

# 2014 Awards of Recognition

## RECIPIENTS



Alberta School Councils' Association is proud to present the following awards of recognition in support of school council efforts in Alberta.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL Award of MERIT 2014

*The School Council Award of Merit recognizes effective school council practices that have an identifiable impact on supporting student learning and school improvement at the school level, the district level or the provincial level.*

#### Ecole Marie Poburan School

St. Albert, Greater St. Albert Catholic School District

Ecole Marie Poburan is a French Immersion K-6 school in St. Albert. After the tragedy of a Grade 2 student who died after being struck by a school bus, the school council decided to take action to prevent this from happening again. They created a **Traffic Safety Task Force** to encourage the school community to review and address traffic and pedestrian safety in and around their school. The **Task Force**, comprised of parents and working with school administration, led a number of initiatives, raising awareness of both parents and the community of appropriate parking and student drop off zones, traffic safety strategies, communicating with other schools about the initiative and writing regular traffic safety related articles for newsletters. Taking the initiative further, the **Task Force** worked collaboratively and in partnership with the City of St. Albert on further traffic safety recommendations. City council described the work of the school council **Task Force** as "trailblazing" and invited representation for a city committee looking at traffic safety for all St. Albert Schools.

### PARENT of DISTINCTION Awards 2014

*The Parent of Distinction Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates ability to promote parental involvement in the public education system. Truly exceptional in their dedication and initiative, this individual is a dynamic leader who creates a welcoming and inclusive environment for all partners in education.*

#### Julie Smith

Clara Tyner School, Edmonton

#### Lynn Raines

Breton High School, Breton

#### Jodi Collins

St. Anne School, Fort McMurray

#### Cathy Stefner

St. Albert Catholic High School, RS Fowler Jr High, Neil M Ross

#### Carol Gil

St. Joseph's Collegiate, Brooks

#### Jillian Miller-Drysdale

Ecole Sam Livingston Elementary School, Calgary

#### Nadine Letwin

St. Matthew Elementary School, Edmonton

### EXCELLENCE in LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS Awards 2014

*The Excellence in Learning Partnerships Award recognizes partnerships that support parental/community involvement in education to benefit the community and encourage student success.*

#### "Field of Dreams" Project

Breton High School Community Breton, AB

Breton High School Council

Lynn Raines

Alice Fenton

Wild Rose School Division

Larry Fullerton – L.G.P. Enterprises Ltd.

Jesse Blackmore – JB Trading

In October of 2010, Breton High School Council (Grades 7-12 with 130 students) asked the school to develop a five year plan for Sports Program needs. In April 2011, a presentation to school council outlined modest needs and got the ball rolling – *in a big way!* This school council organized community partners, business and parents to oversee the development of a new playing field and running track. The project was called the **"Field of Dreams"**. Work began with the Wild Rose School Division and an architect to develop the bumpy, overgrown field, then going after grants and donations - bringing in over \$290,000 cash and in-kind donations, inspiring and mobilizing donations of equipment, volunteers and expertise.

The **Field of Dreams** for Breton High School became a "field of reality" in October 2012. Today the **Field of Dreams** accommodates football, rugby, track and field, cross country and soccer athletics programs.

The Alberta School Councils' Association Board of Directors salutes the 2014 award recipients for outstanding service to their schools and communities. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS**