

Interview With Amy Lechner

What is it like to be a MACC Mini-Brain Candidate? I am honoured and very excited to be a MACC mini-brain candidate. I know it will take time and effort, but I am dedicated to making our classroom a better place to learn and have fun. If I win the election I will do my best to satisfy everyone's needs.

What is your favourite book? My favourite book is *Anne of Green Gables* by L M Montgomery. I enjoy reading this book because from it I've learned that friendship and happiness can come out of any situation. I think this knowledge can be applied to anything, and we should realize there is always a positive side.

Who is your best friend? My best friend is Cynthia Hsiao. I admire the fact she can laugh at anything, and everything. I think we make a great team in that we can play, laugh, and have fun, but we know we can go to each other for comfort.

Do you get nervous in front of crowds? Yes, I do. I've been doing speeches regularly since I was in grade 3, and I still get butterflies in my stomach before doing presentations. Nervousness is normal, and it is nothing to feel bad about. You just have to realize that the presentation is purposeful, and think about how good people will feel after your presentation; maybe you won't feel so bad!

Do you have days off? Everyday I am looking to help people, but I always make time for my family. I enjoy exercising and playing board games with my family. I think you should have days off or at least a time in the day to do something you want to do.

Who do you admire? I admire Wendy Mass. She has written so many award winning books, and she never thinks *I don't need to do any more work, I am already very successful!* because she knows anything can happen. This ties into pliable awareness because you have to be aware of what might happen, and you have to be aware that anything can happen.

What is your favourite subject? My favourite subject is language arts. I like this subject because I enjoy writing and getting sucked into my story where I can let my thoughts fly and there is no wrong answer. I think writing is important because everybody needs time to take control.

What sports do you play? Mainly I dance, but there are many other things I like to do including volleyball, tennis, and simple games including tag and catch. I think exercise is important and should be done every day.

What can kids do to make our classroom better? I believe the most important rule is *strive to work well with everybody*. It is the most important rule because it covers so many other things, including *be respectful to others' ideas and feelings* and *practice kindness - with others and yourself*. Also, learning to work well with everybody will make you happier, because you are not worried about having to work with somebody.