

Since the start of the school year students in the Maker space, Electrical, Carpentry, Metals and Automotive shops have been using the DeWALT tools that arrived at our school. This means that we're not borrowing tools from each other nearly as much as we used to. We are using several drills and impact drivers in the electrical shop for installing electrical boxes. This has also been great from a safety point of view as most of the tools were battery operated and there is no extension cords running across the floor to power most of the equipment. We are very happy to have been one of the recipients.

Sincerely,
Raymond Innes
STTE teacher
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Following is a copy of an article that was published in our local paper on June 19, 2016.

Students at Miramichi Valley recently received thousands of dollars worth of new tools for the various trade programs at the high school.

Raymond Innes, a carpentry teacher at Miramichi Valley, said the school was the recipient of the Stanley DeWALT Tool Enhancement Program, which is put on through Skills Canada, and means students and staff received \$12, 000 worth of tools earlier this month.

Innes said some students are excited to return to school for the 2016-2017 academic year because of the new equipment.

“It’s a pretty nice boost for our industrial area and for our students to have some new equipment to work with,” said Innes

Receiving the tools goes hand-in-hand with the 2016 Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC), which was held earlier this month in Moncton.

Innes said each year schools within the province hosting the competition can submit an application for the tool enhancement program.

The Skills Canada website said Stanley Black & Decker – Stanley DeWALT, is an official supplier and sponsor of the event.

“By providing Stanley hand tools and DeWALT power tools for competitor use, “read the site.

Innes submitted an online application in April, which asked questions such as how many students would be impacted at the respective school by receiving these tools.

“Following SCNC, the tools used during the event are donated to eligible schools in the province in which SCNC is held through the Stanley DeWALT Tool Enhancement Program,” it reads.

The various tools recipients receive from the enhancement program range from miter saws to accessories.

Innes said the tools are being distributed through various shops around the Miramichi Valley, such as the carpentry department and the Maker Space room.

The Maker Space room is technology based and hands-on.

“We’ve got some 3D printer technology and Oculus Rift and a couple of drones and so they’re doing a lot of technology-related stuff. And so some of the tools we’ll use up there as well,” he said.

The other recipients this year included Tracadie-Sheila's Polyvalente W.A. Losier, Belleisle Regional High School, Cité des Jeunes AM Sormany in Edmundston, Habitat for Humanity Moncton and St. Stephen High School.