



REACH NEWS



Director's Summary

It's been another lively year of "Reach" play, with hundreds of schools across the country participating in this unique co-curricular team competition. In the 2011-2012 "Reach" season we welcomed new subscriber schools from coast to coast.

Go to our Facebook page (facebook.com/ReachForTheTop) for more detailed information on the **National Finals**, also for photos, film clips, reports and comments from student and alumni fans throughout the past year. And watch for our recurring Quiz Game on Facebook "**Five Questions in Five Days.**"

Go to our website at www.reachforthetop.com during the coming season, for updates from provincial co-ordinators on the play schedules in each province. Please send photos and information on your "Reach" activities so that we can post them to the site.

Our thanks, as always, to the **teacher-coaches** in every province who fielded teams, arranged games, read questions, judged answers and generally made the Schoolreach tournament system work. And on that note we salute several league coordinators of long standing who will be stepping down this year, including **Jennifer Bailey** (Kingston Ont.), **John McHugh** (West Toronto), **Kyra Mathew** (Sudbury), and **Andrew Jeacle**, who has expanded the Ottawa League into one of the largest in the country.

Thanks also to the **provincial co-coordinators** (see their reports on the following pages) who organized and ran the provincial finals and produced uniformly strong teams to represent each province at the Nationals. Of these, **Chris Zarski**, the co-ordinator for Alberta for over two decades will be passing down the torch this year. Thank you, Chris and best wishes to you in all of your future projects.

And with hearty appreciation, I would like to acknowledge the key members of the national Reach Organization:

Editorial Board; Patricia Beecham-Cooper, Stephen Finlay, Nicole Novakovics, Colleen O'Reilly and Ryan Vickers.

Schoolreach Subscription Programme **National Facilitators, Daniel Hill and Frank Russell.**

National Finals **Event Team;** Producers **Daniel Hill and Eric Novakovics;** Readers and Presenters **Richard Koo and Ryan Vickers;** Judges, **Patricia Beecham-Cooper and Ravi Lall;** Floor Director **Brenton Bentz;** Audio Supervisor, **Glen Gummerson;** Cinematographer **Jorge Manzano;** Stills Photographers **James Bailey, and Jag Gundhu;** Production Co-ordinators **Jason Cooper, Rachel Crossman.**

Congratulations to everyone involved in Reach For The Top, for a year of successful games, and best wishes for a relaxing summer.

Paul G. Russell
Executive Director,
The "Reach" Organization

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to the 2011-2012 National Champions University of Toronto Schools

Daniel Lovsted, Cole Jackes, Thomas Broadley, Jenny Mao,
Daniel Redelmeier, Filip Geaman, Rein Otsason and Coach
Fraser Simpson

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Nova Scotia Report

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2011-2012 season of Reach for the Top – SCHOOLREACH in Nova Scotia culminated in the two-day Provincial Finals, held this year in **Bible Hill, at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Haley Institute**. Reach in Nova Scotia has a brand new sponsor: **Dalhousie University**, which paid all costs for the weekend, provided a \$500.00 award to the winning team and gift bags to all 65 participants and coaches. It is hoped that this may become a long-term partnership between Nova Scotia's largest university and Reach For The Top. On Saturday, April 28th, the preliminary round-robin tournament ended with Cobequid Educational Centre in first place overall.

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Cobequid Educational Centre	7	0	2740	810	+1930
2	Dartmouth High School	5	2	1350	1440	-90
3	Sydney Academy	4	3	1720	1390	+330
4	Glace Bay High School	4	3	1470	1460	+10
5	North Colchester High School	3	4	1410	1500	-90
6	Sackville High School	3	4	1080	1470	-390
7	South Colchester Academy	1	6	960	1730	-770
8	Auburn Drive High School	1	6	910	1840	-930

On Sunday, April 29, the Nova Scotia Finals were held; using the seeding results from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place:

