#### GOLDEN STAR 2017

The Excellence in Public Education Committee met in April and we were pleased to award 5 Golden Star Awards and the Legion Golden Star Award.



#### Committee Members

- Steve Bailey
- Val Dyer
- Doug Edgar
- Charan Gill (Chair)
- Caroline Malm
- Louisa Sanchez
- Margaret Sutton

#### 2017 Winners

- The Awards celebrate the working together of public school students and seniors in their communities.
- The 2017 BCRTA Golden Star Recipients are:
  - Arrow Heights Elementary School, Revelstoke
  - Belmont Elementary School, Langley
  - Fraserview Learning Centre, Mission
  - Muheim Memorial Elementary School, Smithers
  - Quilchena Elementary School, Richmond

# Arrow Heights Elementary School Revelstoke

### "Mt. Cartier Court Garden Partnership"

Teacher: Amber Thompson

Presenters: Stefan Cieslek and Doug Edgar

 Grade 3 and 4 students are involved in a gardening partnership with seniors living at Mt Cartier Court.



 The prize money will be used for gardening tools and equipment for observing and measuring plants, and insects. Purchasing a composter is also part of the plan. Students use skills from math (designing of garden beds, measurement – area and perimeter, science (learning about seeds, pollinators), language arts (writing letters and poems for the seniors' enjoyment), social skills and an appreciation of what seniors have to offer.

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#### Garden collaboration gets Golden Star Award

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# Belmont Elementary School Langley

### "Woodworking in Grade 3"

- Students learn how to use a variety of hand tools.
- The prize money will be used to purchase materials to build woodworking benches that can also serve as classroom tables. Any remaining money will be used to purchase wood, supplies and tools for student projects.

### Teacher: Jason Proulx Presenters: JoAnn Lauber and Annette O'Connor





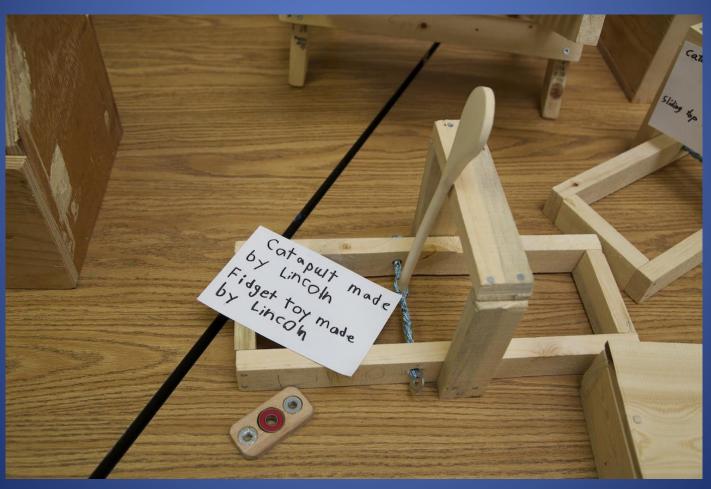
### Senior volunteers share their knowledge and experience with students in a safe, richly creative environment



### Seniors provide suggestions on how to overcome problems that may arise



Completed projects are proudly displayed at the school before final installation in students' back yards or in community gardens.





# Fraserview Learning Centre Mission

### "Lifetime Learners Partnership"

- Grade 7 12 students work with seniors attending the Lifetime Learners Program
- Students and seniors support one another through various program components such as the knitting group, tech time mentorship, gardening and special events such as Remembrance Day assemblies, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.
- Students at FLC learn the importance of giving back to seniors in their community. Seniors teach values, empathy and the art of conversation.

#### Teacher: Sandra Norum Presenter: Caroline Malm



The prize money will be used to enhance the learning environment for students at Fraserview Learning Centre through the purchase of program supplies.



# Muheim Memorial Elementary School Smithers

## "Meadows and Muheim Buddy Program"

Teacher: Liliana Pesce

Presenters: Donna Steeves and Elaine Thompson

- The students of Muheim school meet twice a month with seniors at the MEADOWS, an assisted-living senior centre located two blocks from the school.
- Prize money will be used for art supplies, IPAD for seniors, bus costs to visit local museums and to purchase journals that students can use with seniors to share stories.

### "Meadows and Muheim Buddy Program", Muheim Memorial Elementary School, Smithers



Activities such as reading, laughing, playing, listening to stories, sharing experiences, celebrating occasions, singing and dancing foster social and emotional well-being of all participants.







The children bring an element of youth, family and laughter to the elders in the town and the seniors can sometimes be surrogate grandparents for some students.

# Quilchena Elementary School Richmond

### "Forming Grand Pal Relations"

 Grade 6 and 7 students visit with seniors living at the Gilmore Gardens Retirement Home

 Together, they write poems, share stories, make memory bracelets, plan a garden and most importantly formed friendships

### Teachers: Andrew Livingston and Kevin Vines Presenters: Gordon Smith and Charan Gill



### The assembly is a student-led celebration









# The 2017 Legion Golden Star Winner

# W.L. Seaton Secondary School Vernon

### "Vernon WW1 Veterans - No Stone Left Alone"

#### French Immersion Social Studies 11 students

- researched the history of local WW1 veterans.
- worked with local seniors to locate and lay poppies at the graves of the veterans they researched.

Teacher: Yvonne Fiala Presenter: Stefan Cieslek



### **BCRTA Celebrating Seniors & Students**



