

FVSD MERIT AWARDS NOMINATION

Outstanding efforts towards building positive learning environments are occurring in FVSD schools and these efforts are deserving of recognition. Please read the description of the awards below and if you feel that a school in your community is deserving of such recognition, please take the time to nominate the school.

It is important to note that ANYONE can nominate a school and that includes staff, students, parents and community members. A nomination can be as brief or as in depth as the nominator wishes.

- i. **Culture and Climate** – The educational experience is critically important to the success of each student. This Merit award will recognize efforts to create a school environment in which students have a sense of belonging, are encouraged to contribute as an educational citizen, and feel that adults in their lives are invested into all students being successful.

EXAMPLES of strategies befitting of a Culture and Climate Merit Award MAY be:

- ❖ Student Leadership
- ❖ Engagement in Education – Students, Staff, Parents and Community
- ❖ Positive School Community
- ❖ Building Educational Partnerships
- ❖ Humanitarian / Citizenship Initiatives

- ii. **Student Supports for Success** – Every student in our school system has unique educational needs. Some students face more learning challenges than others. This Merit award will recognize support systems that are impacting the student's success.

EXAMPLES of strategies befitting a Student Supports for Success Merit Award MAY be:

- ❖ Success Teams
- ❖ Service Learning
- ❖ Child Circle
- ❖ Effective Behavioral Supports
- ❖ Mental Health
- ❖ Go Girls
- ❖ Volcano Club
- ❖ School / Grade / Community Transition Programs
- ❖ Student Recognition Model

- iii. **Divisional Priorities** – The Fort Vermilion School Division is a highly focused educational organization. Annually, the Board of Trustees establishes priority areas for staff to focus their efforts. The goal of these focus areas is to make an instrumental difference in the lives of students by providing every opportunity for success.

Currently the FVSD Board of Trustees has established three priorities:

- a. All students will improve reading, writing and digital literacy skills.
- b. All students will improve numeracy skills through practical applications of curricular outcomes.
- c. All students will be increasingly engaged in learning environments to improve achievement and citizenship skills.

The Divisional Priority Merit award will recognize school efforts in these three priority areas.

- iv. **Programming / Instruction** – The educational program of a student consists of a broad range of experiences which occur both within and outside of the classroom. This Merit award will recognize the breadth of quality programming and instruction for students.

EXAMPLES of strategies befitting a Programming / Instruction Merit Award MAY be:

- ❖ Fine Arts – Music, Drama, Art, Dance
- ❖ Healthy Schools
- ❖ Service Learning
- ❖ Humanitarian Contributions
- ❖ Extra-curricular Activities – Clubs, Student Council, Physical Activity, Sports, Chess, Technology, etc.
- ❖ Career Awareness

**FVSD Merit Awards
Nomination Form**

Date:

School Nominated:

Nominator:

Merit Award Nominated:

Culture and Climate

Student Supports for Success

Divisional Priorities

Programming / Instruction

Explanation of why the school was nominated for the Merit Award:

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Submit to Darlene Bergen via email darleneb1@fvsd.ab.ca or fax 780-927-4625

Visit www.fvsd.ab.ca for an electronic form.