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## École élémentaire catholique Georges Vanier wins gold at the regional Elementary Cardboard Boat Races competition

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On January 31, students from École élémentaire catholique Georges Vanier (Elliot Lake) won the gold medal at the North-Eastern Ontario Regional Elementary Cardboard Boat Races competition for elementary schools. No less than 12 teams from Greater Sudbury, the North Shore, West Nipissing, North Bay, Mattawa and Pembroke assembled in Sturgeon Falls to measure their ingenuity.

École Georges Vanier stood out among competitors through its capacity to build a quick and sturdy cardboard boat. Not only did the vessel navigate a distance of 25 metres in 26.4 seconds, it was able to carry a load of 433 pounds. As North-East Ontario champions, the Georges Vanier students will travel to Waterloo to take part in the Elementary Provincial Cardboard Boat Races on February 22.

The competition, held by Skills Canada for students from grades 7 and 8, requires each four-student team to design and build a boat. Students were judged on the design and construction quality of their boats, teamwork, organization, security, creativity, team spirit as well as the speed and resistance of their vessels. In addition to seeing the performance of their cardboard boats measured on water over a distance of 25 metres, the teams took part in a load challenge to determine how long their boats could carry a maximum number of team-mates without sinking.

The following CSCNO elementary schools took part in the Elementary Cardboard Boat Races regional competition: École Alliance St-Joseph (Chelmsford) and École St-Antoine (Noëlville).

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