

Two Acton teachers get awards from Prime Minister

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The innovative teaching skills of two Acton residents, Randy Cook and Maureen Flynn, have earned them the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. Cook and Flynn, who work for the Peel Board of Education, are among 17 teachers recognized this year by the PM for leading the way in preparing their students for the new, knowledge-based economy.

Three years ago Cook and Flynn, who describe themselves as FACTS - facilitators, advisers, coaches and teachers, developed and implemented a new International Business and Technology program in Peel - a unique program designed to create self-directed learners by encouraging students to use technology and launch entrepreneurial ventures.

The program is so popular that the Peel Board turns away as many students as it accepts - 120 each year - and some students willingly ride a bus four hours a day to get to the Mississauga school where the program is offered to Grade 7 and 8 students.

Cook said that the heart of the program is based on an optimum target of developing what is known as a "QISL".

"That's a quality, independent, self-directed learner - a student who takes control of their own learning and has a clear picture of what they need, what it is they want and the skills and resources to go about achieving that end," Cook explained.

Students are trained in the business cycle, they learn about the economy and marketing and they build their own companies that show profits. Flynn, who moved to Acton recently, said the program has a dual draw for kids.

"Initially, the kids come because of all of the really neat technology we have in our program. Our students are intrigued by trying something different," Flynn explained in an interview on Thursday.

"They see a lot of computers, a science lab filled with robotics and aerospace stuff and so the toys are their first attraction. They also like that

we designed a program where they can make money and put it in their pocket," Flynn said, adding that one student developed a line of natural cosmetics and another marketed her artwork.

Flynn said they listened to the business community when designing the program and aim to develop students who have a code of ethics, who are receptive to learning and to work in teams.

Both Cook and Flynn, who each have over 30 years teaching experience, said receiving their awards from the Prime Minister at a Parliament Hill ceremony several weeks ago is the highlight of their careers.



PRIME MINISTER Jean Chretien presents the Prime Minister's award for Teaching Excellence to Acton teachers Randy Cook, left, and Maureen Flynn in a ceremony in Ottawa on May 28. - Submitted photo

Officer charged after crash with cruiser

The Halton police constable who totalled his cruiser in an early morning crash May 30 on Mill Street West has been charged under the Highway Traffic Act with failing to drive in the marked lane.

Halton police report that the officer was westbound on Mill Street just east of Dublin Line, responding to an emergency call, when he lost control of the cruiser on some loose gravel, swerved and hit a tree. The officer suffered minor injuries and between

\$30,000 and \$40,000 damage was done to the police car.

Trailer taken

A 10-foot long trailer was stolen from the driveway of Wordenview Drive residence between 12:30 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. on June 3. The trailer is green with black trim and the licence plate is S31068.

Shades stolen

A pair of sunglasses worth \$200 was taken from an unlocked vehicle on Division Street between 11 p.m. and

12-noon overnight Saturday. Police have no witnesses or suspects.

False alarm

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