

NORTHERN GATEWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS THE:

19th ANNUAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENING



Westward Community Centre Whitecourt
Friday, October 3, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Program

6:00 p.m.

Cocktails

Entertainment - Paula Bowman

7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Mistress of Ceremonies - Trustee Sherry Jeffreys

O Canada

Paula Bowman

Grace

Trustee Gerry Steinke

Dinner

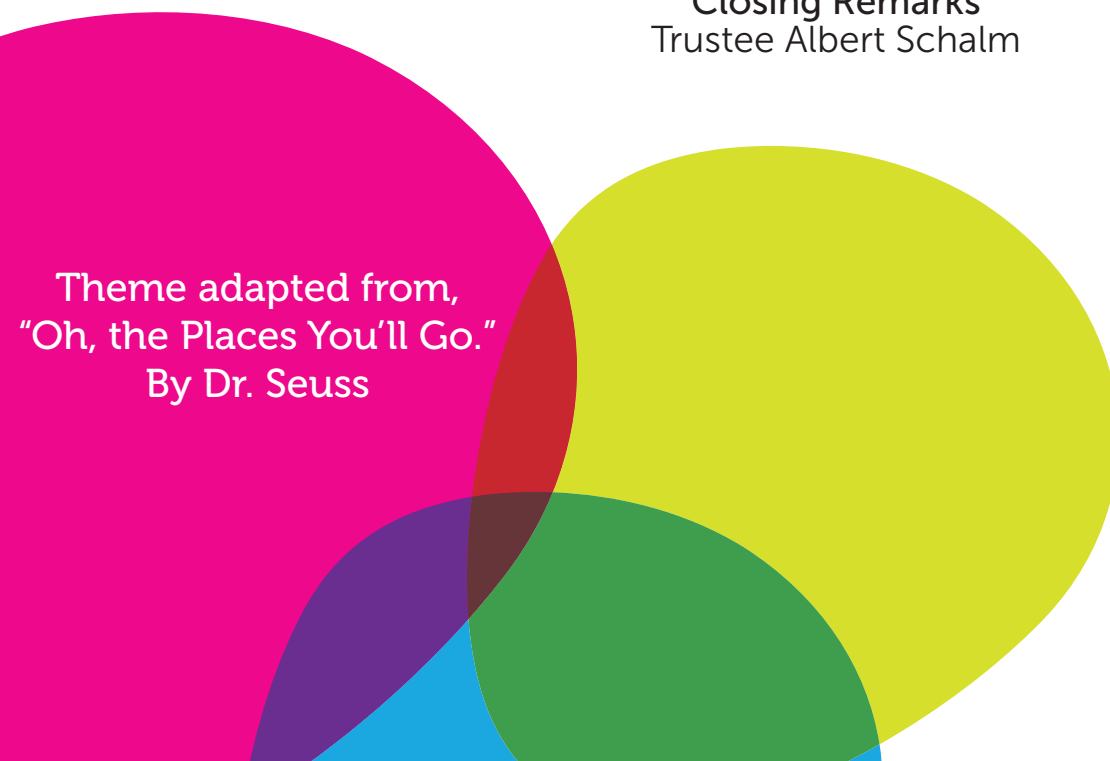
8:00 p.m.

Awards Presentation

Board Chair Judy Muir
Superintendent Kevin Andrea

Closing Remarks

Trustee Albert Schalm



Theme adapted from,
"Oh, the Places You'll Go."
By Dr. Seuss

2014 Award Recipients



5-Year Awards

Andreana Alston
Lisa Bakos
Heidi Coleman
Kimberly Fjeld
Kathleen Gonnet
Viessa Hoepfner

Elizabeth Jager
Jennifer Keay
Christopher Keay
Gabriel Koble
Susan Loewen
Vanessa Long

Megan Matheson
Christy Moser
Alisa Murray
Newcan Caretaking
Elan Properzi
Jacqueline Runge

Karla Sanderson
Colleen Stauffer
Keltie Stavreski
Vera Swan
Corinne Wall
Kristine Woodford
Tanya Zadderey



