

AWARDS BANQUET COMMITTEES

Banquet Arrangements:

Marlyn Brownrigg

Karen Henchey

Carol Meindl

Mimi-Anna Tabaczuk

2023 Major Awards and Prizes

Selection Committee:

Bobbi Brown

Cindy Lockhart

Rosemary Murphy

Samantha Patel

Newsletter Award

Selection Committee:

Karen Henchey

Mimi-Anna Tabaczuk

Program Designer:

Mimi-Anna Tabaczuk

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2023 QFHSA AWARDS BANQUET



THE TIME IS NOW!

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023

Novotel Hotel
2599 Alfred Nobel
Ville Saint-Laurent, Qc
H4S 2G1

WELCOME TO NEW HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS!

Hadley Junior High (WQSB)
Knowlton Academy (ETSB)
Queen Elizabeth Elementary (WQSB)
Terry Fox Elementary Laval (SWLSB)
Terry Fox Elementary Pfds. (LBPSB)

IN MEMORIAM FRIENDS WE'VE LOST

Helen Koeppe Heiskala 1936-2022
David Howard Hill 1927-2022
C. Owen Buckingham 1931-2022
Rhonda Boucher 1970-2023

UNSUNG HERO AWARDS

This award recognizes a volunteer who is actively involved in every day school life, who has proven to be helpful, is reliable and courteous, who honours his/her commitments throughout the school year and who has been willing to take on additional responsibilities when the need arose. Their dedication merits recognition locally and provincially.

Beacon Hill Elementary
Grade 6 Kindness
Committee
Bessie Michael
Erica Ranjitsingh

Children's World Academy
Erica Caruso
Tania D'Alessandro
Tamara Dellolio
Vanessa Gervasi
Nicky Giulietti
Nadisha Hosein
Grace Petrucci
Stephanie Rizzo
Teresa Verelli

Edgewater Elementary
Shauna Plourde

Edinburgh Elementary
Karen Allen
Jody Mason
Stephanie Rich
Michael Rodger
Forest Hill Junior
Elementary
Asia Clarke
Lisa Davignon
Paula MacNeil
Stacey Ricciardi
Amy Spinelli

Forest Hill Senior
Elementary
Alexandra Duquette-Fuller
Amy Spinelli
Josée-Ann Moisan

Gardenview Elementary
Lysanne Abelardo
Will Allooh
Tanya Santos
Jui Ho Wong

Genesis Elementary
Kristina Apostolatos
Diana D'Addario
Mariella Di Lorenzo
Franca Evangelista
Elspeth Garland
Marianna Gatto
Sandra Iaconetti
Lisa Tafuri
Jennifer Vitullo

Lord Aylmer Elementary
Ciaran Dooley
Carissa Piercey
Christina Villeneuve
Macdonald High School
Jaime Guy
Kim Headland

Maple Grove Elementary
Aaron Totton

Merton Elementary
Evi Altman
Jessie Blatt
Lynne Brash
Edite Cohen

Lauren Cracower
Cari Friedman
Melisa Hakim
Jackie Herman
Lisa Kunitzky
Ada Nazarri
Sarah Rosenhek
Debbi Safir
Marie Savage
Nathalie Sofer

South Hull
Elementary
Nathalie Morgan
St. Charles
Elementary
Giovanna Panetta
St. Patrick
Elementary
Jen Colantonio
Jodi Esterson
Gina Giambalvo
Nissa Grant
Tracy Witzke

GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS

This award is intended to recognize a Home & School Association executive or committee member who has demonstrated active leadership, organizational skills and has encouraged the participation of all volunteers. Their dedication merits recognition locally and provincially.