#1 Cobequid Ed. Centre	630
#8 Auburn Drive	70

#4 Glace Bay HS	430
#5 North Colchester	230

#2 Dartmouth HS	360
#7 South Colchester	210

#3 Sydney Academy	270
#6 Sackville HS	200

Cobequid Ed. Centre	410
Glace Bay HS	120

Dartmouth HS	180
Sydney Academy	420

Cobequid Ed. Centre	410
Sydney Academy	180



Congratulations to the champions from **Cobequid Educational Centre**: Players: Ryan Terry, Sander Manley, Aiden Manley, Luke MacLean, Neil MacKay, Ian Boyd, Asuka Boehm and Marc Arseneault; Coach: Hans Budgey

New Brunswick Report

By Sean Newlands and Jonathan Logan
New Brunswick Provincial Coordinators

From the first tournament of the year in November, it was clear that the 2011-2012 New Brunswick Reach for the Top season would be exciting and competitive as teams knew they would need work hard to compete against the two-time defending National Champions and the eight-time defending Provincial Champions from **Kennebecasis Valley H.S.**

Four invitational tournaments were held throughout the province during the season. At the first tournament, held at **Nackawic H.S.**, Kennebecasis Valley H.S. defeated Fredericton H.S. to win the Senior Division and James M. Hill H.S. defeated Kennebecasis Valley H.S. #3 in the Intermediate Final.

The second tournament took place at **Fredericton H.S.** in December. Fredericton High School defeated Kennebecasis Valley H.S. in the Senior Final and two Fredericton H.S. teams met in the Intermediate final, with FHS #1 taking the title.

Kennebecasis Valley hosted the third tournament of the year in March. Fredericton H.S. once again emerged victorious in the Senior Division, with a win over Kennebecasis Valley H.S. In the Intermediate (Grade 11/12) Division, Kennebecasis Valley H.S. #2 defeated Sussex Regional H.S., and in the Intermediate (Grade 9/10) Division, Kennebecasis Valley #5 defeated Fredericton H.S. #2.

The final invitational tournament of the year took place in April at **St. Malachy's H.S.** Kennebecasis Valley #1 defeated Kennebecasis Valley #2 in the Senior Final with Bernice MacNaughton H.S. defeating Kennebecasis Valley H.S. #3 in the Intermediate Final.

The Provincial Championship Tournament was hosted by **Oromocto H.S.** on April 28. Fredericton H.S. was victorious over Kennebecasis Valley H.S. in the Senior Championship Game. Kennebecasis Valley H.S. #2 defeated James M. Hill H.S. in the Intermediate Final.

Thank-you to all the coaches/advisors, tournament organizers, volunteer quizmasters, parents and especially to the players for another successful season of Reach for the Top in New Brunswick. We are all looking forward to another exciting season of Reach for the Top in New Brunswick next year. Have a wonderful summer vacation. See you in the fall.

Congratulations to champions from **Fredericton High School**: Players: David Landry, Connor MacDonald, Chris Lutes, Mia Parenteau, Will Gertler and James Beirne; Coaches Andre Savoie & Veronique La Salle



Quebec Report



This is the 12th year of Schoolreach competition in Quebec. After a series of games in the Montreal region, organized by Emilie Richer, at Dawson College, the team to represent Quebec at the National Finals is from Lower Canada College.

Congratulations to **Lower Canada College**: Players: Katerina Gang, Andre Capretti, Andrew Hamilton, Maxwell Wiltzer and Alexander Wulkan; Coach: Maureen Webster

Ontario Report

By **Pat Beecham-Cooper**
Ontario Finals Senior Judge

40 teams, representing leagues from all across the province, met at **University of Toronto Scarborough Campus** and **Pope John Paul II C.S.S.** for the Provincial Championships on May 12.

