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## **Award Given Recognizing Parent Council**

(Winnipeg, May 7, 2011) – Bairdmore Advisory Council was awarded the *Parent Council Recognition Award* by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) at its Annual Banquet on May 6, 2011 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg.

Bairdmore Advisory Council (*Pembina Trails School Division*) was nominated by Bairdmore School Vice Principal, Colleen Roberts. Highlights of the group's achievements include:

- Operating a lunch program
- Daily connections with the school community
- Encouraging diversity and support for English as a Second Language families
- Working collaboratively with the school team by fundraising and support for the creation of the Early Years Technology Lab
- Participation in Pembina Trails School Division's *Expectations for Student Learning* with critical input and feedback
- Participation in the Bairdmore Outdoor Classroom Committee to create a more usable outdoor space for students, staff and community

"The uniqueness of this dedicated group is their passion and commitment to go above and beyond the typical," said Roberts. "This group is involved with daily connections with the school, offering hot lunches for the school, warm hats and mittens for our patrols, communicating on the school website, raising funds, and much more!"

Nominees Sigurbjorg Stefansson School Advisory Council (*Evergreen School Division*) and St. Norbert Immersion Advisory Council (*Seine River School Division*) were also congratulated for the valuable contributions made to their respective school communities.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Recognition Award was established in 2009 as an opportunity to highlight the extraordinary efforts put forth by school based parent groups to support, promote, and enhance meaningful parental involvement in Manitoba's education system. Representatives from educational stakeholder groups are invited to serve on the judging panel and review each nomination to determine the annual recipient.

*The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils is dedicated to supporting, promoting, and enhancing meaningful involvement and participation of parents in order to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.*

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