Prince Street School Wins Award

Prince Street Elementary School is this year’s winner of the Excellence in Education Award, an award designed to recognize schools and learning centres for their efforts in providing a quality education to their students. Last year’s Award was won by Kinkora Regional High School.

The Award, established last year by Education 20/20 through the generosity of an Island family, includes a cheque for $2,500 and is intended to call attention to important characteristics of effective schools. The National Parent Teacher Association in the US points out, “when families, schools, and communities work together student achievement improves, teacher morale rises and communication increases”. Study after study show the dramatic impact parental involvement makes to a child's success in school. In fact, engaging families in their children’s education improves school achievement, attendance, behaviour and graduation rates.

The Award is focused on matters over which schools have day-to-day control such as student engagement, school environment, instruction, school community partnerships and engagement of parents. In announcing the Award, Dr. Glendenning, President of Education 20/20 Inc. pointed to some evidence of collaboration including honouring students for their accomplishments, case management meetings, the writing and production of a school song, focus on food through “Garden Buddies”, selection of a school mascot,” extra mile” taken by staff to spruce up some student spaces, and the extensive engagement with the community in a range of activities.

The Award was open to all schools and learning centres. A call was put out for nominations, three nominations were received and reviewed by an Awards Committee; the Committee’s recommendation, Prince Street Elementary School, was approved by the Education 20/20 Board at its meeting on June 3.