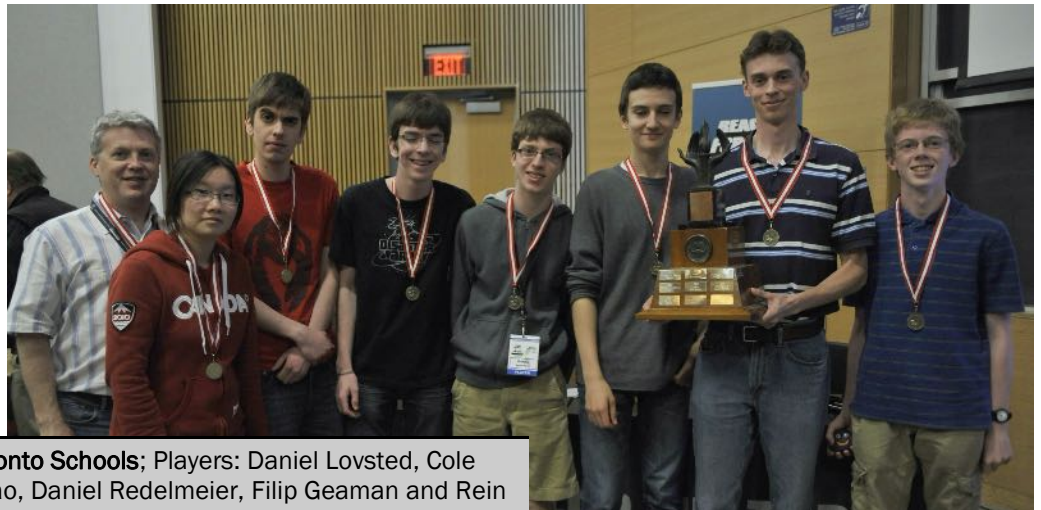
Saturday was mainly registration, orientation and get acquainted. After teams arrived and registered at UofT Scarborough Campus, they gathered at Pope John Paul II School for orientation. After roll call, an information meeting and schedules of play for the round robin tournament on Sunday were given out. The teams set up for two practice games. This helped everyone get used to the layout of the school, and the procedures that would be followed in the actual tournament the next day.

Saturday evening at Scarborough College was the setting for a delicious banquet. During dining, **Fraser Simpson** and **Richard Koo** entertained the tables still waiting to line up for dinner with a trivia contest and prizes. After dinner, Fraser led the crowd in his famous game of "Truth or Lie", for many fantastic prizes donated by several schools, and the Reach for the Top sponsors. Thank you, Fraser. Thanks also to **Ryan Vickers** who contributed some wild and wacky prizes.

On Sunday, teams gathered at PJPII for the round robin tournament. The 40 teams were divided into 5 groups of 8 teams and played 7 games (with each team in their own group). The top team in each of the 5 groups, plus the next top 5 in games won, and then in total points made the top 10 list. Thanks to Pope John Paul II school, the coaches for hosting the tournament, and also to the care-taking staff, and to all the student volunteers who helped deliver quiz packs: **Alyanna Viray, Guhaveri Kaneshwaran, Astrid Almeida, Gian Carol Tan, Keith Watts, Natalie Yamal Soufyan, Mel Perpose** and **Jasmine Romero**. Special thanks to the coaches at John Paul II for all their hard work and assistance: **Chris Premdas, Tony Hagerman, and Teresa Chung**. After the tournament, those schools that didn't make the top ten were free to go home, and the top ten stayed, preparing for the Provincial Finals the next day.

On Monday morning the teams arrived at the Arts and administration building on Scarborough Campus.. It was nice to see the whole province represented in the finals. The final game between London Centre and UTS was an exciting game going into the final snappers. However, UTS prevailed. Both teams advanced to the National Finals.

