

## OCDSB Community Award

Each spring the Community Award is granted in recognition of outstanding efforts of a member of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board community in developing an initiative that directly supports the well-being of our students. Nominated by Trustees, School Councils, and the Parent Involvement Committee and OCDSB staff - recipients are selected by the Community Member Recognition Awards Selection Committee.

We are so happy to announce that this year the award has gone to Roch Carrier's very own **Michelle Sutherland**.

Michelle Sutherland is the school's version of Mother Nature. She led several environmental and school greening initiatives. She supported active student transportation, increasing the number of students walking, rolling, or biking to school by 10% within the first year.

Michelle championed the design and implementation of the school's potato patch. She worked directly with Roch students and staff to prepare, plant and harvest potatoes. The success of the potato patch led to Roch's recent partnership with Growing Up Organic/Grandir bio — a program that partners with schools to lead garden-based workshops.

Michelle and a team of teachers and students in grades 4, 5 and 6 will build three garden beds to complement the current garden beds. Students will plant seeds and seedlings, care for the gardens and harvest the crops.

