

## Stonecrest Use of Diefenbooker Funds

Stonecrest Elementary School was thrilled to be awarded close to 4000\$ by the Diefenbooker committee back in the Fall. This money has been used to get our whole school to participate in the 2019 "Forest of Reading" program.

We purchased several sets of books that are nominated for the Forest of Reading awards, and have been able to do so for all levels of readers, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, in both French and English. At the Primary and Junior levels, teachers are currently integrating the books in their readalouds. At the Intermediate levels, books are being used in reading circles.

Here are the details of our purchases:

Blue Spruce Award (JK to Grade 2 English) . 3 sets of 10 books (each \$156.57)

Silver Birch Award Fiction (Grade 4 to Grade 6 English) : 2 sets of 10 books (each \$119.94)

Silver Birch Award Non-Fiction (Grade 4 to Grade 6 English) : 2 sets of 10 books (each \$121.98)

Silver Birch Award Express (Grade 3 to 4 English) : 2 sets of 10 books (each \$117.60)

Red Maple Award Fiction (Grade 7 and 8 English): 5 sets of ten books (each \$ 116.57)

Red Maple Award Non-Fiction (Grade 7 and 8 English): 5 sets of ten books (each \$148.35)

Prix Peuplier (JK to Grade 3 French): 3 sets of 10 books (each \$ 129.32)

Prix Tamarac Express (Grade 4 to 6 French): 3 sets of 10 books (each \$114.00)

Prix Tamarac (Grade 7 and 8): 5 sets of 10 books (each \$138.00)

Here are some of the sets that we purchased.





Stonecrest has, of course, formally registered in the Forest of Reading Program (50\$), which enables teachers to access teaching resources such as crosswords and writing assessments linked to the books in the program. Since we joined the program, we will also have access to virtual author presentations, covering all grades, by both francophone and anglophone authors. The first virtual presentation will take place on January 25th.

By April, our whole school will vote for their favourite books and we are looking forward to hearing rich literary conversations between our students.