10-Year Awards

Kim Andrusiak
Frances Campiou
Nadine Edinga

Murray Galliford
Kathy Hall
Raymond Huxley

Tracey Law
Pamela Mehl
Sharrie Sand
Linda Serediak

Terri Stark
MaryJane Vaughan
Laurie Watson-Komaik
Debra Wedel



15-Year Awards

Jason Bidniak
Charlotte Blain
Darlene Carlson
Pat Cass

Brenda Fleet
Leanna Hagman
Kelle Hansen
Tracey Hooey-Schmidt

Veronica Humphreys
Gloria Johnson
Leanne Maclean
Corylin McKeag
Debbie McNallie

Gwen Reimer
Karla Shabada
Donna Slade
Lorna Vardy
Patricia Wildeboer



20-Year Awards

C.D.M. Contracting
Diane Hill

Sandra Jensen
Marion Macdougall

Tammy Mckeever
Trudy Smith

Barbara Soderquist
Juanita Tyschuk

2014 Award Recipients



25-Year Awards

Renato Chiumento
Judith Gignac

Mark Klemp
Mabel Kormos

Kerry Mytrunec
Wade Newbury
Craig Pennett

Albin Shelly
Damon Shirley
Laurie Van Sickle



30-Year Awards

Marilyn Alexander

Kirk Charron
Linda Lawrence

Susan Mattson
Rochfort Apiaries

Patricia Truckey
Clayton Truckey



35-Year Awards

Arthur Beaudry

Karen Mackay



Special Awards

Edwin Parr Award - NGPS 2014 Nominee
Excellence in Teaching Provincial Semi-finalist 2014

Elizabeth Neufeld
Anne Martens



Retirees

Norma Bougie
Richard Fownes
Glen Hall
Sarah Healy

Wendy Krause
Linda Lawrence
Stan Lucas
Mary Lutz

Jody Macklin
Kathlyn Mahmoud
Terry Marshall
Sandra Morton

Craig Pennett
Katherine Schoenthaler
Barbara Soderquist
Shirley Stadlwieser

Memorials

Pat Bell

Marilyn McKinney

Tom Saumer

Retirees

Norma Bougie



Norma has taught Math at Onoway Jr/Sr High School for the past 31 years. She pursued an Education degree after realizing a talent for explaining Math to fellow students in terms they could understand. In true Math Teacher fashion, her years in Education have meant "310 months of supervision, 1,240 weeks of lugging work home and 6,200 days of non-boring interactions with students and colleagues." Over the years Norma's students have taught her that "you need to laugh at least once a class!"

Congratulations on this milestone Norma. Enjoy!

Richard Fownes



Richard has spent 24 years in the Mathematics Department at Onoway Jr/Sr High School. He jokes that he became a Teacher for the summer vacation, adding with a smile that it has been "gratifying to see young adults take skills into the working world and succeed." Richard retires after 33 years in Education. The most important lesson students ever taught him? To be prepared and to expect the unexpected.

Best wishes for a happy retirement Richard. Congratulations!

Glen Hall



Glen, our long-standing and renowned Transportation Assistant, retired from NGPS this year after 33 years with the Division. His favourite part of the job was working with schools in order to get students on buses as efficiently as possible and providing bus drivers with the support they needed to do their job effectively.

Congratulations Glen. Enjoy the new journey of retirement!

Sarah Healy



Sarah became a Teacher because she loved working with children, loved learning and wanted to make a difference. Sarah has been a Teacher for 30 years, in the regular classroom, as a Music Teacher, as a Special Needs Facilitator, and most recently as a Learning Services Coordinator with the Division. Her years in Education have meant many changes, friendships, challenges and successes, both personally and for students.

Congratulations Sarah! Best wishes for a happy and fun-filled retirement!

Retirees

Wendy Krause



Wendy has been a Teacher Assistant for 24 years. She began her career at Rich Valley and moved to Grasmere after one year where she has worked with children ever since. Her favourite part of the job has to be all the hugs she received from the children, "Over the years I have learned from the students that everybody has a strength. They may not always excel academically but they could be awesome at Gym or Art. It is so rewarding to see the students shine at something."

All the best to you Wendy as you embark on the new adventure of retirement!

Linda Lawrence



Linda was the Art Teacher at Onoway Jr/Sr High School. One of Linda's longstanding projects with her students lives on in the murals seen and enjoyed throughout the school. The coordination of teaching her classes and supervising students completing their murals was extremely challenging and rewarding. Linda was impressed in seeing the motivated students who signed up for Art with the desire to complete a mural. At present there are over 220 murals in the school.

Congratulations on this milestone Linda. Enjoy your retirement!

