

Students Show Appreciation for Crossing Guards

Ten Fredericton-Area Crossing Guards Honoured for their Service

FREDERICTON – July 18, 2011 As the school year has come to a close, it presents a perfect opportunity to express gratitude to those who help our children arrive safely at school each day. This year, the School Travel Planning (STP) program decided to do just that and show appreciation to the crossing guards who work near the two STP pilot schools in Fredericton, Park Street Elementary and Connaught Street Elementary.

In all, ten crossing guards were honoured: Brian Scott, Rose MacDonald, Peter Giebels, Bert Worthen, Brian Firlotte, Joel Cowie, Peter Kroon, Penny Huntley-Dobson, Mildred Mills and Dave McQuade. Each guard received a certificate of appreciation, delivered by students from their local STP school.

Every crossing guard has their own story. After completing 14 years of service at Connaught Street School, Mills is transferring this coming school year over to South Devon, so she can work near her son's school.

Penny Huntley-Dobson, a crossing guard at Rookwood Ave. and Waggoners Lane, is a woman who truly enjoys her job. She brings fun to work every day for the kids. The children love the fact that Penny dresses up for holidays and special occasions.

"I have no kids, so when I'm walking children across the street, I feel like they're my own," said Huntley-Dobson.

Dobson was hit by a drunk driver when she was just two years old, so she knows just how valuable her services are. She shares her story with all the children she helps, especially the children who like to horseplay on the way to school.

She's not in it for the financial reward. "I don't expect lots of money. It's what's inside you. It's not about the checks or bonuses; it's about the kids."

Next time you're stopped at a crosswalk, watching children being safely ushered across the street by a crossing guard, take a moment to appreciate what they do for our children and our families!

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