

THREE BRANDON SCHOOLS TAKE TOP PATROL HONOURS

CAA Manitoba, Manitoba Public Insurance & Brandon Police Service celebrate Brandon's best school patrol teams

BRANDON, MB – May 12, 2016 – A great surprise was in store for students and teachers at Linden Lanes, George Fitton and Alexander School today as CAA Manitoba and the Brandon Police Service awarded their patrol teams with the trophies for first, second, and third place, respectively, in the Brandon School Patrol Awards.

Kids in fluorescent yellow safety vests carrying bright orange flags are a common sight on Brandon's street corners during the school year. For years, these CAA School Safety Patrols® have helped thousands of pedestrians cross the street safely before school, at lunch, and at the end of the day.

"No matter if there's rain, snow, or sunshine, these patrols come out every day to help Brandonites stay safe. Each of these three patrol teams have a lot to be proud of, and we thank them for their dedication and enthusiasm when patrolling," said CAA Manitoba's President and CEO, Mike Mager.

"CAA Manitoba has been the national coordinator the School Safety Patrol® program in our province for 80 years, and we are proud to continue to teach important road safety and leadership skills in communities across Manitoba."

Thomas Meier, a fifth grade student at Green Acres School, received the first-ever Manitoba Public Insurance Best Captain Award this year. Manitoba Public Insurance has been a sponsor of the school patrol program for nearly three decades.

"Being a safety patroller is hard work that requires dedication," said Ward Keith, vice-president, Business Development & Communications and chief product officer, Manitoba Public Insurance.

"The best captain award recognizes the strong leadership skills and dedication needed to assist their patrol teams. It's a huge responsibility to ensure fellow students are safe while crossing roadways and going home. School patrollers make a positive difference in our communities."

Throughout the school year, CAA Manitoba and the Brandon Police Service grade all Brandon patrol teams on elements including communication, hand signals, and professionalism at their post. The top three schools are honoured with a trophy at a surprise assembly.

"Brandon Police Service would like to thank the Brandon School Division school patrollers for their dedication and hard work this year," said Chief Ian Grant of the Brandon Police Service. "Since completing their school patrol training, these students have spent many hours helping their fellow students travel safely to and from school. Keep up the good work and stay safe!"

In 2015, Kirkcaldy Heights School took the top trophy, with Linden Lanes earning second place and Waverley Park School following close behind in third.

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