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# Grade 8 Award of Excellence

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#### Westgate CVI

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#### Ian MacRae

Lakehead District School Board | Director of Education

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#### Hannah Smith

Lakehead District School Board | Student Trustee

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#### Deborah Massaro

Lakehead District School Board | Chair

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#### Deborah Massaro

Lakehead District School Board | Chair

#### Jeff Howie

Executive Assistant | Office of Bill Mauro MPP

#### Crystal Caputo

Assistant | Office of Michael Gravelle MPP

#### Clint Harris

Lakehead Public Schools Foundation | Chair

### Presentation of the Awards

#### Erin Aylward

Lakehead District School Board | Principal

#### Dave Paddington

Lakehead District School Board | Teacher

### Photographs

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## **Lakehead Public Schools is committed to the success of every student.**

Success comes in many forms and is different for each student. Every student who attends Lakehead Public Schools has the opportunity to experience success. Through innovative programs provided by highly trained and professional staff in clean and secure schools, our students are able to begin their lifelong journey of learning and personal growth.

Lakehead Public Schools is very proud to support the Award of Excellence, inspired by Walter Poshtar. Walter Poshtar was a teacher, vice principal, and principal for the Fort William Board of Education mainly at the Intermediate level. Mr. Poshtar saw Grade 8 students as vital, inquisitive, caring, and above all, involved in life itself. The key requirements of the Grade 8 Poshtar Award, achievement and citizenship, continue to be integral components of this award.

The Grade 8 Award of Excellence recognizes individuals who have achieved high standards of academic excellence as well as demonstrated leadership within the school and our community. These students truly personify the Lakehead Public Schools values of:

- **Integrity**
- **Acceptance**
- **Empathy**
- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**

Studies prove that students are more successful in school when they are supported by their parents and guardians. Our celebration this evening is a testament to the dedication of the parents and guardians of the students being honoured. Thank you, families and extended families, for your ongoing support and encouragement of your child's education now and into the future.

We are here to celebrate the successes of these outstanding Grade 8 students and wish them well in their future aspirations. These students will have an everlasting impact on our schools and our community.

**Congratulations to the students, families, and educators!**

Agnew H. Johnston Public School

*Ciara Liddicoat*



**At Agnew H. Johnston School we are proud to have selected Ciara Liddicoat as our recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence. Since first joining us in JK, Ciara demonstrated true 'Bulldog' character. Ciara always is thinking of others. She is a role model for those around her.**

Ciara not only willingly accepts additional responsibilities, she seeks them out. In addition to her involvement in school sports teams, she manages the pizza sales, and is a member of the Math Olympics team. As part of the Agnew Leadership Team, Ciara helps lead assemblies. She creates monthly slideshows and ensures the technology is working.

Not only is Ciara an active member of our school community – she is also an active member of the greater community. She volunteers with Thunder Bay Shiners with their special events as well as volunteering at the Masonic Lodge.

Even with her involvement in all of her activities, Ciara maintains high academic standards in both French and English languages. Her world knowledge allows her to contribute and educate others on any topic of discussion. Currently she is completing a Grade 9 technology credit at Sir Winston Churchill. She does all of this as well as hold a part-time job.

We are extremely proud of Ciara's accomplishments and thank her for her contributions to Agnew H. Johnston School. We know that she will continue to have success next year in the French Immersion program at Hammarskjold High School and wherever her future leads.

**Congratulations Ciara!**

Algonquin Avenue Public School

*Bradly Smith*



**Algonquin is pleased to present Bradly Smith as this year's recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence. The strong core values instilled in Brad at home and school are very evident in his interactions with Algonquin staff and students, in the completion of school work, and in his participation in school and community activities.**

Brad has been extremely active in every aspect of school life. He consistently demonstrates strong work habits, critical thinking, and high achievement in all subjects. Brad possesses excellent literacy, math, and science skills. He has been a valuable volunteer within the school by helping with breakfast club, milk sales, and hot dog days. In addition, he is a regular participant in the Circle of Friends Program for the Multi-needs class and has helped run primary intramurals.

In the community, Brad shows great citizenship by assisting an elderly neighbour with his weekly chores. As well, he is an active member with the Medical Cadets and is part of the St. John Ambulance's Youth Team that will participate in the provincial medical competition this May. Brad has acquired his Standard First Aid and Bronze Cross and now regularly volunteers with swimming instruction at the Canada Games Complex.

Brad will continue to strive for academic excellence in high school and work towards achieving his goal of becoming a physician.

