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KNOWLTON ACADEMY INAUGURATES NEW 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY TECH-LAB

Lac-Brome, January 25, 2012 – Students at Knowlton Academy will now have access to a state of the art ‘Tech-lab’, complete with ipads, ibooks, and a Smartboard. With funding received in the amount of \$12,000 through the *MRC Brome-Missisquoi Pacte Rural* and \$10,000 from *La Ville de Lac-Brome*, the school has refurbished a science lab into a 21st century Tech-lab.

Since 2003, students at Knowlton Academy benefit from the advantage of the Eastern Townships School Board’s (ETSB) Enhanced Learning Strategy (ELS) and its one-to-one laptop integration. Currently at Knowlton Academy, the one-to-one deployment is available for students in grades four to seven. The new tech-lab will make it possible for teachers and students in the younger grades to learn and explore the world using state of the art technology as well as enhancing the tools available to students in the upper grades.

“ We wanted to offer the same advantages to all our students. This new tech-lab will allow all students to learn with these new technologies to better prepare them to become influential and active members of the community” stated Nathalie Chartrand, Principal of Knowlton Academy.

In keeping with the school’s goal of offering a quality education for its students as well as a stimulating pedagogical environment for students, staff, their families and the community, the lab will be made available to members of the community after school. “ Knowlton Academy prides itself on being a strong community partner. We have always had excellent support from the community and now we can give something back by welcoming members of the community to share their knowledge and passion for learning. As they say, “*it takes a village to raise a child*” expressed Ms. Chartrand.

Knowlton Academy offers quality educational services to students from kindergarten to grade 7, with an extensive curriculum including the arts, music, science and technology. All this coupled with an array of extra-curricular activities to interest all students. For more about Knowlton Academy please visit their website at <http://www.etsb.qc.ca/knowlton/default.htm>

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