

## **BRANDON'S BEST SCHOOL PATROL TEAMS EARN AWARDS AT SURPRISE ASSEMBLY**

*CAA Manitoba, Manitoba Public Insurance & Brandon Police Service recognize top squads*

BRANDON, MB – June 14, 2017 – Three hard-working patrol teams from Riverheights, Linden Lanes and Green Acres schools, were surprised today with trophies for first, second and third place, respectively, in the Brandon School Patrol Awards, given by CAA Manitoba and the Brandon Police Service.

Throughout the school year and whatever the weather, CAA School Safety Patrols® around Brandon can be found wielding their bright orange flags at street corners, helping peers, parents, and the community cross the street safely.

“Brandon’s patrol teams are second-to-none – the kids’ enthusiasm and loyalty to their patrolling duty are inspiring,” said CAA Manitoba’s president, Mike Mager. “CAA Manitoba is proud of the work these patrols do daily, and the trophies commemorate the outstanding effort they put in this year.”

Levi Jackson, a fifth-grade student at Riverheights School, was the proud recipient of the second-annual Manitoba Public Insurance Best Captain Award. Manitoba Public Insurance has been a sponsor of the school patrol program for nearly three decades.

As the national coordinator for the School Safety Patrol® program in Manitoba for over 80 years, CAA Manitoba has been teaching leadership skills and road safety in communities across the province. At the end of each school year, Brandon patrol teams are graded by CAA Manitoba and the Brandon Police Service on elements including communication, hand signals and professionalism at their post. The top schools are honoured at a surprise assembly.

“We are very proud of all of our school patrols in Brandon,” said Chief Ian Grant of the Brandon Police Service. “We admire and appreciate their dedication as well as the dedication of the patrol coordinators at all of our local schools.”

In 2016, Linden Lanes earned first place bragging rights, with George Fitton claiming second and Alexander School rounding out the top three.

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**About the CAA School Safety Patrol® program:** Louise Staples, a teacher at Greenway School in Winnipeg, Manitoba, organized the first CAA School Safety Patrol® team in 1936. Patrols were instated city-wide a few months later to protect pedestrians and promote road safety. In 2016, the CAA School Safety Patrol® program marked its milestone 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Manitoba with a time capsule and legacy tree-planting ceremony at Greenway School. CAA Manitoba has been the coordinator of the CAA School Safety Patrol® program in Manitoba for 80 years and continues to teach road safety and leadership skills through the program in communities across the province.

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