Thanks to my co-judge, **Ravi Lall** whose encyclopediac knowledge was so helpful in possible alternate answers, and to the Reach staff at the tournament and at the Finals: **Paul Russell, Eric Novakovics, Richard Koo, Daniel Hill, Ryan Vickers, Jason Cooper, Rachel Crossman**, and all the technical staff for providing for a smooth and exciting Provincial Championship



Congratulations to **University of Toronto Schools**; Players: Daniel Lovsted, Cole Jackes, Thomas Broadley, Jenny Mao, Daniel Redelmeier, Filip Geaman and Rein Otsason; Coach: Fraser Simpson

Manitoba Report

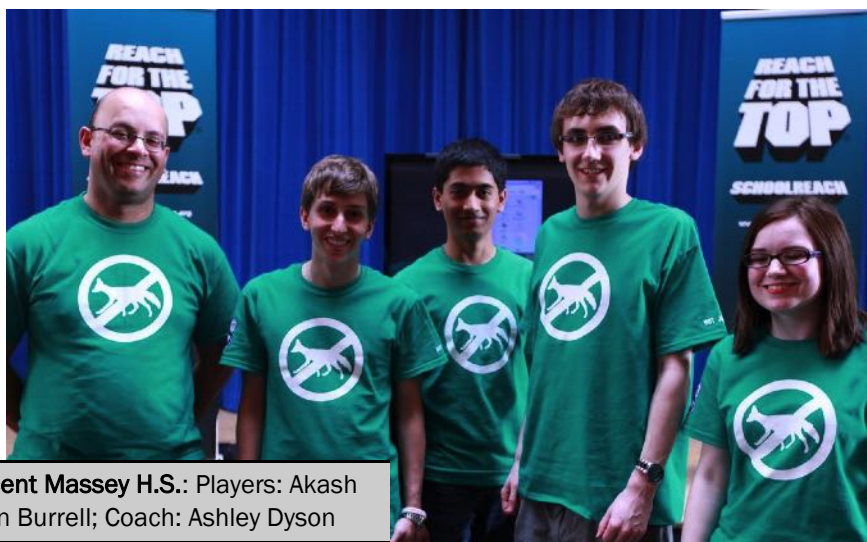
By Neil Martin
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

This year, Manitoba successfully operated a Senior league with six divisions and an Intermediate league with four divisions. Fourteen teams from Winnipeg, Vincent Massey High School in Brandon, and fifteen teams from rural Manitoba represented their schools very well in tournaments played throughout the province. The provincial tournament was hosted by **Raymond Sokalski** at **Kelvin High School** in Winnipeg. After a close runner-up finish last year, the team from **Vincent Massey** in Brandon emerged as this year's champion. Perennial contender Kelvin High School fielded a team that proved to be a formidable opponent in the final. Teams from **St. John's-Ravenscourt School** and **St. Paul's High School** also qualified for the playoff round. The round-robin results were as follows:

Group A	Record	Points
Kelvin High School	4-0	1950
St. Paul's High School	3-1	1530
Pinawa Secondary School	2-2	970
U of W Collegiate	1-3	1020
Carberry Collegiate	0-4	400
Group B	Record	Points
St. John's-Ravenscourt School	4-0	1650
Vincent Massey High School	3-1	1770
Miles Macdonell Collegiate	2-2	1220
Vincent Massey Collegiate	1-3	1030
Rosenort School	0-4	490

Congratulations to provincial champions **Olivia Auriat, Geoffrey Cruse, Dylan Burrell, Logan Toth**, and coach **Ashley Dyson** from **Vincent Massey High School** in Brandon. Qualifying for the nationals and equally deserving of congratulations are **Kelvin High School** team members **Joel Mintz, Brendan Gordon, Ian Shapira, George Penner, Robert Hunter**, and coach **Raymond Sokalski**.

Special thanks to all tournament hosts and everyone who contributed to a very successful year.



Congratulations to the champions from **Vincent Massey H.S.**: Players: Akash Patel, Olivia Auriat, Geoffrey Cruse and Dylan Burrell; Coach: Ashley Dyson

Alberta Report

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Senior Summary

Hello everyone from beautiful and sunny Alberta! We had a very entertaining set of provincial competitions the first of which was the Senior division held April 21st at the host school **Bellerose Composite** in St. Albert, Alberta. Brian Grant and the staff at Bellerose did a fantastic job of hosting the 10 senior teams consisting of Webber (Calgary), Old Scona #1 and #2 (Edmonton), Hunting Hills (Red Deer), St. Augustine (Ponoka), Bellerose Composite #1 and #2 (St. Albert), Hilltop High (Whitecourt), West Island College (Calgary), and William E Hay (Stettler).