**Congratulations Brad!**

Armstrong Elementary Public School

*Sierra King*



**Armstrong Elementary is proud to announce Sierra King as the 2016 recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence.**

Since arriving at Armstrong Public School Sierra has been committed to her involvement in the school community. She currently lives in Gull Bay First Nation with her parents and four siblings. Next year Sierra will be moving to Thunder Bay in order to attend Superior CVI.

Throughout her time at Armstrong Public School, Sierra has shown great growth and has been involved in many activities within the school. Through her work on the Student Council she has worked hard to plan Spirit Days and helped out at school events like Ski Day and the Christmas Concert. Her caring personality can also be seen as she watches out for her younger siblings who look up to her as a role model. Sierra comes to school every day ready to learn and seeks challenges in order to help prepare for high school. Sierra has a positive attitude and if you ask any of the staff who work at Armstrong Public School they will tell you that it has been a pleasure to teach her. Sierra works very hard in class and is constantly going back to improve her work when given feedback. Quite an avid reader she has read some very complex articles discussing politics and foreign affairs.

Her desire to learn new things matched with her hard work and openness to feedback will make Sierra a future leader. I am proud of Sierra's improvements this year and it has been an honour to have her in my class.

**Congratulations Sierra!**

Claude E. Garton Public School

*Holly Salem*



**At Claude E. Garton Public School, we are proud to have chosen Holly Salem as our recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence. Lucky for us she arrived at our school when she was in Grade 5. Her impact was felt immediately.**

Holly is an active participant in life and has shared her time and expertise with people in her community. She helped young children learn the sport of soccer by teaching them skills and coaching them during games. She has been volunteering at the Lakehead Elementary Athletics Junior Soccer tournament.

At school, Holly willingly accepts additional responsibilities and completes her tasks efficiently. In 2014 she won the Junior Award of Excellence at the NWO Regional Science Fair. She went on to participate in the Canada-wide Science Festival.

Holly is the embodiment of the values of integrity, acceptance, empathy, respect, and responsibility. Completing work to the best of her ability is something that she strives for on a daily basis. She willingly assists any student in need whether it is with an academic problem or a social matter. Her actions show that respecting others and being the best she can be is important to her. Holly is a model of excellence both academically and socially.

**We are proud of her accomplishments and thank her for her contributions to Claude E. Garton Public School. We are confident that wherever she heads next, she will make it a better place. She has done that here.**

**Congratulations Holly!**

Crestview Public School

*Ben Fedoruk*



The staff of Crestview School are proud to recognize Ben Fedoruk as their Award of Excellence recipient for the 2015-2016 school year. Ben has proven, over his past 10 years at Crestview, that he is an excellent student and valuable community member that embodies the core values we look for in our youth.

Ben is an excellent student. In class, he maintains an A average and always strives to improve upon his work. Throughout the school, he has been a student leader. His daily efforts in our Active Playgrounds Program, Newspaper Delivery and Audio-Visual Team have proven invaluable in helping to create an atmosphere at Crestview of community and student involvement. His additional help with the milk stand, snack shack and volunteering during and after events show that he is an integral part of our school community.

Outside of school, Ben is active with his own interests but still finds time to help others. He is highly involved with Scouts Canada and has recently earned the Chief Scout's Award. In addition, he is an Alter Server with his church and is participating in the Teens in Training Program hoping to later volunteer with the city of Thunder Bay as well as Adventurers' Camp.

When one thinks of all that Ben does academically, for his school and for his community, it's easy to see why he is Crestview's choice to receive Lakehead Public Schools' Grade 8 Award of Excellence.

**Congratulations and we wish Ben continued success in the future.**

École Gron Morgan Public School

*Sibley Duckert*



Staff and students of Gron Morgan are extremely proud to introduce Sibley Duckert as our 2016 Award of Excellence recipient. Sibley is a good friend, a straight A student, an amazing athlete, and a true leader in the school. We will miss her, but our loss is definitely Hammarskjold's gain!

Throughout her time at Gron Morgan, Sibley has impressed staff and students, both academically and with her involvement in extracurricular activities. She is a voracious reader, a straight-A French Immersion student and has been a member of almost every school sports team. Outside of school, Sibley cross-country skis at a high level (she has been a medalist at provincial championships), plays right wing for the Queens Bantam A hockey team, rock climbs, plays the piano and volunteers at Fort William Historical Park, the Humane Society and St. Joseph's Heritage. Never one to settle for "good enough", she strives constantly to be her absolute best.

