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TODAY'S TOPICS: Dover Bay Wins National Recycling Award
PBIS and Brechin Elementary Featured on CBC

DOVER BAY WINS – Dover Bay Secondary's Eco Club was named today as the national winner of Staples Canada's School Recycling Contest. Along with the honour of being the top school in Canada, Dover Bay will receive a computer lab valued at \$50,000.

The award was given to Dover Bay for eco-responsible improvements made within their school, community and families. As part of their contest entry, students from the Eco Club completed an essay on eco-friendly activities at Dover Bay, available [on-line](#), as well a [video](#) about their activities.

Dover Bay students knew they were one of the top five finalists in Canada but didn't know they had won until it was announced at a special assembly at the school today. Attending the assembly were representatives of Staples, the Board of Education and local and national media.

The Dover Bay Eco Club sponsors a wide variety of activities, from an active school-wide recycling program to involvement in community environmental issues, to support of international environmental initiatives. The Eco Club's teacher-sponsor is Gordon Graham.

PBIS – School District 68's initiative to introduce the Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) has received media attention recently, including an interview yesterday on CBC Radio 90.5FM from Victoria.

Brechin Teacher Catherine Dickie and Grade 7 student Joshua were interviewed to illustrate the way that the PBIS framework can be used in schools. At Brechin, the school has adopted PBIS to help students become better community citizens by following the school expectations of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe.

The podcast of the interview is available online by going to www.cbc.ca/ontheisland and click on the February 15 podcast link. The interview starts about 19 minutes into the podcast.

Schools wanting more information about PBIS can contact Rose Tull – District PBIS Coordinator at rtull@sd68.bc.ca. In May the PBIS District Team will host a workshop on how to get started using PBIS in your school.

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