



2018 Student Citizenship

Awards Ceremony

February 15th, 2018

Birtle Collegiate Gymnasium



2018 Student Citizenship Awards Banquet

The Board of Trustees of Park West School Division hosted their annual Student Citizenship Awards Banquet at the Birtle Collegiate gym on February 15th, 2018. The banquet honours students that have displayed leadership, citizenship, and social justice qualities.

The Board encourages students, teachers, and community members to submit applications based on the following criteria:

1. Volunteer service to the community, such as volunteering with health care facilities, senior citizen groups, shelters, and daycare centers.
2. Involvement in citizenship or character building organizations.
3. Participation in student government programs or activities.
4. Leadership ability to motivate others to actions to benefit the community.

The Board was pleased to receive nine individual applications and seven group applications. Each nominee was presented with a certificate and a gift to recognize their commitment to citizenship.

The Board has forwarded the winners on to the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) as our representatives for Park West. The winners chosen by MSBA will be recognized at their Convention Banquet held in March.

Congratulations to all of the nominees!

Shylo Cloud - WWS

School Sponsor – Jeanette Wilson

Community Sponsor – Brad Clearsky



Shylo is a dedicated member of the Junior Chief and Council at Waywayseecappo School. She enjoys sharing her ideas and helping other members of the council. Shylo performs with the local Pow-wow and square dancing group at the Wayway Pow-wow and also at other community Pow-wow events. Shylo said that when she dances she feels like she is carrying a part of Wayway with her.

Pictured above: Teacher Jeanette Wilson, Shylo Cloud, Trustee Dana Barteaux

Michaela Kryshewsky - SCS

School Sponsor – Mark Geekie
Community Sponsor – Cindy Dalke



As the President of the Student Council at Strathclair School Michaela helps to plan school events such as Halloweek, school dances, and activities for the elementary students during Open House. Michaela is a proud member of both the Newdale and Strathclair 4-H Clubs. She helps with the Christmas concerts, highway cleanup, and she helps with the junior members.

Pictured above: Teacher Aaron Check, Michaela Kryshewsky, Trustee Don Cochrane

Jordyn Griffin - SLS

School Sponsor – Beccy Ardiel-Voth

Community Sponsor – J. Helmut Neufeld



Jordyn is best known at Shoal Lake School for her fundraising efforts for the “School Under the Bridge” project. She has organized the collection of school supplies and monetary donations that were sent to the school in New Delhi, India. Jordyn has been a member of the Student Council, she volunteers at the local museum and hockey rink, and she has graduated from the Strathclair Air Cadets program.

Pictured above: Teacher Beccy Ardiel-Voth, Jordyn Griffin, Trustee Don Cochrane

Sacha Sabourin - RCI

School Sponsor — Julia Johnston
Community Sponsor — Gerald Lysyshin



Sacha is very committed to volunteering his time at his church including playing the organ for Sunday service and for special occasions as well as helping to renovate a retreat house. Sacha is a leader on the Student Council where he organizes school events and helps with the annual Christmas Dinner. He was also involved with the Giving Back to the Community project with the local Co-op.

Pictured above: Teacher Julia Johnston, Sacha Sabourin, Trustee Darren Naherniak

Mike Tchoupiak - RCI

School Sponsor – Genevieve Poyser

Community Sponsor – Father Mykhaylo Khomitsky



Mike is passionate about his Ukrainian culture and he uses dance to keep it alive. Mike volunteers with the Yachminka Dance club teaching and mentoring younger dancers. He has created a new website for the Municipality and he assists with Catechism at his church. Mike is also the President of the Student Council at RCI.

Pictured above: Trustee Darren Naherniak, Mike Tchoupiak, Father Mykhaylo Khomitsky

Laura Klimack - MPS

School Sponsor – Teresa Boucher

Community Sponsor – Taneal Semeniuk



Laura has been part of the Student Council for all of her high school career. She has held various roles and is currently the Co-President. Her efforts have been crucial to the success of the Beef & Barley fundraiser, school spirit activities, and fundraising for community events. Laura attended the provincial student leadership conference where she learned new skills to help her expand her leadership qualities.

Pictured above: Teacher Teresa Boucher, Laura Klimack, Trustee James Roszell

Shane Anderson - MIN

School Sponsor – Trevor Lewis
Community Sponsor – Ruth Teasdale



Shane has been part of the 4-H Beef Club for the last 7 years. He, along with his church group, serve Meals on Wheels and assist with the Christmas shoe box project. As President of the Student Council, he organizes school events and helps with school sports.

Pictured above: Trustee Dana Barteaux, Shane Anderson, Teacher Tricia Lelond

Katie Gorda - ING

School Sponsor — Darcy Kowalchuk/Amber Nerbas

Community Sponsor — Andrea Gorda



Katie is only 10 years old but she has already demonstrated a strong sense of citizenship. She has created a community garden to donate the produce to Siloam Mission and she has canvassed the school and community for donations to Siloam Mission. Katie is part of the Inglis Leadership Group and she is often one of the first to offer to help.