After a 5 game round robin, the top two teams in each pool played off and we then moved to simultaneous games of finals and Consolation Finals. Playing in the Finals were Old Scona #2 vs Bellerose #1 and in the Consolation final, Old Scona #1 and West Island College. We are pleased to be sending **Bellerose #1** (370) and **Old Scona #2** (260) to Nationals as Alberta reps. Picking up third place was Old Scona #1 (290) and West Island College (260) placed fourth.

Congratulations to Bellerose #1 for hosting and being the hometown team to represent us as Alberta's best! Special thanks to **Gerri Buccini, Julie Hill, Marcus Chan**, and **Luke Wilson** who continually support the Reach For the Top program and travel to wherever our host is to help with reading and judging provincials. It is the dedication of alumni, both players and coaches, like yourselves, that help make Reach For the Top a successful program in Alberta. A special thanks to all the readers, judges and scorekeepers for the time and dedication not only to provincials but throughout the year! You are greatly appreciated.

Junior and Intermediate Summary

The Junior and Intermediate teams played off in Lacombe hosted by **Ecole Lacombe junior and Composite High Schools**. We thank **Janice VanCampen** and **Lisa Innes** for stepping up and hosting the provincial tournament. This year we celebrated the achievements of 9 Intermediate teams and 6 Junior teams. The competition was split into a Friday night having 4 games of the round robin and Saturday morning finishing the round robin and moving into the semi and final games. Competitors, readers, judges and parents were treated to a buffet breakfast catered at the school. Door prizes were handed out before breakfast finished and then all headed to the final round of games. Special thanks to **Gerri Buccini** who stepped in and handled all the formalities for the provincials and **Julie Hill** who looked after the office action at provincials. I SO appreciated their help in my absence! Again, Marcus Chan, Luke Wilson, Gerri and Julie all traveled to the provincials to volunteer and help out.

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Alberta Report

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Junior and Intermediate Tournament and Finals Results:

JUNIORS

Semi Finals

Lacombe (230) vs Webber (330)
Calmar (260) vs Percy Baxter (220)

Finals

Webber (250) - 1st place
Calmar (210) - 2nd place

Consolation Final

Lacombe (230) - 3rd Place
Percy Baxter (140) - 4th Place

Sportsmanship Trophy

Percy Baxter - Whitecourt

JUNIORS

1. Webber Academy (Calgary)
2. Calmar (Calmar)
3. Ecole Lacombe (Lacombe)
4. Percy Baxter (Whitecourt)
5. Trochu Valley A (Trochu)
Trochu Valley B (Trochu)

INTERMEDIATE

Semi Finals

Ponoka (270) vs West Island (260)
Lacombe#1(230) vs Webber (330)

Finals

Ponoka Composite (380) - 1st place
Webber (270) - 2nd place

Consolation Final

Lacombe #1 (410) - 3rd place
West Island (220) - 4th place


Sportsmanlike Trophy

Ponoka Composite - Ponoka

1. Lacombe #1 (Lacombe)
2. Lacombe #2 (Lacombe)
3. Ponoka Composite (Ponoka)
4. Webber Academy (Calgary)
5. West Island (Calgary)
6. Hilltop High School (Whitecourt)
7. William E Hay (Stettler)
8. Clear Vista (Wetaskiwin)
9. Calmar (Calmar)



Congratulations to **Bellerose Composite H.S.** from St. Albert, Alberta. Coach : Brian J Grant: Players: Graeme Matichuk, Cole Forster, Cole VanDerVelden, Adrian Battiston, Mitchell Sorensen, Susan Muncher, William Mazurek, Evan Grohn and Alexander Los

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Saskatchewan Report



Carpenter High School, from Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. Players: Megan Zacharias, Jessica Zacharias, Eric McCrimmon, Kelty Oftedal and Tina Yu; Coach: Jordan Hansen

British Columbia Report

By Donna Choo
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

It's been a very difficult time for B.C. schools this year due to the prolonged/delayed contract negotiations which has led to extra-curricular activities being curtailed. Still, the 2011-2012 season of B.C. Reach for the Top involved 25 to 30 schools playing at the Senior and/or Junior/Intermediate level in interschool games, and in the highly-anticipated provincial tournaments.

On March 2nd, the 2012 Junior/Intermediate Provincial Tournament was held at St. John's School (Vancouver), where eighteen school teams competed for the championship. Many thanks go to Chris Brunner and Susan Liang, and to the SJS volunteers for hosting and organizing this well-run event.

The 2012 B.C. Intermediate Reach for the Top Champion is St. George's School (Vancouver), and was awarded the school trophy and gold medal. Second place and silver medal went to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary (Vancouver), and third place and bronze medal to North Surrey Secondary (Surrey). Congratulations to all the teams and their coaches!

The 2012 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Championship (Senior level) was held on April 13th at St. George's School (Vancouver) and hosted by Catherine Mori and Rob Lovell. Thank you to the staff and students of SGS for all their hard work during the competition which allowed for a smoothly-run event. The twenty-five schools that attended this tournament played an initial round of five games to rank the schools, with the sixteen highest scoring teams continuing to the championship rounds. The excitement and enthusiasm of the students was evident throughout the quarter-final and semi-final games. It was a pleasure to watch them demonstrate their depth of knowledge and quickness of recall.

The evening ended with an exciting and fast-paced final game between two familiar rivals, with the top award going to the **2012 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Champion: Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby), who received the school trophy and the gold medal. The silver medal went to St. George's School (Vancouver) and the bronze medal to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary (Vancouver).** Congratulations to all the players on the winning teams and to their coaches/sponsors! Burnaby North Secondary and St. George's School are the two B.C. representatives at the Reach for the Top National Tournament in Toronto.

As this is the 25th anniversary of the School Reach programme, I would like to recognize a long-time coach, Maggie Przyborowska, who has been encouraging and promoting RFTT in B.C. for 25 years. All of her players (from various schools) and her fellow coaches do thank her for her dedication to RFTT.

Even with our current situation, it has been an enjoyable year for Reach for the Top in B.C. Thank you to all the students, their parents, and the team coaches/sponsors for their continued commitment and interest in RFTT. We've had fun! Here's to another 25 years of School Reach. Cheers!



Congratulations to the B.C. Champions **Burnaby North S.S.:** Players: Li Xue, Grace Xiao, Eleanor Hoskins, Everest Shi, David Penco and Chris Chiavatti; Coach: Gary Suderman

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National Report

By Paul Russell,
Executive Director, The "Reach" Organization

This year, Provincial Champions traveled by plane, train and car from across Canada and converged in Downtown Toronto at the Chestnut Residence of the **University of Toronto** on Friday May 25, 2012.

On Saturday morning, after breakfast at the residence, teams made their way up town by subway or on foot to University of Toronto Schools in the city's Annex district. After a formal welcome and introductions in the Auditorium, a full round-robin tournament was conducted in the classrooms of the college. We were fortunate to have these articulate and patient readers and judges for the tournament: **Noel Cooper, Matt Dreger, Alden Fong, Ian Greig, Jason Himsl, Ming Ho Yee, Jibril Jeewanjee, Junian Li, Carol Pierce, Daniel Salisbury, Andy Saunders, Luke Stark, and David Zhou.**

On Sunday, the National Finals series began with nine games played through the day in the Auditorium. All of the activity was duly covered by photographer James Bailey. The duties of quizmaster were jointly undertaken by Richard Koo and Ryan Vickers. Our thanks to these two rapid-fire experts, and to our ever-alert judges for these games, **Patricia Beecham-Cooper** and **Ravi Lall**. Thanks also to U.T.S., our host school, and **Fraser Simpson**, the coach of the UTS team, for making us welcome.