As Sibley prepares to move on to what is sure to be a busy and successful high school career, she already has her sights set on continuing both her education and involvement in sports. One of her goals after graduation is to be selected as a member of the University of Wisconsin Badgers women's hockey team. We have no doubt that she will succeed.

**Congratulations Sibley!**

Edgewater Park Public School

*Evan Murray*



Edgewater Park School is pleased to present Evan Murray as this year's recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence.

Evan personifies the outstanding qualities associated with this award: academic achievement, involvement in the school and community, leadership skills, and the Lakehead Public Schools core values of integrity, acceptance, empathy, respect, and responsibility.

Evan demonstrates a high level of responsibility and initiative with respect to his academic studies. He consistently puts forth his best effort on all assignments and completes them with time and care. Evan is currently taking a Grade 9 Business course after school at Churchill.

Evan holds the position of co-president of student council this year. With this role, he has the opportunity to lead fundraising initiatives, advertise school spirit days, and be the voice of his peers. He has taken on additional responsibilities within the school including morning announcements, bus buddy, pizza sales, school dances, and yearbook committee. Evan has volunteered to attend evening movie nights and a craft night held at the school as well as the Kindergarten registration night at the Valhalla Inn.

In the community, Evan has volunteered for over 140 hours at the Thunder Bay Humane Society and RFDA. Some of his hobbies include baseball, downhill skiing, basketball and playing piano.

Next year, Evan will be attending Churchill. His interest in helping others, participating in events, and public speaking skills will provide many opportunities for him in the future.

**We congratulate Evan Murray on receiving this award and wish him great success in the future!**

Five Mile Public School

*Kayla Levata*



**Our Five Mile family would like to congratulate Kayla Levata on her Grade 8 Award of Excellence!**

During her time at Five Mile, Kayla taught herself sign language to communicate with a non-verbal student, won a writing competition about her "Heart Hero" mother, helped fundraise to keep the Humane Society open and started a "Golden Girls" Cupcake Club to raise money for school playground equipment. In Grade 6, she won the Eric Riegle Memorial Award for kindness, honesty and integrity. For the last two years, Kayla has been an executive Student Council member. She reads our school's morning announcements, ran a bake sale and dance-a-thon for Valentine's Day, is creating the graduation slideshow and produced a video about how students can make a difference at our school.

Outside of school, she is a part of the NOSA New Shooters Association, and is a junior shooter herself as well as a volunteer with younger participants. This summer, she will begin working with the animals at the Humane Society.

Kayla is an excellent, well-rounded student who enjoys learning and loves to be challenged. She will begin the Advanced Placement Program next year in Grade 9.

Our core values are apparent in Kayla at all times. She is a non-judgmental, accepting person who is working toward full gender equality for women by embracing the "Global Goals: It's Time for Girls" initiative, and supporting the "Poverty is Sexist" campaign. We are certain that Kayla will continue to make a positive impact in her school and community! **Congratulations Kayla!**

Gorham & Ware Community Public School

*Richard Lindsey*



Gorham and Ware Community School is pleased to present the Grade 8 Award of Excellence to Richard Lindsey. Richard has emerged as a quiet leader within the classroom and the school community. He is an excellent representative of all the core values of integrity, acceptance, empathy, respect and responsibility.

Richard is the first to volunteer for any job and does it with pride and enthusiasm. From leading his House of Wolves group to traveling to Toronto with his Church Youth Group, Richard ensures every person is involved and having a good time. His work ethic is evident in all academic areas. Other students frequently look to Richard for guidance and help when needed.

**Congratulations Richard and good luck next year in high school.**



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Kakabeka Falls District Public School

*Paige Dunne*



The staff and students of Kakabeka Falls District Public School are extremely pleased to recognize Paige Dunne as the recipient of the 2015-2016 Grade 8 Award of Excellence.

Paige can be counted on to always lend a helping hand at Kakabeka Falls Public School. Throughout our school week, she is counted on to perform our daily announcements; she regularly participates in our Learning Buddy Program, making sure that her partner is engaged and learning. In addition, she consistently helps out our staff in many ways; she counts money and organizes pizza sales, and is involved in many fundraisers to help those in need. She has participated in the Human Foosball tournament for Habitat for Humanity, and took on the Polar Plunge this year just to name a few. Paige eagerly plans many school activities and has led assemblies, assisted teachers on set up for play days, along with organizing teams enabling success for all students in our school community. In the classroom, Paige demonstrates a love of learning and a passion and a drive to always work to the best of her ability. She treats all staff and individuals in our building with the utmost respect. She always assists her peers without being prompted and works well with all individuals in our class.

