

## **APEQ Teacher Awards**

Congratulations to award winners, William Cho (Marymount), Molo Finelli (Merton) and Honourable Mention to Maxime Mallette (Nesbitt).

### **SECONDARY TEACHING EXCELLENCE**



**Dr. Billy Harvey, Krista Smeltzer, William Cho**

William teaches at Marymount Academy and was nominated by his principal and co-worker. Will has been teaching at Marymount since 2004 and during his time there has introduced multiple initiatives including the Marymount Athletics Banquet, the Archery Club, the Cricket Club, and the Senior Weightlifting Club. In addition, Will has worked to develop the intramural program including lunch sports and free gym play prior to the start of each school day. Currently, Will is working on lobbying for a 50% increase for instruction time at Marymount and establishing a mentorship program where graduated athletes come back and coach teams. Will is a dedicated teacher and mentor to his students, student-athletes, and co-workers and an inspiration at Marymount.

## INNOVATIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



**Dr. Billy Harvey, Krista Smeltzer, Molo Finelli**

Molo Finelli teaches at Merton School and was nominated by his principal. Molo has taught within the EMSB for more than 20 years and has been at Merton since 2003. Anyone who has walked into Molo's gym knows that it is a magical place, where all students experience success on a daily basis. Using the QEP, Molo's program is centered on circus skills. Every student learns to juggle, ride a unicycle, walk on a circus ball, perform aerial acrobatics, and much more. When entering Molo's gym, every student is continually challenging themselves and striving to improve. Not surprisingly, many of the students who do not usually like physical activity excel in this program. Finally, Molo uses his program to extend his knowledge to fellow teachers on pedagogical days and to student teachers during field experience on a yearly basis. Speak to any of his former student teachers and they will undoubtedly tell you about their most memorable learning experience and mentor!