The two Semi-Finals and the Championship game were played on Monday morning at the castellated theatre of Canada's Wonderland. The teams were evenly matched and every question was hotly contested. The final confrontation between the two Ontario teams led to victory for the team from **University of Toronto Schools** over **London Central Secondary School**.

Following the final game, a Gala Buffet Lunch was held in Canada's Wonderland Park. A raffle was followed by medals and prizes and beaming winning faces from across the country were captured by flashing cameras.

The announcement of the four MVP's, as selected by a panel of Reach production staff, received enthusiastic applause and every participating school was presented with a plaque commemorating the games, for public display at the school upon their return. This 'Dream Team' consists of **Ryan Terry** (Cobequid), **Connor Pierotti** (London Central), **Eleanor Hoskins** (Burnaby North), and **Sarah Hirtle** (Kennebecasis Valley).

The Teams then streamed out into the park for a late afternoon of thrilling amusement rides in Canada's Wonderland.

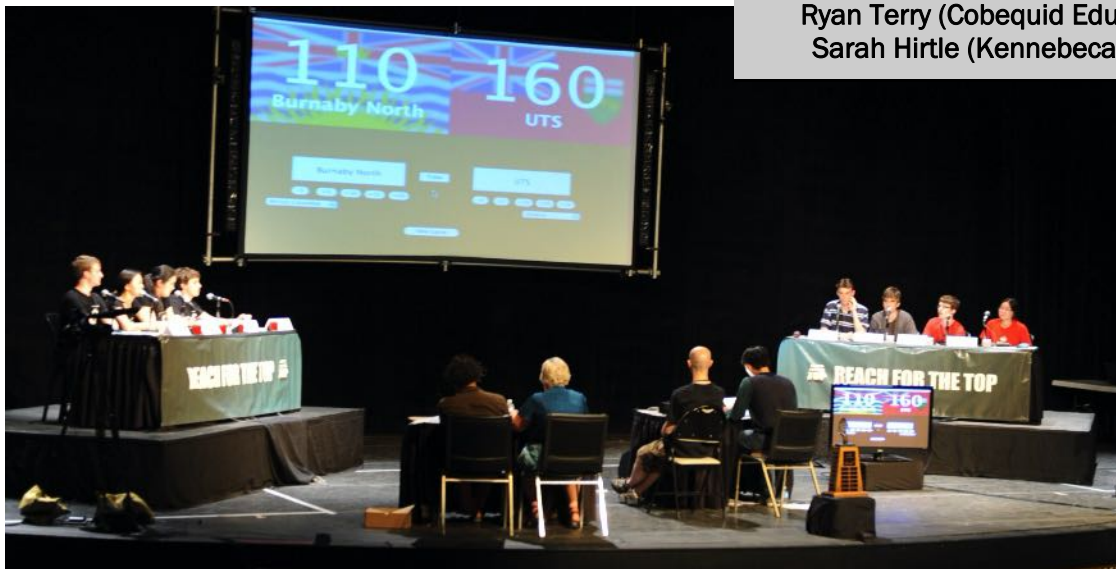


Congratulations to 2011-12 National Champions from **University of Toronto Schools**; Players: Daniel Lovsted, Cole Jackes, Thomas Broadley, Jenny Mao, Daniel Redelmeier, Filip Geaman and Rein Otsason; Coach: Fraser Simpson

Nationals continued



Reach MVPs:
 Eleanor Hoskins (Burnaby North S.S.)
 Connor Pierotti (London Central S.S.)
 Ryan Terry (Cobequid Education Centre)
 Sarah Hirtle (Kennebecasis Valley HS)



Thanks again to our National Supporters:

