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Leanne Durocher walked 35 miles from Hudson to St-Lawrence on Saturday, May 11 in honour of her late mother, Mrs. Joan Blackhurst to raise money for food supplies for Lester B. Pearson programs.

Mum's Walk has raised half the goal of \$20,000 by the end of the school year in June and fundraising continues. Donate at <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca>

Certificates, cheques (for secondary and adult students) and books (for elementary students) have all been prepared for the **Manson Learning Awards**. Every year, Pearson Educational Foundation awards one student who has overcome extraordinary challenge to attain graduation at each and every school and centre in the board, in honour of the late Margaret Manson, a teacher, principal, and commissioner who championed adapting our teaching to enable learning for all 40 years before it became a buzzword.

PEF is deeply grateful to **Babar Books** of Pointe Claire and **Community Born to Read** for their ongoing funding of the books for all the elementary students, and to Maya Byers, owner of Babar, for hand selecting a book tailored to the interest and reading level of each awardee.

In addition, the cheques and certificates have all been prepared for a **growing roster of scholarships** and bursaries given out at almost all of the high schools and administered by PEF.

PEF is so proud to have partnered with the Westwood Junior and the school board to fund the team of

Erica McInnis and Olicia Cardillo, gold winners at Montreal Regional Science Fair, silver winners at the Quebec Provincial, to compete at the **Canada Wide Science Fair** in Lethbridge, Alberta. They came home with the Bronze for their wind turbine project, in the junior high category, and are already planning for next year's project at the senior high level.

Once again PEF is assisting the school board by processing the registrations and payment for the **LBPSB-Concordia Leadership Workshop** "Great Minds *Don't* Think Alike" to be held October 19 and 20, 2013. Many registrations have already been received.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Freeston
President