Paige volunteers at her dance studio helping the younger dancers; she has been a top fundraiser for The Run for the Cure in the past, a cause near and dear to her heart. Kakabeka Falls Public School cannot wait to see what the future holds for Paige.

**Congratulations Paige!**



Kingsway Park Public School

*Maddy Rapley*



The staff and students of Kingsway Park Public School are extremely pleased to recognize Maddy Rapley as the recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence for the 2015-2016 school year. Maddy's confident and kind nature make her the perfect recipient for this prestigious award. She demonstrates consistent involvement in school activities balancing this well with an unfaltering dedication towards striving for academic excellence.

Maddy works diligently and perseveres to complete each and every task she undertakes. She is a voracious reader and writer who is always seeking to improve her understanding of all subject matter. Maddy is seen as a mentor by her peers and is always willing to help others.

Maddy demonstrates initiative within our school community. As co-president of our student council, she has led the school in a variety of spirit days, assemblies, and fundraising activities. On behalf of our intermediate students, Maddy successfully applied for a Speak Up grant which will be funding an extensive learning opportunity for our students through the construction of a birch bark canoe. She is an active member of our singing club and concert band, performing at numerous school functions and representing Kingsway Park very well at performances at City Hall and in the Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts. Maddy was part of Piper's Plungin' Panthers, in the Polar Bear Plunge, which raises money for Special Olympics Ontario. Her patience and understanding of design led her team to success in Skills Ontario's Cardboard Boat Race Challenge.

Outside of school, Maddy is involved in a variety of activities. She takes vocal lessons and participated in numerous categories in the Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts. She plays the saxophone, ukulele, and guitar and can often be found reading, painting, or drawing.

We at Kingsway Park are extremely proud of Maddy, her motivated and energetic nature not only encourages, but inspires everyone. We are confident that she will achieve success in all she pursues. We congratulate you, we will miss you, and we wish you the best of luck in the future.

**Well done, Maddy!**

McKellar Park Central Public School

*Britney Harvey*



The staff and students of McKellar Park School are extremely pleased to recognize Britney Harvey as the recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence for the 2015-2016 school year. Britney is an excellent role model for students in all areas, including academics, athletics, the arts and community involvement. She shows an unwavering dedication towards her school and her peers.

Britney is a respectful, responsible, and trustworthy individual who is a big part of our school community. She is a member of our Ambassador Club which represents the student body, and is actively involved in volunteering throughout the school.

Britney has many strengths, one of which is her work ethic. This work ethic is demonstrated outside of the classroom as Britney is the athletic leader on our sports teams. She is also involved in Tae Kwon Do outside of school. Britney is very talented when it comes to The Arts, as she loves to express herself through music. Britney finished 1st in this year's High School Idol Grade 7/8 Division! Britney will bring this passion to high school as she plans to take music/vocal classes as well as participate in school musicals.

Britney is very responsible and focused on her academic growth in all subject areas. Her ability to focus on a task and see it through to the best of her ability has allowed her to become a high level student. Britney's efforts and dedication to her school work are exemplary and something she should be very proud of. In the future, Britney plans to attend post-secondary education and travel to Asia as she is very interested in the Asian culture.

We at McKellar Park are extremely proud of Britney and all her accomplishments. Her motivation and risk-taking is infectious and inspires those around her. She will definitely be missed at our school. We are confident that Britney will be successful wherever her path may lead. **We congratulate you Britney, and wish you the best of luck in the future!**



**The staff and students of Nor'wester View School are extremely pleased and proud to present Sierra Gaudreau as the recipient of the Grade Eight Award of Excellence for 2015/2016. She exemplifies the academic, leadership, and citizenship qualities that are required to receive this prestigious award.**

Throughout her years at Nor'wester View, Sierra has maintained an excellent academic record. She is an extremely dedicated young woman who sets high expectations and diligently works towards achieving her goals. Sierra works well both independently and with others and is always willing to help her peers as well as staff. Sierra is an outstanding writer, who produces advanced pieces that consistently exceed required expectations.

Sierra is an active participant in the life of Nor'wester View School. She demonstrates excellent leadership skills in the classroom and in school activities. She is involved in the Peace Tree Committee, helping in the office, helps to organize hot lunches, morning announcements and Fun Days at the school. Sierra participates in most school sports, plays the Tenor Saxophone in the Grade Eight band and takes guitar lessons at the school.

