

Special Announcement

May 2022

2022 Outstanding Employee Contribution Award Recipient

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that four (4) recipients have been selected to receive the **Outstanding Employee Contribution Award**.

Audrey Seymour-Spence (School Secretary – Wanipigow School)

Madeleine Cook (Teacher – Grand Rapids School)

Laura Kelly (Vice Principal – West Lynn Heights School)

Donna Barker (Teaching Principal – Barrows Junction School)

The criteria for this award includes proficiency in responsibilities, contribution to the Division and community, evidence of leadership, and personal and/or professional growth.

Subsequent announcements will provide information about the other recipients.

LAURA KELLY

Laura started her career at Frontier School Division as an Educational Assistant on September 9, 2011 at Falcon Beach School. She entered the Program for the Education for Native Teachers (PENT) at Brandon University and graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Education Degree. She accepted a Grade 4 Teacher position at West Lynn Heights School in September 2019 and moved into a Teaching Vice-Principal role in 2021.

To say Laura is a busy woman is an understatement. She manages the school Facebook page, organizes the school pep rallies, helped to develop an awards program at the school to help build student attendance, plans activities for staff, helps to raise funds for grad students and has organized Frontier Games at the school. Laura is also very visible in the Lynn Lake community. She is part of the Dreamcatchers of Lynn Lake committee which raises funds to beautify the Town of Lynn Lake. If there is a fundraiser, volunteer position or a need for help she is there, and she spends countless hours working with students outside of the classroom.

Laura's co-workers say she is a great co-worker and friend who goes above and beyond to help support teachers, staff and students and make the school a positive environment to be in. She has been described as a very caring and nurturing teacher - she gives 100% of herself to her position and as a result her students have so much admiration for her.

Testimonials provided the following insights into Ms. Kelly's contributions:

"Laura has demonstrated an excellence in teaching and plays an integral part in the school and community."
(Don McCaskill, Area 1 Superintendent)

"I have never come across a more vibrant, focused, professional, open minded, hard worker who should very much be recognized for her skills and contribution to the educational field. It is a great pleasure to have Laura working at West Lynn Heights School."
(Larry Skomorowski, Principal, West Lynn Heights School)

"Laura has displayed quality leadership, is excelling in her role as Vice Principal and plays an imperative part in maintaining a positive moral amongst staff and students."
(Tyler Hunt, Chairperson, West Lynn Heights School Committee)

"Laura continues to make each person in the school feel special and make every day better than the last. The students look up to her as a safe person, a confidant and someone they look forward to seeing daily."
(Ashley Moreau, Cree Nation's Worker, Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency)