

>> 4 BC Principals Make the Grade



We've all had a principal who touched our lives and helped to shepherd us into bright futures. Principals have a lot to deal with, including budgeting, bureaucracy, and the pressures of shaping young minds in conjunction with teachers. Thankfully, several Canadian principals are receiving their due with the Learning Partnership, who recently announced their list of 40 top education leaders in their search for Canada's Outstanding Principals of 2017. The celebration is in its 13th year and seeks to recognize principals who go above and beyond the call of duty by engaging in their community and with their students while finding unique solutions to complicated problems. A gala held in February honoured the top contenders in Toronto. Best news of all is that four BC principals made the shortlist; Alida Privett of Mar Jok Elementary School in the Okanagan, Jacqueline Taylor of Ellison Elementary School in Vernon, Michael Franklin of GROW Alternate Education Centre in Williams Lake, and Angelo Morelli of École K. B. Woodward in Surrey. The winners also benefit from an exclusive five-day executive leadership training program at one of Canada's top business schools, the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, introducing them to leadership and management practices. The greatest honour is that all winners were nominated by their colleagues, proving that education impacts us all.

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>> Terry Fox Exhibit at Royal BC Museum



Terry Fox- A visitor explores the Marathon of Hope events using an interactive touchscreen map in the exhibition Terry Fox – Running to the Heart of Canada. Canadian Museum of History

Few Canadians are as iconic as Terry Fox. He set the stage for cancer awareness while sporting pride in his nation during his run across the country. The Royal BC Museum, in support of Canada's 150th birthday, is launching a new exhibit, Running to the Heart of Canada, which opens April 12, 2017, precisely 37 years from the day Terry dipped his prosthetic leg in the ocean in Newfoundland. "Terry Fox lives in the hearts and minds of many people in Canada and indeed around the world," said Prof. Jack Lohman, CEO of the Royal BC Museum. "These very personal items will evoke much emotion and respect, inspiring all of us and the good work that flows from it." Terry Fox ran an incredible 5,373 kilometres, and his journey will be immortalized at the museum until October. The exhibit will offer unique insight into Terry's life through his journals, the van that followed him during his run, and photographs and mementos. Learn more about the day-to-day operations of the run and look at the impressive impact he had on our nation and the world. Not to be missed are the touching cards and letters of support Terry received during his trip. Use the hashtag #RBCM TerryFox to get involved in the conversation. And it doesn't stop there. Since Terry's journey connected all of us with the importance of family, there is an extra exhibit titled Family, Bonds and Belonging. Explore our connections with one another in this exciting and engaging experience.

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>> Anti-Bullying with viaSport

Engaging in sport is vital for children and adults, keeping us active and connecting us with our community and other sport lovers. viaSport has been at the forefront of promoting amateur sport in BC, and their new province-wide program aims to erase bullying from any and all playing fields. Bullying anywhere can result in a child no longer wanting to participate or engage, withdrawing from something they may love and setting back both physical and mental health. A recent viaSport survey showed that 94 per cent of sport organizations across B.C. believe bullying in sport is a critical issue. That's why these organizations, along with the support of BC's top athletes, professional sport leaders and the provincial government are aligning. viaSport and the Government of British Columbia are encouraging all provincial sport organizations to sign a Declaration of Commitment to erase bullying in sport throughout BC. "Sport is a powerful catalyst for personal growth and community pride; those participating in sport, at any level, should feel safe and encouraged," says Sheila Bouman, viaSport CEO. "On behalf of the 73 provincial sport organizations viaSport funds, and the 670,000 B.C. members these organizations represent, we are determined to ensure a safe, welcoming and positive sport culture and environment for all British Columbians." Encourage your local sport organization to sign the pledge and offer happy, positive fitness environments for all.

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>> Sara's Shore Cleanup

For some, the environment is a passing interest, but for Sara Bauman, it is not only what she loves, but what drives her choices and creativity. Sara has been an avid environmentalist since the ripe age of three. "Balloons are bad," she said to store clerks who were giving away balloons. "Don't you know after they deflate they end up in the ocean and hurt animals?" 10 years later, her passion for cleaning up the oceans has only continued. This year, Sara is training for her Bat Mitzvah, the ritual marking a girl's passage from childhood to adulthood in the Jewish religion. Aside from intense Hebrew and Judaic studies, she has to plan, organize, and execute a community service close to her heart. Naturally, the oceans call and she is cleaning up her favourite Vancouver Beach where she spends many summer days. Join her and her crew clean up Kits Beach and help to celebrate Sara's fourth beach clean up. The event takes place on April 23rd, from 10am until noon, starting at 1499 Arbutus Street. Meet at the playground and prepare to get to work! Don't worry about getting dirty either, because tongs, garbage bags, and gloves are all provided. So join the shore cleanup to keep our oceans safe and healthy while supporting Sara in her path to adulthood.



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