Sierra volunteers at St. Thomas Anglican Church at the Food Cupboard and serves and presents readings, as well as volunteers for the local Highland Dancing Association and for PAMHA in their IP1 program

It is with great pride and pleasure that the staff and students of Nor'wester View School congratulate Sierra on her achievements. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

**Congratulations, Sierra!**



Sir Winston Churchill (7-12)

*Sydney Height*

**Sir Winston Churchill is very proud to introduce Sydney Height, the recipient of the Award of Excellence for 2016. Sydney is a leader amongst her peers in the Hub and demonstrates integrity, respect and responsibility in all of her academic, extracurricular, and volunteer endeavors.**

Sydney is a very motivated student who displays a positive attitude toward learning. She sets high standards for herself and excels in her studies. She is very respectful and considerate of others and enthusiastically displays a love for life.

Sydney is very involved in school activities and was selected this year as co - president on the elementary student council. She volunteers her time and brings much enthusiasm, determination and energy to the role. She participates on many sports teams, representing Churchill at many competitions.

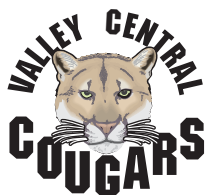
At the community level, she gives freely of her time and energy to others. She was a participant/volunteer in the 30 hour famine and collected canned goods for World Vision. She also took part in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure in 2014 and 2015.

Outside of school, she can often be found following her passion in the community. One of her great passions is dance. She has been at the Fay Gleeson Dance Centre for the past six years and she has trained and competed locally, provincially and internationally in events.

**We feel that Sydney demonstrates very well the qualities worthy of a recipient of the Award of Excellence. Congratulations!**

Valley Central Public School

*Ewan Stewart*



**Valley Central School is pleased to present Ewan Stewart as the 2016 recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence. Ewan demonstrates a commitment to all areas of his learning and is actively involved in events throughout the school and community.**

Ewan is a hard working student. He achieves academic success, not only through his abilities, but also from his strong work ethic. Ewan's positive attitude has earned him the respect of his fellow students and teachers.

Ewan demonstrates leadership throughout the school. He has participated in many extra-curricular activities and is currently one of our student co-chairpersons on Student Council. He has helped with the younger students in various situations in the classroom, throughout the school and on the playground. Ewan provides wonderful role modeling opportunities by demonstrating proper behaviour and always having a pleasant, cheerful attitude. He is a student who is a friend to all and encourages his peers to always do their best.

Ewan is an active member of the community. He has helped with his running community in the canteen and as a timer for the various races. He was responsible for creating a music playlist for the Sleeping Giant Loppet, and is often the starter for various swim meets at the Canada Games Complex. Recently, Ewan attended the NWOSSA Leadership conference here in Thunder Bay. He participates in sports, the arts and helps people in the school and the community whenever he can.

We are proud of Ewan for many reasons, and he will be missed at our school next year. However, we know that whatever experiences he will encounter, Ewan will be successful in high school and in his future endeavours.

**Congratulations Ewan!**

Vance Chapman Public School

*Michelle Cao*



**Vance Chapman is proud to present Michelle Cao as this year's recipient. Michelle is a leader and role model in her school, as well as in the community. Her caring and compassionate nature shines through everyday by advocating for others in need.**

Within her school community, Michelle started volunteering in school activities at an early age and has demonstrated her natural ability and grace to be a leader and a role model. She is part of our Student Council, is an active member of all our school sports teams, and is the leader of our graduation and decorating committees. Michelle is planning our school Spring Clean Up, where the whole school is organized to clean up our school and our neighbourhood. Michelle is a conscientious student who always tries her best. She always advocates for everyone and is inclusive in her actions.

Michelle is involved in many activities outside of school. Michelle is in Grade 3 piano and participates in recitals. For five years, Michelle has been an avid curler, where she participates in a Junior club in Kakabeka Falls. She volunteers at the Dragon Boat Festival, and is planning to volunteer at Animal Services and the Humane Society this summer. Michelle loves traveling and has been as far as China. She loves to experience new cultures, experiences, and she plans to join the travel club in high school.

Michelle strives for excellence in everything she does. She sets high expectations for herself to achieve her academic goals. Michelle currently maintains a 90% average, and last term achieved 95% in Mathematics, and a 90% in English. She plans to attend Superior CVI and will enrol in AP Mathematics and AP English. Michelle wants to work hard to get a scholarship to a university, where she can pursue courses such as psychology and medical services.

