

TAVISTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Classes earn 'The Golden Boot'

Maintenance staff at Tavistock Public School, along with Principal Nicola Banks, recently implemented a classroom award called "The Golden Boot."

First time winners of the now coveted award were the Kindergarten class of Mrs. Leanne Oliver and Mrs. Jackie Verhoeven and the Grade 1 class of Mrs. Rachel White.

The Golden Boot is awarded to the students who keep the hallway clean outside their classroom. That means no random boots or mittens lying in the middle of the hall and coats, hats, pants

and lunch pails in their place. The regular grades begin with 10 points and lose a point every time something is out of place. The maintenance staff checks the halls four times a day, so the chances of something being out of place is pretty high. However, "the winner didn't lose a single point," said head maintenance man Rob Todd. Other maintenance staff include Chuck Schneider and Michelle Waugh.

Principal Nicola Banks and Mr. Todd agreed on implementing the award with Mr. Todd making the two Golden Boot awards

himself. Mrs. Banks visited the winning classrooms and provided each student with "a special, sweet treat," she said. The award encourages students to be "responsible little people," Mrs. Banks said. "It promotes healthy competition and pride in our school," she added.

The award was to be presented at the end of each 10-day cycle with six cycles remaining in the school year. However, with the closure of the schools for the next three weeks at a minimum, it is yet to be determined how many more classes will be honoured.



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Mr. Rob Todd stands with the Grade 1 Class of Mrs. Rachel White and their Golden Boot award.

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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PRESS RELEASE -

Working closely with public health officials, peopleCare continues to do our part to keep our residents, staff and communities safe and reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Following new directives from the Ministry of Health, peopleCare's Homes are only able to receive essential visitors at this time. Essential visitors include anyone with a loved one in the Home who is very ill or dying.

We continue to actively screen essential visitors, including checking for symptoms, asking about recent travel history and contacts and taking temperatures.

Although these measures are necessary, we understand the anxiety and concern it may cause and we appreciate the support of our families, communities and partners as we keep the focus on resident and staff safety and well-being.

At the same time, we are doing everything we can to keep life in the Home as happy and normal as possible for our

residents. Activities and programs are continuing. Favourite meals will be enjoyed. And loving care is being provided to all.

We are encouraging anyone with concerns about their loved one at peopleCare Tavistock to call the Home. The charge nurse, Executive Director or Director of Care are there to support our families in these unsettling times.

peopleCare's top priority is always the safety and wellbeing of our residents, families, staff and communities. We have an Infection Control Lead at all Homes, and rigorous, year-round infection control and surveillance practices and protocols, based on public health guidelines. We also have on-site storage of supplies that would support our staff/caregiver safety in the event of any illness entering the Home.

We've had a visitor's log since SARS and everyone signs in and out of the building. And our message is always: If you are sick, don't visit. If you are ill, don't come to work.

As this situation evolved in the past



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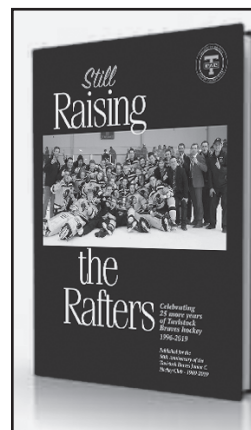
Mr. Rob Todd sits with the Kindergarten class of Mrs. Jackie Verhoeven (left) and Mrs. Leanne Oliver and their Golden Boot award.

few weeks, our teams reviewed our pandemic and staffing contingency plans, our infection prevention and control plans, and our supplies. We've worked closely with Ontario Public Health, the government and our health system partners to do everything possible to prepare and to enhance precautions as needed.

We've also communicated regularly with staff, residents and families. Providing

them with information, resources and reassurances about the steps we take year-round for their protection, and our state of readiness.

peopleCare Tavistock has a special place in the community and we appreciate the way our staff, families and community partners are supporting one another during this unsettling situation and cooperating to keep each other safe and healthy.



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