

VIP T-SHIRT CONTEST WINNER

December 4, 2009

Contest winner Erica Carr wears the T-shirt she designed and is presented a plaque from Greg Beatty, Optimist Club of Chatham, and Special Constable Randi Hull of the Chatham-Kent Police Service.



Indian Creek Road Public School Student Wins T-Shirt Contest

By Special Constable Randi Hull

Grade five student **Erica Carr** came up with a winning design that got the attention of the Chatham Kent Police Service Crime Prevention and Community Safety Section Officers. The design includes the message “VIP is the way to go. Follow the right path. Be a leader!”

A plaque was presented to Erica for winning the 2009-2010 VIP T-shirt Design Contest. The presentation was made by Mr. Greg Beatty of the Optimist Club of Chatham and Special Constable Randi Hull of Crime Prevention and Community

Safety Section of Chatham-Kent Police Service.

Forty-four schools across Chatham-Kent participated in the Values, Influences and Peers Program this school year. Eleven schools in Chatham are sponsored by the Optimist Club of Chatham whose motto is: “A Friend of Youth.”

Optimist Club members attend every VIP graduation; they present students with a VIP t-shirt, congratulate them and encourage them to be good citizens of our community.

The VIP program has been very effective in establishing positive community-police relationships over the years. Students meet their VIP officer on six different occasions and build a positive rapport that can last a lifetime. The lessons taught to students include Shoplifting Awareness, Victims and Vandals, Dangers of Drugs, and Youth and the Law are preventive in nature and allow students to evaluate the consequences of negative behaviour before they are caught up in it.

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