

NGPS Indigenous Student



**David
Cyr**
Hillside Jr/Sr High



**Gia
Hamelin**
Hillside Jr/Sr High



**Helena
Soto**
Hillside Jr/Sr High

David is a hard working and talented senior who enjoys Drama, travel, and sharing his Indigenous culture with others. David is described by his teachers as an exceptional young man and artist who enriches and inspires his school community through his work within the school's Drama program, his participation in many of Hillside's international learning excursions, and as a member of the school's Karios blanket exercise presentation team, which aims to foster understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Gia is a motivated Grade 7 student who always puts forward her best efforts. A kind and respectful student, Gia takes great pride and joy in connecting with, and sharing, her Indigenous culture. She has performed her Fancy Shawl dance for classmates and participates in Pow Wows and various other cultural activities in the Sturgeon Lake community. Gia is enthusiastic about her future, and serves as a role model for others because of her positive outlook and her success as a student and community member.

Helena is proud of her Indigenous roots and eagerly shares her culture with others where possible. In gym class, her initiative and confidence in sharing her Jingle Dance with the class inspired others to also share. In addition to her cultural activities, Helena plays basketball on Hillside's junior girls team and is a positive member of her school community who always demonstrates honesty and respect for others. Helena works very hard in class, attends school faithfully, and is committed to her goals and future aspirations.

Congratulations Gia!

Congratulations Helena!

Congratulations David!

The Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path and embrace their own gifts and potential while celebrating the ways of their people.



**Koda
Sawyer**
Percy Baxter School

Koda is a thoughtful, caring soul who takes ownership of her personal journey and growth and strives to be her best, and do her best, every day. She regularly goes above and beyond with her school work and is a wonderful mentor to her classmates and to younger students. Koda is confident and motivated in meeting personal challenges with a strong work ethic and a positive outlook. Koda is rarely seen without a smile on her face and continually demonstrates strength and commitment in her work.

Congratulations Koda!

Award Nominees



Renee Gray
Percy Baxter School

Renee is described by her nominating teacher as an outstanding member of her school and classroom community. Renee makes all of her peers feel included and arrives at class each day with a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. As a member of Percy Baxter's Leadership program, Renee organizes, promotes and participates in all celebrations and special activities in the school. Adaptable, reflective and mature in nature, Renee's role within the Leadership program has helped her embrace her potential as a future leader.

Congratulations Renee!



Noe Champagne
Percy Baxter School

Noe is a fantastic student and a kind and caring person who regularly puts forth a positive attitude and inspires others to be positive too. Noe has been awarded one of Percy Baxter's most prestigious accolades, being named a Percy Baxter School Citizen and Ambassador for his support of other students and for always going the extra mile with leadership tasks and initiatives. Noe works well with others, is a member of the school basketball team and is committed to achieving his goals and taking responsibility for his own learning.

Congratulations Noe!



London Peever
Percy Baxter School

London demonstrates strong leadership skills and is an active and compassionate member of her school community. Ms. Clarke-Davies, London's Grade 6 teacher shares, "London takes it upon herself to make sure everyone feels included. She supports her classmates and embraces and accepts all people and cultures in our community." London has received the Student of the Month award and has been named a Percy Baxter School Ambassador for her kind actions and academic accomplishments.

Congratulations London!



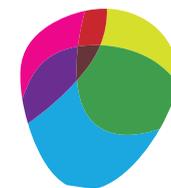
Layla Perrin
Percy Baxter School

Layla is a diligent and hardworking student who sets and meets high standards for herself, both academically, and within her greater community. A kind-hearted and sensitive student, Layla consistently wins academic and citizenship awards and is recognized as a positive and confident leader in her school and extracurricular pursuits. She actively participates within her Métis and school leadership communities, coaches gymnastics outside of school and dreams of becoming an Occupational Therapist one day.

Congratulations Layla!

Congratulations nominees!

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