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## Stanstead students encouraged by mayor



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Emmanuel Tremblay-Coté holds up the perseverance card that he received from Stanstead mayor Philippe Dutil on Monday, as Zacharie Bergeron looks on. See more page 8

# Stay Hooked on School!

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Sunnyside's 5/6G class with the perseverance cards they received from mayor Philippe Dutil, seen in back.



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Tammy Mosher (left back) and her happy students pose with mayor Philippe Dutil, on Monday, to kick off *Hooked on School Days*.



photos Joye Hatch

The grade 6 class at Jardin-des-Frontieres – they really are the future!

## Victoria Vanier

**H**ooked on School Week is back, running this year from February 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. In its 6<sup>th</sup> edition, it is an occasion for the entire Townships community to show their support for the school success rate of Townships youth. Stanstead mayor, Philippe Dutil, visited both of the local elementary schools on Monday, handing out perseverance cards to all of the students in cycle 3 and visiting some of the students in their classes.

One of this year's special activities, organized by *Projet PREE (Projet Partenaires pour la réussite éducative en Estrie)*, is a project to encourage young people to create reports on the activities at their school that are related to school perseverance. The winners of "Jeunes Journalistes JPS" will get a \$250 prize and a day-long stage with a journalist at *La Tribune*.

According to statistics published by the Quebec Ministry of Education, the drop-out rate in the Eastern Townships is going down, from 24.6% between 2007-2010 to 21.1% for the 2009-2012 period. Furthermore, the rate of Estrie students receiving their diplomas has gone from 67.5% in 2010, to 74.2% in 2013.



The grade 5/6 class at Jardin-des-Frontieres school were happy to get encouragement from mayor Philippe Dutil.



The grade five class at Jardin-des-Frontieres school, in Stanstead, with their perseverance cards.

