

News and Information

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Canada's Outstanding Principals

Kelowna, B.C. –

The Central Okanagan School District is pleased to announce that one of our Principals has been selected by The Learning Partnership as one of *Canada's Outstanding Principals* – **Bruce McKay**, Principal of Chute Lake Elementary School.

Bruce has 30 years of experience in education, which includes teaching positions in Prince George and Vancouver. In September of 1990 Bruce joined the Central Okanagan School District as a teacher at Okanagan Mission Secondary School. Bruce's teaching experience also includes a position at Rutland Junior Secondary School.

In 1993 Bruce received his first administrative assignment as Vice-Principal of Bankhead and Gordon Elementary Schools. His administrative assignments have included positions at KLO Secondary School, West Rutland Community School, Rutland Elementary School and Raymer Elementary School. Bruce has been in his current assignment as the Principal of Chute Lake Elementary School since 2009.

Moyra Baxter, Board Chairperson, stated "We look forward to recognizing Mr. McKay and his team at the January 27th Board Meeting. Bruce exemplifies our District moto *Together We Learn* and we send him sincere congratulations."

Superintendent of Schools, Kevin Kaardal, noted that "Bruce McKay is a most worthy recipient of this award, which acknowledges his outstanding leadership in Central Okanagan schools. To be selected amongst only 40 school leaders across Canada is a great tribute to his leadership. His recognition is also a reflection of the quality of the educators that work throughout the Central Okanagan School District."

The Canada's Outstanding Principals (COP) program is in its 12th year and this year's 40 winners will join the assembly of more than 400 previous recipients of this prestigious honour. The award is an initiative of The Learning Partnership, a national charitable organization that has championed public education in Canada since 1993. It is presented to Principals from every province and territory in Canada who demonstrate innovation, entrepreneurial spirit and who have done something truly remarkable in public education.

The winners will be inducted into the National Academy of Principals at a gala dinner in Toronto and attend a week-long Executive Leadership Training Program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management in February.

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