

Special Announcement

May 2021

2021 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**.

Blair McCulloch (Teacher – Gillam School)

Heather Lowe (Health, Wellness & Physical Education Coordinator – Division Office)

Jacqueline Monteith (Science Instructional Coach – Division Office)

Lorne Wallmann (Custodian – Frontier Collegiate)

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.

BLAIR MCCULLOCH

Blair obtained his Bachelor of Physical & Health Education and Bachelor of Education Degrees at Nipissing University. He started his career with the Division on September 4, 2012 as a Physical Education Teacher at Gillam School where he continues to teach.

Blair not only coaches various sports at Gillam School but has been an organizer for Frontier Games, hosted Zone Championships for the Manitoba High Schools Athletics Association and organized programs such as the Manitoba Marathon, Jump Rope for Heart, and his students participated in the Manitoba Indigenous Games. He also played a major role in bringing the Hockey Canada Skills Academy to Gillam. In addition to all of this, Blair takes every opportunity to bring land-based learning to his students to build life skills outside of the classroom.

Blair has dedicated countless hours coordinating numerous events designed to improve the health and wellness of Gillam residents through Fitness Challenges, Kick Cancer dodgeball tournament, Ice Fishing Derby and a local volleyball league. He is an active member of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves Canadian Rangers and has worked with the junior Rangers program to help youth learn about life in the outdoors. With all he does, it is no wonder that Blair has been described as having the quintessential traits for a Frontier School Division teacher - he understands the importance of the relationship between the school, the community and the land.

Testimonials provided the following insights into Mr. McCulloch's contributions:

"Blair has been instrumental in developing a high quality physical education program. He is an advocate for the students and the school."
(Don McCaskill, Area 1 Superintendent)

"Blair is a leader in his school and a positive role model for the youth he teaches, making strong connections with his students. Blair leads by example, he is a dedicated physical educator who puts his students first, always advocating on their behalf. Our division and physical education department is so fortunate to have Blair on our team."
(Heather Lowe, Health, Wellness & Physical Education Coordinator)

"Blair is a positive and upbeat staff member who is consistently looking for ways to promote a healthy lifestyle to our school as well as the Gillam community. Blair is always willing to step up and lend a hand or provide thoughtful support."
(Jacki Ludgate, Vice-Principal, Gillam School)

"Blair is always someone that you can count on and he has proven it time and time again. He will never hesitate to stop what he's doing to help out a coworker or student."
(Amy Moyer, Teacher, Gillam School)

"As a teacher, Blair puts in countless hours of extracurricular time to ensure that the students he teaches are given the best opportunity for success. Whether it be through coaching, volunteering, officiating, etc. Blair has exemplified what it means to be an outstanding employee."
(Dawn Tulk, Former Teacher, Gillam School)

Please join us in congratulating Mr. McCulloch on this achievement and we thank him for his outstanding contribution to students and to the Division.



Linda Ballantyne, Chairperson
Frontier School Division Board of Trustees