoon performance complete with costumes and music in mid May.

Elementary Integration of the Arts Award – The ROAR Committee(Reach Out Against Racism) from Robert Bateman Public School comprised of staff members **Robyn Warren, Jennifer Leslie, Andrea Best, Elizabeth Doering** and **Dahir Waberi** along with a team of 11 students organized writing and art activities in which the entire student body took part aimed at celebrating cultural diversity and eliminating racism. A huge art piece created by all the students was presented to the South African High Commissioner and a school pledge in the form of an enormous banner hung for several weeks in the OCDSB Board office at Greenbank.

Elementary Media Arts Award – Roger Lemelin, the Visual Arts teacher, and **Michael Partridge**, the computer teacher from Emily Carr Middle School collaborated on a project for their grade 8 art and computer students that spanned many months. Using the digital program I-Movie, students created claymation films starting with scripting and building of models and finishing with trailers and web pages to advertise their animated movies.

Elementary Music (Primary/Junior) Award – Betty Anne Malloff from Alta Vista Public School each year expends great energy and enthusiasm in producing a series of musical entertainments with her primary and junior classes using French as well as English materials to challenge her students.

Elementary Music (Intermediate) Award – Claire Sirois is unanimously nominated by parents, staff, students and former students from Huntley Centennial Public School as a truly exceptional intermediate music teacher who has inspired her students to achieve their best through a multi-faceted approach to learning. Her award winning ensembles have thrilled the school and community with their popular selections.

Elementary Visual Arts Award – Marnie Patterson, while teaching art last year at Castor Valley Elementary School took her students through a variety of projects and then coordinated other teachers, classes and parent volunteers to bring about the first ever “CastArt” evening to display the fine talents of the school for the whole community to enjoy. Marnie is acting Vice-Principal this year at W.E.Gowling Public School.

Secondary Drama Award – Evan Mochizuki is the lead Drama teacher at Merivale High School where he directs or coordinates one-act plays, Shakespeare productions, Improv Olympics, Remembrance Day presentations, and, of course, award winning musical productions like last year’s *Lucky Stiff* which was nominated for 13 Cappies awards.

Secondary Integration of Arts Award – Sheila Williams teaches students with physical exceptionality at the Ottawa Technical Learning Centre. This year a major project in her art class was the design, production, marketing and distribution of colourful glasswork jewellery, vases and bowls through which they utilized skills such as planning, fine motor function, literacy, mathematics, science and life skills.

Secondary Media Arts – Stephen Willcock teaches the popular Communication Technology courses at Canterbury High School. The powerful videos and radio PSAs of his students have garnered top awards by the City of Ottawa, OCDSB, OSSTF and gained provincial, national and international recognition in recent competitions in such areas as anti-racism, drug related sexual assault and workplace safety and have been used by The Ottawa Police and the National Crime Prevention Centre.

Secondary Music Award – Michele LePage is lead music teacher at Merivale High School where she introduced a steel pan program and earned a national gold medal for her Vocal Jazz. Her bands continue to perform in the community and feeder schools, host several school concerts, and this year, play for the award winning production of *Lucky Stiff*.

Secondary Visual Arts Awards – Kim Barclay from Merivale High School teaches the senior visual classes and has introduced a popular ceramics course as well as coordinating the Art Club, the annual Art Show and working on sets for the school musicals.

School and Community Awards

Elementary Event Award – The Aquarium Project from Rockcliffe Park Public School resulted in a Grade 6 class creating a mural to fill a 3-story stairwell with a marine biology motif. Under the guidance of teachers and parent volunteers the students researched the various levels of marine life, collected pictures and designed and painted the walls. The grand opening was an event attended by parents and school alike.

Secondary Event Award – The production of **Bye Bye Birdie** at Nepean High School, produced and directed by Caroline Coltman and Jeff Kanter, with musical direction by Rocco Romeo, involved over 100 students on stage and behind the scenes and 24 staff members coordinating all aspects of the high quality, elaborate show. This was truly an event for the entire school.

Community Award – The Music Parents’ Council of Earl of March Secondary School give exceptional support to the large Music Department by organizing a myriad of fund raising projects and provide over \$40,000 for student needs and trips. Countless hours were spent holding meetings, baking cookies, holding raffles or auctions, chaperoning and supervising at music events.

Marjorie Loughrey Lifetime Achievement Award – **Trudy Bradley** retired from Lisgar Collegiate Institute this June after a 40 year career as a Music Educator, 24 of those years having been spent at Lisgar. Through her drive and talents she has given each of her students the tools and passion to make music part of their everyday life for the future. Whether it be conducting prize-winning ensembles, organizing trips abroad, planning conferences, mentoring student teachers or simply making her classroom a place where students love to come, Trudy has excelled. Her dedication was acknowledged with the Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence in 1999-2000.