

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.

HEATHER LOWE

Heather graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Winnipeg and started her teaching career as a Senior Physical Education/Senior Biology Teacher at Norway House High School in 1999. From the beginning of her career, Heather has been an advocate for health within Frontier. In 2001, the Board of Trustees approved the hiring of a new position for health promotion and Heather became the Coordinator of Health and Wellness for the Division. Throughout the years, she has continued to lead schools to explore new ideas within physical education, health and outdoor education.

During these challenging times, Heather's creativity has excelled with the creation of virtual workout programs and organizing and hosting a virtual Frontier Games. Recently, she was the recipient of the prestigious Physical and Health Educators (PHE) of Manitoba Middle Years Award. Heather works tirelessly for students and staff across the Division, inspiring us all to live active, healthy lives.

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

"Heather has an expert level of understanding of physical education curriculum and is an amazing facilitator to ensure content meets the needs of her students."
(Tyson Mac Gillivray, Area 3 Superintendent)

"Heather is passionate, creative and always ready to take on a new challenge. She leads by example and I am extremely proud to have her as a colleague and on our team."
(Jackie Connell, Assistant Superintendent, Senior Years & Career Studies)

"Heather is very well-known throughout Frontier School Division because of her willingness to help. No matter what the job is, she rolls up her sleeves and gets right in there. She isn't just a physical education coordinator. She is a dedicated mother, wife, friend, teacher, colleague and employee to so many people and at the same time has been the backbone of sport, health and wellness in our schools."
(Shawn Oswald, Principal, Gypsumville School)

"Simply put, Heather's career has benefitted the students of Frontier School Division. Her leadership within Health and Physical Education has positively affected thousands of students."
(Brian McMillan, Physical Education Coordinator)

"I admire and respect the commitment and integrity Heather invests in her role. She makes every event, lesson, activity and program meaningful. She looks at everything as a potential learning opportunity and truly stands tall for our children and wants them to do more than just succeed, she wants them to thrive with pride and confidence."
(Lori Michaniuk, Chair, Gypsumville School Committee)

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Lowe on this achievement and we thank her for her outstanding contribution to students and to the Division.



Linda Ballantyne, Chairperson
Frontier School Division Board of Trustees