

For Immediate Release

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The Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord honours its employees

At its regular meeting held in Sudbury on Wednesday, June 21st, 2023, the Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord extended congratulations and thanks to a number of its staff members.

The Board began its meeting by recognizing the staff members who are on the threshold of a new stage in their lives, retirement.

Director of Education Sébastien Fontaine thanked the retiring staff members for their outstanding commitment to students and their remarkable contribution to the school board. The Board recognized the role these persons have played in the lives of countless students and others throughout the school board. They are sources of inspiration for their students and colleagues, and they have left their mark in the history of French-language public education in Ontario.

The Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord expresses its warmest thanks to each and every one of these staff members for their exceptional work, which has not gone unnoticed. The Board salutes the following employees and wishes them health and happiness in their well-deserved retirement.

Carmen Bouchard

Edouard Brunet

Mario Cloutier

Suzanne Drouin

Chantal Duncan

Maryse Duplessis-Cameron

Sylvie Landry

Julie Lauzon

Ginette Lefebvre

Carmen Lemieux

Claudette Martel

Carole Patry Landry

Marcel Perreault

The Board also recognized the merit and exceptional performance of certain staff members for their contributions to the development of children and youth in its schools. Three awards of excellence are presented annually to recognize the work of staff members who, through their attitude and efforts, uphold the school board's mission, vision and values and thus contribute to its success.

The Étoile de l'accueil (Star of Congeniality) Award is presented to a Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord employee who exemplifies the school board's values in the workplace and beyond, in particular the values of respect, appreciation and collaboration. This year, the Board posthumously awards the 2023 Étoile de l'accueil to Mr. Donald St-Germain. Mr. St-Germain was a history and English teacher at École secondaire Macdonald-Cartier. Every morning, on the 4th floor, Mr. St-Germain warmly welcomed students and colleagues. Always smiling, Mr. St-Germain would take the time to greet them and chat with them about topics of interest. He had a compliment for everyone and never missed an opportunity to congratulate them on their work and achievements. It goes without saying that Mr. St-Germain made a positive contribution to the atmosphere and reputation of Macdonald-Cartier High School. His joie de vivre, his loving and generous nature made him an exceptional teacher who will always have a place in the hearts of the students and the Board community.

The Étoile de l'engagement (Star of Commitment) Award is presented to a Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord employee who displays openness, integrity and ongoing commitment in work-related duties and beyond. The 2023 Étoile de l'engagement is awarded to Carole Patry-Landry, a teacher at École publique de la Découverte. Carole Patry-Landry stands out for her kindness, wisdom and professionalism. Calm and patient, she demonstrates a strength of leadership rooted in kindness and spoken with quiet confidence. As a kindergarten teacher, Ms. Patry-Landry welcomes the little ones with gentleness and enthusiasm, making it easy for students and parents to feel secure. She knows how to bond with her students while keeping them interested and engaged in the subject matter. Reading and writing are often prioritized in innovative and fun ways, in an environment sprinkled with grammar rules, happiness, Francophone pride and children's laughter. Madame Patry-Landry is an exceptional role model. Her dedication to learning is a testament to her commitment to providing the best possible education for her students.

The Étoile de l'innovation (Star of Innovation) Award is presented to a staff member in recognition of leadership and innovative work processes. The 2023 Étoile de l'innovation award is presented to Josée Rinaldi, grade 6 teacher at École publique

Foyer-Jeunesse. An educator with a passion for teaching, Ms. Rinaldi has always demonstrated remarkable dedication and a relentless quest for innovation in the classroom. Ms. Rinaldi is constantly looking for new ways to connect the curriculum to world experiences. By bridging the gap between theory and practice, she instills a sense of relevance and purpose in the education she offers her students. Her impact extends far beyond her subject-matter expertise. Her commitment to personalized learning has transformed the lives of countless students. Ms. Rinaldi inspires and shapes the minds of her students, making her an excellent ambassador for her school and for the Board.

It is with great pleasure that the Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord congratulates the winners of this year's awards of excellence. Their passion and commitment towards the Board makes them worthy recipients of these prestigious awards.

Recognized for its keen sense of innovation and openness to the world, Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord offers a French-language public education of the highest quality in fifteen elementary schools and eight secondary schools in the communities of Markstay, Noëlville, Sudbury, Blind River, Elliot Lake, Sault-Sainte-Marie, Wawa, Dubreuilville, Marathon, Manitouwadge, Longlac and Thunder Bay.

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