**Congratulations Michelle!**

Westmount Public School

*Brooklyn Petrunak*



Westmount School is proud to announce Brooklyn Petrunak as the 2016 recipient of the Grade 8 Award of Excellence. Brooklyn has, throughout her time at Westmount, demonstrated outstanding dedication and a desire to succeed in her education.

Brooklyn consistently exemplifies all of Lakehead Public School's Character traits and core values – Integrity, Acceptance, Empathy, Respect and Responsibility. This was clearly evident in how many of her peers nominated and wrote letters of support for Brooklyn for this award. She always demonstrates a strong sense of empathy and acceptance of her peers, and this respect that she shows for all staff and students makes her a strong and effective leader. Her work habits and involvement in the school, as well as her constant willingness to help out staff and her peers, make her a great example for all students in the school.

Brooklyn is extremely busy at school, as a co-chair of our student council, as a valuable member of all school sports teams, helping to maintain our school hot lunch and breakfast programs, and general involvement in all aspects of school life. She is also very involved in the community, joining after school academic and sports programs at Westgate, babysitting, dogsitting, or volunteering. She is always involved in planning and running many after hours activities and events at our school. She does all of this while maintaining outstanding academic achievement. Her desire to succeed in her academic classes is a priority, and she always manages to strive for excellence in her work despite her busy schedule.

The students and staff of Westmount School are extremely proud of Brooklyn, and have been fortunate to have her as a member of our school community. **Congratulations, Brooklyn.**

Whitefish Valley Public School

*Sarah Grieve*



On behalf of everyone here at Whitefish Valley, **WHITEFISH** I would like to congratulate our 2015-2016 Grade 8 Award of Excellence recipient – Sarah Grieve.

I would like to start by saying I have had the pleasure of coaching Sarah in all sports over the last four years and have thoroughly enjoyed watching all of her successes.

I have also had the opportunity to see Sarah succeed in the class room over the last two years as her teacher. I can honestly say Sarah is truly a kind, caring, wonderful young lady. Although Sarah strives for academic excellence, it is but a small contribution to her overall achievements. Sarah is a well-rounded individual who thrives on competition in a large variety of areas. She enjoys competing in all of the sports offered within the school system. She excels the most in track and wrestling and looks forward to baseball every spring.

Outside of the school setting, Sarah's first love is hockey. Along with her passion for sports, Sarah is an enthusiastic participant in a myriad of volunteer activities around the school and greater community. ,

Finally, Sarah's "refusal to lose" and her "desire to never settle" attitude has made her a fantastic role model for all.

**All of the staff and students of Whitefish are proud of Sarah and know that she will have nothing but success in the future. Congratulations Sarah!**

Mr. Smelow  
Grade 8 Teacher

Woodcrest Public School

*Julia Cross*



**It is with great honour that Woodcrest Public School recognizes Julia Cross as our 2016 Grade 8 Award of Excellence recipient.**

Julia is an energetic and enthusiastic student who demonstrates outstanding academic insight and curiosity. She is an eager helper and contributor within the classroom, and has been an outstanding leader in our school through her involvement with Creative Movement Jamboree, intramural soccer refereeing for younger students, and in other programs including Circle of Friends.

Outside of school, Julia's active involvement spans a broad range of interests, from her assistance with fundraising for the Regional Food Distribution Association, to volunteer work with Fort William Baptist Church's nursery. She is also a weekly volunteer with The Dog Classroom, helping to train dogs and puppies, and has volunteered as part of search and rescue efforts to locate lost animals.

Julia's main focus for several years now has been notable in its uniqueness, for Julia is a dogsledder. Her desire to pursue, learn, compete, and teach others about this truly unique sport has become an ongoing passion. Whether as a junior handler and ambassador for Boreal Journeys since 2008, a staff writer for Sled Dogger magazine, or as a junior competitor in the recent John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon where she finished 1st in the Junior Division this past January, Julia's desire to become involved has been a tremendous personal journey. In winter months, you may even see her around the Woodcrest neighbourhood, mushing her two huskies on forest trails! Without question, Julia's personal dedication and enthusiasm to growing the sport of dogsledding is admirable.

**With these wonderful qualities in mind, we congratulate Julia Cross as our 2016 Grade Eight Award of Excellence recipient.**



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What We Value

- Integrity**
- Acceptance**
- Responsibility**
- Empathy**
- Respect**



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