# Carlyle goes international

MARTIN C. BARRY

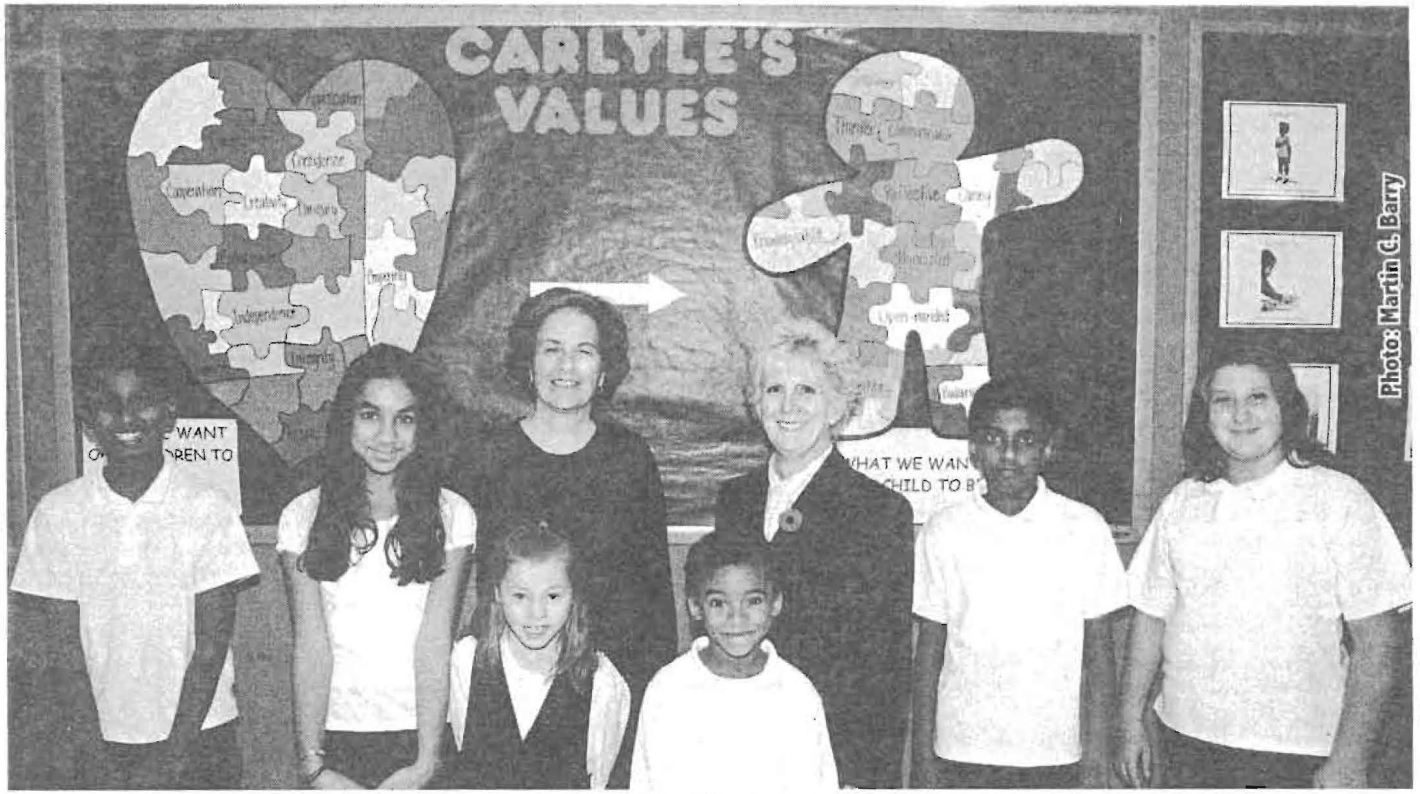
Carlyle School, which has provided public education to Town of Mount Royal grade schoolers for generations, is offering parents the opportunity to enroll their children in a franchised program of studies designed to expand international awareness.

Carlyle is one of two EMSB elementary schools that are currently in the process of being certified for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB-PYP). IB is an international education foundation headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Founded in the late 1960s, IB offers educational programs for children aged as young as three and up into their late teens. According to a mission statement issued by the IB foundation, the PYP field of studies "aims to develop inquiring and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."

The IB foundation defines an "international" education as as one that is "developing citizens of the world" through culture, language and learning, while "fostering students' recognition and development of universal human values." The transdisciplinary IB-PYP curriculum teaches six subjects: language, social studies, mathematics, arts, science and technology, and personal, social and physical education.

One of the original purposes for establishing IB's international diploma program was to offer internationally standardized courses and assessments for students and to provide an internationally acceptable university admissions qualification suitable for a growing mobile population of young people whose parents are part of the world of diplomacy, as well as international and multinational organizations.




**CarlyleBaccalaureat: Phyllis Esar, who coordinates the International Baccalaureate program at Carlyle School, stands with principal Joan MacMillan and students in front of a bulletin board enshrining the school's values.**

In an interview with the *Mount Royal Journal*, Carlyle principal Joan MacMillan said IB-PYP will become complementary to the the school's regular Quebec Educational Program (QEP), when IB certification is completed in a few years. "We went through our letter of interest and we were accepted," she said.

"It's a four-year process and we're now in our second year. We have to go through many different steps. All the teachers have to be trained in how to implement the program. We have five more who are going to workshops in December. Units of enquiry are being completed and there's a structure that has to be adhered to. There's also a philosophy that goes with it.

"This is a program that is for all students," she added. "There's no one type of student who works well in it, but it's a program that's very pedagogically sound and offers the best that we can to those who are in it." While Carlyle School's students come from many areas outside Town of Mount Royal, MacMillan said she hoped parents in the town would seriously consider IB-PYP as an option for their children's education.

*Résumé:*

*L'École Carlyle, une institution de Ville Mont-Royal qui a fourni une éducation publique aux jeunes étudiants et étudiantes anglophones du primaire pendant plusieurs générations, offre maintenant aux parents l'opportunité d'inscrire leurs enfants dans un programme d'étude visant élever l'esprit international parmis tous ceux et celles qui y participent.*

*Le Programme primaire de Baccalauréat International (IB), auquel l'École Carlyle est présentement en plein processus pour être accrédité, est destiné à des enfants âgés de 3 à 12 ans. Le programme se penche sur le développement complet de l'élève et de ses capacités de recherche et de découverte, non seulement en classe, mais aussi dans sa vie de tous les jours. Le Programme primaire (PP) du Baccalauréat International sert a développer l'enfant sur les plans académique, culturel, affectif et physique.*