

School District 2 Press Release:

The Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education were presented yesterday to 15 people who have contributed to the education of New Brunswick youth in the Anglophone sector.

Education Minister Kelly Lamrock presented medallions during a ceremony at the Fredericton Playhouse "We are proud to honour these individuals who are helping to make New Brunswick's education system be the best in the country," Lamrock said. "It is truly rewarding to recognize this year's recipients, who are exceptional examples of what our province has to offer our students."

School District 2's Excellence in Education recipient is Sheila Thomas, Teacher from Havelock School. Shelia Thomas teaches Grade 4 at Havelock School, and is the resident music teacher. She introduced recorder and ukulele training to the students, and each year produces Christmas concert musicals for students in kindergarten to Grade 5. She is on the district committee for healthy eating initiatives, and teaches cross-country skiing to grades 4 and 5. Sheila states "I'm really grateful to be recognized for what I do".

Principal Shannon Doyle sings Sheila's praises. "Mrs. Thomas is a first and foremost a dedicated teacher, both in the capacity of classroom instruction and the extra-curricular activities she has provided for the students throughout her career in Havelock

In the classroom, Mrs. Thomas is highly respected by her students, parents and fellow colleagues. Her students look forward to being in her homeroom because of the inviting atmosphere she creates, and the high energy she brings to classroom instruction. I admire the fact that she is constantly bringing the curriculum to life for her students by creating links to the present interest in their lives, and her emphasizing the positive personal traits such as integrity and co-operation that these students will need to become successful adults and community leaders. Mrs. Thomas never seems to teach concepts in the same fashion twice; instead she chooses to vary her approach in an attempt to meet the many different learning styles in her classroom. Anyone who observes her students throughout the day would instantly notice that her students enter her room excited and happy to be there, and after a long day of work, to the tune of "Takin' Care of Business", cooperate enthusiastically as a team to prepare the classroom for the next day's adventure."

Recommendations for the District Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education were submitted by individuals or groups (that is, parent-school support committees, home and school associations, student councils, branches of the teachers' association) in the nominee's school district.

On May 14th, the District Education Council held a dinner to honour the nominees for this year's Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education. Following a lovely meal, nominees received a plaque, a certificate and a few words from DEC members who were present. The following attendees were honoured:

**PREMIER'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**  
**Nominations ~ School District 02**  
**2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

**All Nominees School District 02**

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Nominated By</b>
Sheila Thomas	Havelock School	Havelock Home and School
Karen Branscombe & School District 02	School District	Pat Armour Wesley Armour Larry Nelson
Jason Reath	Tantramar Regional High School	Tantramar Regional High School Administration Team
Kelly Thibodeau	Shediac Cape School	Shediac Cape PSSC – Kathleen Kiely
Shelley Buechler	02Gunningsville School	Tina Manderville – Principal Gunningsville School
Debra Richard	Beaverbrook School	Marilyn McAllister Munn – Principal Beaverbrook School
Claire Clory Lifetime Achievement	Claude D. Taylor School	Claude D. Taylor School Administration Team
Shannon Trevors Lower Coverdale School	Salisbury Elementary Lower Coverdale School	Lily Adams, Karen Rogers, Brenda Lewis Lower Coverdale PSSC
Claire Clory District Award	Claude D. Taylor	Brenda Mawhinney
Shelley Buechler	Gunningsville	Tina Manderville
Sean Terry District Award	Riverview Middle School	Nancy Matthews, Miriam MacLeod, Mona Crossman
Sean Terry Provincial Award	Riverview Middle School	Nancy Matthews, Miriam MacLeod, Mona Crossman
Joanna Mattatall	Arnold H. McLeod	Arnold H. McLeod PSSC
Nancy Ellsworth	JMA Armstrong	Debbie Wilson, TA – JMA Armstrong
Terra Moulant	Queen Elizabeth School	Steve Booth
Lisa Steeves	Salem Elementary	Duane McLellan and staff
Kelly Thibodeau	Shediac Cape School	Shediac Cape PSSC
D.J. Moore	Sunny Brae School	Gerry Caron
James Mosher, Mark Dickinson, Anne Spinney, Kathy Prosser, Lawrence McGillivray	Moncton High School	Administration Team at Moncton High School
Mary Beth Legault	Frank L. Bowser	Carm Peters, Carol Northrup Davis, Jane Messervier
Monique LeBlanc	Edith Cavell	Craig Hutchings
Gail LeBlanc	Dorchester School	Michelle Nadolny, PSSC Chair
Debbie Maillet	Mountain View School	Angela Ralph
Christoph Becker	Port Elgin	Brian Dean, Sandra Walton, Lynda Fenton
Michael Land	Hillsborough Elementary	Linda Ross

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