Children's World Academy

Laura D'adamio

Kim Jones

Mariana Vetro

Edgewater Elementary

Maria Ligon

Edinburgh Elementary

Laura Abbatiello

Forest Hill Junior Elementary

Val Jensen

Forest Hill Senior

Jennifer Goldfinch

Rosemary King

Jennifer Pearcey

Gardenview Elementary

Mary-Ann Di Iorio

Elena Giatras

Esther Kay

Maria Marinis

Laura Piro

Anna Spetsieris

Genesis Elementary

Tina Rosato

Lord Aylmer Elementary

Marie-Lou Desharnais

Johnny Fortin-Caron

Kelly Hodge

Nicole Smith

Ashley Tluaert

Macdonald High School

Lara Zwetkow

Maple Grove Elementary

Aaron Totton

Merton Elementary

Samantha Patel

Shoshana Weinberger

South Hull Elementary

Melissa Rose Hidic

St. Charles Elementary

Anna Tataris

St. Patrick Elementary

Andrea Cappelli

Mary-Kate Jackson Yule

Melanie Moore

Mimi-Anna Tabaczuk

AWARDS BANQUET

6:00 - 7:00 pm Cocktail hour ~ Grand Salon Foyer
Cash Bar - relax and mingle

7:00 - 9:30 pm Awards Banquet ~ Grand Salon Ballroom
Master of Ceremonies: Leah Trineer

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Leslie N. Buzzell Award

Rosemary Murphy

2022 Gordon Paterson Awards

Kate Le Maistre and Noel Burke

2023 Gordon Paterson Award

Jennifer Baltuonis, St. Patrick Elementary

Pat Lewis Environmental Award

The Bee Team, Macdonald High School

Volunteer of the Year Award

Nicole Fischer Gasser, Butler Elementary

Newsletter Award

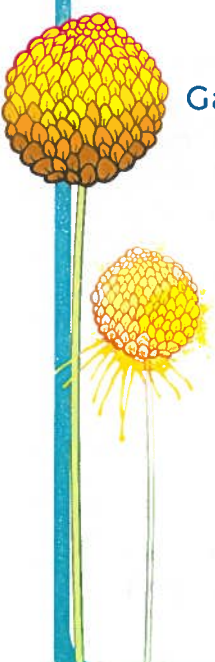
Cedarcrest Elementary, Nadia Piluso (editor)

Golden Torch Awards

Unsung Hero Awards

9:30 - 11:00 pm

DANCE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first Awards Banquet since the pandemic took over our lives. It is great being together again.

These past three years have introduced us to different ways of communicating with each other, teaching our children and attending conferences and webinars. This has helped the QFHSA to stay in contact with our Associations and unfortunately, to realize how difficult it was for some to survive.

We would like to thank all the amazing presidents, executives, and members of our Associations for finding innovative ways to support school staff, to maintain activities for students, to celebrate holidays, and to keep up school spirit. You are the best!

My sincere appreciation goes out to the QFHSA Officers and Directors who are extremely dedicated to being voices for our community and advocates for public education.

A very big thank you to Carol Meindl, Mimi-Anna Tabaczuk, Marlyn Brownrigg and Karen Henchey for keeping the lights on in the office and for everything they do in supporting the Board, the Associations and especially me.

The Time Is Now.

Rosemary Murphy
QFHSA President



PAT LEWIS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD THE BEE TEAM - MACDONALD HIGH SCHOOL



The students involved in this project generously gave up their lunches during warmer months to prepare our very own garden. The purpose of our garden was to be a sanctuary for the bees in their school hive, and a safe, shady space for birds and other pollinators to relax and enjoy on warm summer days.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD NICOLE FISCHER GASSER, BUTLER ELEMENTARY



Ms. Nicole has been an asset to Butler Elementary for more than 15 years! From being in charge of the breakfast club, preparing treats and sweets for our staff and students, hauling Christmas trees at the annual H&S fundraiser, being an executive member on the H&S, presiding on the governing board (until last year), to simply giving a "high five" to a student in need, she is undoubtedly our Volunteer of the Year.

NEWSLETTER AWARD CEDARCREST ELEMENTARY, NADIA PILUSO (EDITOR)



Cedarcrest Elementary's Home and School Association keeps its community informed with an attractive, well laid-out newsletter filled with colourful photos, news, and information.



