

# Outstanding Principals Honoured

by Carrie Shibinsky



Great principals build great schools. They communicate a compelling vision, they engage their communities, they nurture their staff and they create an environment that increases student success. Thirty-two exceptional leaders in education from across the country have been chosen as *Canada's Outstanding Principals™* for 2010 by The Learning Partnership. This award is presented to principals who have made a measurable difference in the lives of their students and their own local communities.

The Canada's Outstanding Principals program is in its 6th year and this year's winners join the assembly of 155 previous recipients of this prestigious honour. The award is an initiative of The Learning Partnership, a national not-for-profit organization that has championed public education in Canada since 1993 ([www.thelearningpartnership.ca/](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/)).

*Canada's Outstanding Principals* program utilizes the expertise of University of Toronto's Joseph L. Rotman School of Management to provide executive leadership training and resources. This year's principals will join their colleagues from the National Academy of Canada's Outstanding Principals, and through the experience of connecting with other outstanding leaders, the principals will form the foundation for a national network of knowledge that can be applied to their schools, local communities and provinces.

Nominations were received from every province and territory and selection was on a representation by population basis. Judging was conducted by a distinguished group of Canadian education, community and private sector leaders. Each candidate was scored in the categories of: characteristics of outstanding principals; evidence of partnerships with parents and community; a personal story illustrating successful change and innovation which resulted in improved student achievement; as well as letters of support.

The winning principals were invited to a five-day Executive Leadership Training Program at the University of Toronto's Joseph L. Rotman School of Management in February where they had the opportunity to dialogue and reflect on leadership issues with other leaders from the educational, social, cultural and business communities. In addition, the winners were formally honoured for their contributions at the *Canada's Outstanding Principals Gala Awards Celebration*, held in Toronto at the Delta Chelsea Hotel.

## Canada's Outstanding Principals for 2010

### Alberta

Kathleen Finnigan	St. Patrick's Community School	Red Deer
Sandra Levesque	Falconridge School	Calgary
Mike Bolder	Blessed John XXIII Elementary and Junior High School	Calgary
Linda Gadwa	Kehewin Community Education Centre	Kehewin

### British Columbia

David Derpak	Vancouver Technical Secondary School	Vancouver
Lisa McCullough	Mount Boucherie Secondary School	Kelowna
Rhonda Ovelson	A.S. Matheson Elementary School	Kelowna
Lynne Moorhouse	View Royal Elementary School	Victoria

### Manitoba

Laurie Bachewich	Onanole Elementary School	Onanole
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### New Brunswick

Mike BeLong	Hillcrest School	Moncton
Elizabeth Horgan	St. Malachy's Memorial High School	Saint John

### Newfoundland and Labrador

Barry Jenkins	Villanova Junior High	Conception Bay South
Vaughn Granter	Corner Brook Regional High	Corner Brook

### Northwest Territories

Janette Vlanich	Sir Alexander MacKenzie School	Inuvik
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### Nova Scotia

Debbie Metherall	Rockingstone Heights School	Halifax
Terry Wadden	Sir John A. Macdonald High School	Upper Tantallon

### Nunavut

Cathy Lee	Attagoyuk Ilisavik	Pangnirtung
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### Ontario

Jan Olsson	Huntsville High School	Huntsville
Cindy Zwicker Reston	Bendale Business and Technical Institute	Toronto
Theresa Harper-Dubé	Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education	Napanee
Marlyne King	Lancaster Public School	Mississauga
Beverley Muir	Humberwood Downs Junior Middle Academy	Toronto
Joanne Lombardi	St. James Catholic School	Seaforth
Beverley Ohashi	Earl Haig Secondary School	Toronto
Ron Curridor	Monsignor J. H. O'Neil Catholic Elementary School	Tillsonburg
Agnes Cudmore	St. Mary's Catholic School	Blind River
Wes Hahn	R.A. Riddell Elementary School	Hamilton

### Prince Edward Island

Kevin Stonefield	Montague Intermediate School	Montague
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### Quebec

Myra Kestler	Harold Napper School	Brossard
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### Saskatchewan

Faye Elke	Evan Hardy Collegiate Institute	Saskatoon
Garth Anderson	Foam Lake Composite School	Foam Lake

### Yukon

Ted Hupé	Holy Family Elementary School	Whitehorse
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Reflecting the desire to recognize the unique challenges that educational leaders face in on-reserve schools, Linda Gadwa, principal of Kehewin Community Education Centre, Kehewin, Alberta will receive a special award from The Learning Partnership for her exceptional leadership.

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