

Special Announcement

June 2024

2024 Outstanding Employee Contribution Award Recipient

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that three (3) recipients have been selected to receive the **Outstanding Employee Contribution Award**.

Hector Riquelme (Teacher – Brochet School)

Marietta Anterola (Principal – Leaf Rapids Education Centre)

Ernestine Huhtala (Teacher – Skownan School)

The criteria for this award includes proficiency in responsibilities, contribution to the Division and community, evidence of leadership, and personal and/or professional growth.

Subsequent announcements will provide information about the other recipients.

HECTOR RIQUELME

Hector first received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1996, with a major in history and minor in geography, followed by his Bachelor of Education degree in 1999. Hector started his teaching career with Keeseekoowenin Education Authority in 1999. He then taught in Cross Lake from 2000-2004, at St John's Ravenscourt from 2005-2007 before moving to Balmoral Hall School in 2007. Hector then spent time teaching English in Busan, South Korea before joining the Division as a teacher at Brochet School in 2010 where he continues to work today.

Hector is a committed teacher who takes his position seriously. He sets high standards for his students and his students rise to meet those standards. His lessons are often hands on and experimental and students are excited to attend. Hector's boundless energy, enthusiasm, and involvement extends beyond the classroom into his coaching activities where he spends endless hours with extra-curricular activities such as soccer, badminton, table tennis, archery and co-ed floor hockey as well as volunteering to chaperone students on trips such as Work Experience, the Manitoba Marathon and Frontier Games. Hector develops strong relationships with his students. They know they can count on him being there for them, not only as an educator but as a trusted adult.

Testimonials provided the following insights into Mr. Riquelme contributions:

"Students and parents like Hector because he takes the time to understand each of student and celebrates what they bring to the class and community. He is able to bring out their strengths. He is one of those teachers that makes the craft of teaching look easy."

(Don McCaskill, Area 1 Superintendent)

"I am indeed privileged to work alongside such an outstanding educator as Hector Riquelme. His teaching philosophy reflects the values that comprise the foundation of Frontier's pillars of education."

(Cyril MacGillivray, Principal, Brochet School)

"Mr. R., has built long lasting relationships with his present and former students along with a majority of community members. He has a very unique persona that radiates an "Exceptional" teacher character that any school can wish to have, and Brochet School is blessed to have in our school."

(Delaphine Bighetty, School Committee Chair, Brochet School)

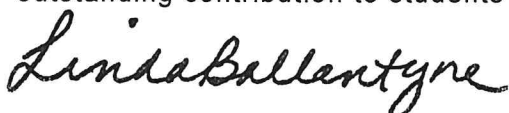
"His passion for teaching, coupled with his unwavering support for student learning and development, set him apart as a truly exceptional educator. He fosters an environment where questions are not only welcomed but encouraged, empowering students to explore their curiosity in math."

(Riel Langlois, Area 1 Math Coach)

"Hector's love for sports was obvious from our first meeting and his willingness to help students develop their skills to an elite level can be born out of the success of our students who participate in the Frontier Games, Divisional Play-Downs and High School competitions."

(Gerald Hall, Phys Ed Teacher, Brochet School)

Please join us in congratulating Mr. Riquelme on this achievement and we thank him for his outstanding contribution to students and to the Division.



Linda Ballantyne, Chairperson
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