Pictured above: Teacher Amber Nerbas, Katie Gorda, Board Chair Carole Shankaruk

Emily Lints - HCI

School Sponsor – Tana Huberdeau

Community Sponsor – Joan Trott



Emily is a student member of the Parent Advisory Council, she sits on the Mid-West Arts Council, and is a Junior Director with the Ag Society. Emily serves on both the Provincial and National Youth Councils for Girl Guides of Canada. At the school level, Emily is the Treasurer for the Student Council and she helps to organize school events.

Pictured above: Teacher Tana Huberdeau, Emily Lints, Trustee Ryan Hamilton

Mya Bonchuk - BES

School Sponsor – Lyndsay Kyle



Mya wanted to help honour the memory of Mr. Pat Turner in a way that would also help others. She helped to raise awareness and fundraise for the Birtle Elementary School's Terry Fox Run and for the Expanding Community Cancer Care Centre in Russell. It was at her suggestion that the school decided to donate money to both causes to ensure that community members can continue to access the care that they need.

Pictured above: Trustee Dana Barteaux, Mya Bonchuk, Principal Lyndsay Kyle

We Scare Hunger - SLS

School Sponsor — Stephanie Cory

Community Sponsor — Wendy Thom



This group of six students organized a food drive in Oakburn to collect items for the Shoal Lake Food Bank. Their efforts helped the We Scare Hunger campaign to donate over two tables of food to the cause. The group's next goal is to continue to work with the We Day program to raise funds to purchase goats in impoverished countries.

Pictured above: Trustee Dana Barteaux, Cailee Creber, Alyssa Manuliak, Emily Murray, Carly Creber,, Donalea McKay (missing: Jayden Nowosad)

Recycling Heroes - RES

School Sponsor — Mary-Ann Mitchell-Pellett

Community Sponsor — Jon Lawless



The goal of the Recycling Heroes group is to look after the environment and to educate fellow students on the importance of recycling. This group renewed the recycling program this fall at RES and have made it their mission to make a positive impact on the environment. The Recycling Heroes are planning to start a composting program to benefit the school garden.

Pictured above: Trustee Darren Naherniak, Jon Lawless, Addison Luhowy, Kasey McKim, Anna Khomitska, Tatum Chuhai, Rheanna Melnyk, Makena Lawless (missing: Pressley Jerome, Laney Dunits)

School Patrol Team - MPS

School Sponsor — Ron Cole
Community Sponsor — Brett Church



This group of Grade 6 students volunteer to patrol the two crosswalks at Major Pratt School. Nine teams of two patrollers rotate throughout the year to ensure student safety within the school zones. This is a dedicated team as they often have to endure inclement weather during their patrol.

Pictured above: Keifer Cabrera, Kara Bomback, Emily Miller, Mackenzie Bily, Kamryn Boden, Trustee James Roszell (missing: Josh Edwards, Aiden Ziprick, Kendra Falloon, Kaitlyn Roszelle, Shyla Tanner, Rebeka Bernhardt, Daisy Bone, Rylan Kiliwnik, Luke Massey, Tyler Huston, Hayden Seib, Alyssa Bily, Gabriel Sapao,

Luke DeCorby & Brandon Lyon - BIN

School Sponsor – Binscarth School Staff



Luke and Brandon are two students who both represent the qualities that Binscarth School looks for in good citizens. They are good role models to the younger students and show genuine concern for their classmates well-being. Luke and Brandon both help with the school's hot lunch program and are willing to help with various events. Luke is a member of the Student Council and Brandon helps with the recycling program.

Pictured above: Board Chair Carole Shankaruk, Luke DeCorby, Brandon Lyon, Teacher Shelley Robidoux

Rory Laite & Victoria Saliyeva - BCI

School Sponsor — Shelley Lowes
Community Sponsor — Lindsay Aboud



Rory and Victoria teamed up with Bridging Villages to collect school supplies and monetary donations for students in Uganda. The pair sold cupcakes and canvassed their fellow classmates for new school supplies to donate. Rory and Victoria were fortunate to witness via video just how much their hard work was appreciated by the teacher in Uganda.

Pictured above: Trustee Dana Barteaux, Rory Laite, Victoria Saliyeva, Teacher Shelley Lowes

We are pleased to
announce the
winners...

Individual Category Winner

Emily Lints — HCI



Emily was also selected as the Region 1 winner by the Manitoba School Boards Association.

Group Category Winner

Rory Laite & Victoria Saliyeva - BCI





Congratulations!

The Board is pleased that our students continue to demonstrate a passion for social justice and citizenship.

The Park West School Division Board of Trustees would like to congratulate all of the nominees for their contributions to both their school and community.

