



Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence
Sandra Santarossa
Biography

Sandra Santarossa currently teaches at Cleveland Elementary in North Vancouver. Through innovation and a strong commitment to collaboration, Sandra Santarossa has made significant contributions to both her students and the broader community. For example, in order to encourage students' love of reading, Sandra organizes events such as the Primary Read-A-Thon and the Intermediate 'One for All, All for One' reading programs in both French and English. Sandra also created Cleveland's 'KidLit Publishing' to encourage authorship and teaches 'Story Culture' through many mediums and themes, including the school website.

Reaching out to the community, Sandra invites professional artists into the school to share their stories and expertise for the Storyteller-In-Residence program and has planned extra curricular events, such as 'OohLaLa: Messages from the Arts', which brings students and parents together to enjoy different forms of Literacy.

Sandra also collaborated with filmmaker Tony Papa from Avanti Pictures to produce a documentary film called WordLoveWorldLove which won the Best Documentary ages 8-12 at the Kids First International Film Festival in California.