GORDON PATERSON AWARD

JENNIFER BALTUONIS

2023 WINNER



Throughout Jennifer Baltuonis's 19-year career at St. Patrick Elementary School, her exceptional teaching methods and her dedication to creating opportunities for parents to come together and celebrate her students' talent have spread a love of music like wildfire throughout the community.

Ms. Jen has instilled in her students a tremendous love of music. Every student from Grade 3, 4, 5, and 6 learns the violin. Thousands of children and their families have gained lasting love and appreciation for both music and for Ms. Jen!

Ms. Jen has exemplified both parental and community involvement by planning events to highlight incredible student talent. These opportunities, which include school concerts, school plays, and choir competitions, have afforded the parents and community moments of excitement and pride.

LESLIE N. BUZZELL AWARD

ROSEMARY MURPHY

2023 WINNER



Rosemary is deserving of the Leslie N. Buzzell award for her compassion and determination to better the lives of all those in the education system. She has been involved in many aspects of education over the years, taking on a variety of roles within the Baldwin Cartier and Lester B. Pearson School Boards, the QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association), the CHSF (Canadian Home and School Federation) and the QFHSA (Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations), where she has been board president since 2021. Our schools, parents and students are benefiting from the leadership and knowledge Rose so generously shares with others.



GORDON PATERSON AWARD

KATE LE MAISTRE

2022 WINNER



Kate's involvement in education spans 50 years, from studying at the University of Bristol, in England, teaching in Manitoba and in Quebec with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Kate is a strong advocate for parental involvement and the Home and School movement. She has wonderful memories of her time as a Home and School volunteer, first at Edgewater Elementary and then Beaconsfield High School. While with Edgewater Home and School, Kate created "Edgewise," the Home and School's newsletter for parents. She has served as the chair of the Advisory Board on English Education (ABEE) for many years and is a retired professor of McGill University.

GORDON PATERSON AWARD

NOEL BURKE

2022 WINNER



In his long career, Noel Burke has taken on many roles with remarkable skill and dedication. The former Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, Leisure and Sports, Noel was the founding dean of Concordia University's School of Extended Learning and is the founder of the NEXTschool initiative. He was also instrumental in the conception and development of the Community Learning Centers initiative and former chair of Lester B. Pearson School Board. The list goes on and on.

Noel continues to think outside the box to find new ways of approaching education and to keep the best interests of the students in mind.

AGENDA

QFHSA AGM June 1, 2023

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. AGM Business Session:

1. Appointments and Procedures / Mission / Quorum
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 3. Approval of Minutes of AGM June 2nd, 2022
 - 3.1 Ratification of July 4, 2022 online vote to approve 2021 Financial review
 4. Finance Report
 - 4.1 Acceptance of the 2022 Financial Report and Auditor's Financial Review
 - 4.2 Adoption of Budget for 2024
 - 4.3 Reappointment of Auditor for 2023: Verelli-Arrizza
 5. Acceptance of the Committee Reports '*en bloc*'
 6. Resolutions to be Adopted
 - 6.1 Resolution 2023-01 **Revoke Bill C-13** P- Rosemary Murphy
 - 6.2 Resolution 2023-02 **Regulate Use of The Notwithstanding Clause** P-Brian Rock
 - 6.3 Resolution 2023-03 **Better Develop the New Culture and Citizenship Québec Program**
P- Natasha Drysdale
 - 6.4 Resolution 2023-04 **Maintain Sexuality Education as A Separate Program** P-Ahmed Hassan
 - 6.5 Resolution 2023-05 **Address the Impact of Covid on Student Learning** P-Samantha Patel
 - 6.6 Resolution 2023-06 **Support School Employees** P-Marlyn Brownrigg
 - 6.7 Resolution 2023-07 **Ensure the Availability of Bilingual Services by Student Ombudsmen**
P- Cindy Lockhart
 - 6.8 Resolution 2023-08 **Accommodate Immigrant and Refugee Children** P- Sharad Bhargava
 7. Nominations Report/Elections of Directors and Officers
 8. Adjournment
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