Stan Lucas



Stan has taught Grades 4 through 12 in his 31 years as an Educator, the last 29 of which have been spent in Mayerthorpe. He values the opportunity he has had "to observe and be a part of the educational development of children in this community. Some have become good friends and even colleagues as adults. All of the students have influenced my life and have helped me develop into a better person."

Congratulations on your retirement Stan!

Mary Lutz



Mary began her career with Northern Gateway in the late 1970s as a Substitute Teacher. She has worked part-time as an Educational Assistant at Grasmere since 2007. Helping individual students achieve success and making a child's day better with a few kind words and efforts has been Mary's driving force. "Working daily in schools was never boring. It has always been a pleasure to go to work and to meet new challenges."

Congratulations on this achievement Mary. Happy retirement!

Retirees

Jody Macklin



Jody, English Teacher at Onoway Jr/ Sr High School, recalls her 38 years in Education as meant to be, "Teaching is in my genes. My maternal aunt taught in a one-room school house in the 1940s and both my daughters have Education degrees." Her years in Education have given her the chance to be around exuberant young people and her favourite memories include those special moments in class when eyes light up with understanding, or tear up with empathy.

Congratulations Jody! Best wishes for a happy retirement!

Kathlyn Mahmoud



Kathlyn has been an Educator with Northern Gateway Public Schools for 33 years. She began her teaching career at Rich Valley School, "a learning and challenging experience" that she will always remember. She has taught Grades 1, 2 and 1/2 split. Her most recent position was teaching at Grasmere School. In her own words, "Teaching was a wonderful career for me in that I had the opportunity to work with children every day and watch them grow in every way."

Congratulations on your retirement Kathlyn!

Terry Marshall



Terry has worn many hats in her 34 year career as an Educator - Teacher, Teacher/Librarian, Professional Development Coordinator, Assistant Principal and Principal. She began her teaching career in Edmonton where the seeds of student-centered learning and parent involvement in learning were planted. Terry's passion for Education continued to grow throughout her career. In her position as Principal at Pat Hardy Primary School many former students may fondly recall her leprechaun collection and the accompanying stories she would tell to students each March.

Best wishes to you Terry as you embark on this new adventure of retirement!

Sandra Morton



Sandra has loved every minute of her 38 year career in Education, "I have done the only job that I ever wanted to do and have honestly looked forward to coming to work every day!" Sandy taught Grade 2 for many years before moving up to Grade 5 and has always been a musical beacon at Sangudo Community School where she led the school choir and recorder ensembles. Sandy defines herself by the children and colleagues she has worked with over the years and the special events at the school which have always been a great personal outlet.

Congratulations Sandy. Best wishes for a happy retirement!

Retirees

Craig Pennett



Craig became a Teacher because he wanted to help students reach their potential. He has been a Science Teacher at Hilltop Jr/Sr High for 25 years where he taught high school Chemistry, Physics and junior high general Science. During his time as an Educator Craig also served as Vice-President of the local ATA and Lead Teacher for the Hilltop International Trip Club. Craig's favorite memory is of a school trip to Europe where he was able to share the experience of standing at Vimy Ridge with students and honouring the Canadians that lost their lives for our freedom.

Congratulations on your retirement
Craig!

Katherine Schoenthaler



Katherine has been teaching for 20 years. She began her work with the Division as a Substitute Teacher before graduating to her post at Onoway Elementary School where she has served students for the past 15 years. Inspired by her own Grade 2 Teacher, Katherine wanted to be an Educator since she was seven years old. She has always admired the imaginative and adventurous spirits of her fellow Teachers and enjoyed being around life-long learners on a daily basis.

Congratulations on your retirement
Kathy. All the best!

Barbara Soderquist



Barbara has worked as an Educational Assistant at Pat Hardy Primary School for the past 20 years. Her positions, primarily in Kindergarten and Grade 1, gave her the opportunity to see things through the young eyes of the children, fondly remembering the day one student introduced her to his mother as "Mrs. Sugarcrisp." Barb studied Early Childhood Education in college and began working as an EA after volunteering in her own children's classes.

Congratulations on this milestone Barb!

Shirley Stadlwieser



Shirley became a Teacher because she had a thirst for knowledge and enjoyed the creative side of showing children how learning can be fun. She has spent 32 years finding ways as an Educator to instill knowledge, creativity and self-expression in children, both in the classroom and as an IPP Coordinator and Resource Room Teacher. Her greatest belief as a Teacher is that everyone is valuable, can learn and needs to have their voice heard.

Congratulations Shirley. Enjoy your new journey!