

Friday, March 1 2019

## Elementary Senate



Student Trustee Jaimi Plater met for the fourth time on February 25 with the Grade 7 and 8 Student Senate. The purpose of student senate is to provide elementary students with leadership skills and opportunities to learn about small and large scale advocacy.

The February 25 meeting, Jaimi and a dedicated group of high school mentors walked student senate members through the process of action planning and advocating for change at the school level.

Senate members represent most of our elementary schools as do the high school mentors. It is a great opportunity for students to learn leadership skills, meet students from other schools, and work alongside high school students.

## Opt-In Text Messaging



Parents and guardians - if you haven't signed up for our opt-in text messaging system, please consider doing so.

Since the beginning of January, the system has been used extensively to communicate weather related cancellation and closure information and safety concerns to our families. We are able to send a message to thousands of homes via text in seconds.

To opt-in to receive text messages from the school or board, text 'Yes' to 978338.

You can opt-out at any time. If you change your mind and wish to no longer receive informative text messages, text 'Stop' to 978338.

## Panther Pride Recognized



At the Tuesday, February 26 Regular Board meeting, Kingsway Park Public Schools's Carys Sabaz and Kathy Shyiak were recognized with a Trustee Character Award for their ongoing dedication to Panther Pride!

Trustee Marg Arnone provided the following speech during the presentation of the awards:

"This evening, I am very proud to have the opportunity to present this award to two very deserving staff members of Kingsway Park Public School.

Recipients of the Trustee Character Award emulate the recognized Lakehead Public Schools Character traits of:

- Integrity
- Acceptance
- Empathy
- Respect
- Responsibility

Panther Pride is evident in all that occurs at Kingsway Park Public School.

Our recipients of this award demonstrate Panther Pride and the Lakehead Public Schools Character traits in everything that they do.

Carys Sabaz, Facilitator and Kathy Shyiak, Students Support Professional helped to make the Panther's Den a room where students are always welcome.

The room is a special place at Kingsway Park that is designed for students with high needs to feel safe, loved, valued and challenged to reach their potential with academics each and every day.

Ms. Sabaz and Ms. Shyiak coach and model to students, how to interact in a positive way with their peers and adults at Kingsway Park.

The two outstanding Kingsway staff also lead a wonderful group of students known as the "Life/Social Skills" group.

The students in this group engage in activities within the school and in our community.

The students participate in numerous life skills activities including cooking and baking in the Kingsway Culinary Lab, taking the city bus to important places around the city and learning about various community partners.

The students are always learning and experiencing new things.

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The positive impact of these two incredible educators has also been felt by Kingsway Park English as a Second Language students.

The students have shown astounding growth and confidence in learning a new language, due to the tireless efforts of working with Ms. Sabaz and Ms. Shyiak

The entire Kingsway Park Public School community benefits from the efforts of Ms. Sabaz and Ms. Shyiak.”

### **OPSBA Achievement Award**



The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Achievement Award was created to recognize the outstanding contributions of non-teaching staff, parents, volunteers and community partners involved in education in the member boards.

This award provides an opportunity to raise awareness and promote the importance of celebrating excellence and the necessity of recognizing the work of all members of the education community. Recipients of the Achievement Award may be considered for the provincial OPSBA Award of Excellence.

#### Criteria

Outstanding, exemplary and/or unique contributions to the overall well-being of the school(s) or community(s) through in-school, board-wide, extra-curricular and/or volunteer work contributions.

#### Who can be nominated?

- Non-teaching staff
- Volunteers
- Parents
- Community Partners

Please include a 1-2 page biography of how your nominee meets the criteria for this award along with the attached nomination form to:

Michelle Tavares, Office of the Director  
Jim McCuaig Education Centre  
2135 Sills Street  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5T2  
Michelle\_Tavares@lakeheadschools.ca  
Fax: 622-0961

No later than 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2019.

## Trustee Awards



Trustees of the Lakehead District School Board have two awards to recognize the excellence of Lakehead Public Schools students, staff and community members.

Please contact Michelle Tavares in the Director's Office at 625-5213 or by e-mail to [Michelle\\_Tavares@lakeheadschoos.ca](mailto:Michelle_Tavares@lakeheadschoos.ca) for nomination forms for Trustee Recognition and Trustee Character Awards.

### Trustee Recognition Awards

Nomination forms are available for this year's Trustee Recognition Awards. The awards recognize outstanding achievements, effort, and excellence of students and staff of Lakehead Public Schools. Trustees present the Trustee Recognition Award once a month at the beginning of each Regular Board Meeting and Standing Committee Meeting. All candidates whose names are submitted to Trustees and who have received a regional, provincial, national or international award in the area of academics will be automatically recognized.

### Trustee Character Award

The Trustee Character Award supports and enhances Lakehead Public Schools Character Development. This award provides an opportunity to raise awareness and promote character attributes that contribute to safe and healthy school environments, promote positive interpersonal relationships, promote higher academic achievement, increase awareness of diversity, show responsible citizenship, model positive behaviour, and enhance employability, and life skills. The awards for character will be presented by Trustees to students, staff and community members of Lakehead Public Schools at Regular Board or Standing Committee Meetings.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 26 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Parent Involvement Committee	Monday, March 4 6:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee	Thursday, April 18 9:30 a.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Special Education Advisory Committee	Wednesday, March 20 6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street