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ALLIANCE QUEBEC: The EMSB held its first formal meeting with Alliance Quebec recently. Alliance Quebec President Rev. **Darryl Gray** and Executive Director **Sam Ephraim** met with EMSB Chairman **Dominic Spiridigliozzi**, Vice-Chair **Elizabeth Fokoefs** and Director General **Antonio Lacroce**. "While we have always been in regular contact with Alliance Quebec in the past I felt the time had come to schedule an official meeting whereby we could discuss matters of mutual interest," said Mr. Spiridigliozzi. Discussion focused on the services made available by the EMSB and the demographics of the English community, with particular attention devoted towards Bill 104. This law now excludes studies completed in the Quebec private system as the basis for admission in the English public system. The EMSB is losing close to 400 new students a year because of this law. At the time of its adoption by the former Parti Québécois government, the Quebec English School Boards Association made representations opposing the law. The EMSB also brought Rev. Gray up to date on its consultation process for major school change.

FOUNDATION: The EMSB will formally establish its own Foundation. Ms. **Spiridigliozzi** stated that the EMSB sees the need to conduct certain activities under the umbrella of a foundation. These activities, such as the first annual Golf Tournament which took place last June, will be geared towards the benefit of students within the jurisdiction of the EMSB. A mandate has been given to Director General **Antonio Lacroce** to put

into place the mechanism required for the establishment of the Foundation.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: An ad hoc committee of commissioners has been established to make recommendations regarding by-laws governing the delegation of powers. They are: **Daniel Andrelli, Rocco Barbieri, Agostino Cannavino, Rosa Cerelli, Elizabeth Fokoefs, Marvin Helfenbaum, Sylvia Lo Bianco, Angela Mancini, Ginette Sauvé-Frankel** and **Fran McIntyre** (parent commissioner).

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: **Frank Verrillo** has been re-elected chair of the Education and Facilities Committee. **Sid Wise** returns as vice-chair. **Agostino Cannavino** was also re-elected as chair of the Finance and Legislation Committee. His new vice-chair is **Joseph Petraglia**. **Frank DiCesare** is the new chair of the Adult Education and Vocational Services Committee. The new vice-chair is **Rocco Barbieri**. Members of the soon-to-be reconstituted Marketing Committee are **Sylvia Lo Bianco, Elizabeth Fokoefs, Mr. Barbieri, Rosa Cerelli** and **Marvin Helfenbaum**.

BOARD NOTES: A moment of silence was held at the beginning of the last Board meeting the victims of the terrorist massacre in Breslan, Russia...The winners of the World Robotics Competition, **Malick Sangaré** and **Weising Gee Ta** and their teachers, **Patrick Charland** and **Jasmine Tardif**, from Coronation Elementary School in Côte des Neiges were honoured at the

meeting. A short video of their experience in Lisbon, Portugal was shown as well ...The next Board meeting will take place on Oct. 27 at 6000 Fielding.

MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE: The date of hearings for major school change recommendations has been changed to Mon. Dec. 6 (7 p.m.) at the EMSB Central Office (6000 Fielding) in order not to conflict with the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Chanukah.

CAREER FAIR: **Justin Trudeau** will be the keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies of the fifth annual English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Career Fair, which will take place October 26 to 28 at St. Pius X High School in Ahuntsic. More than 3,000 Secondary IV and V students will be in attendance over the three days.

Mr. Trudeau will kick things off on Tuesday morning and then meet with students in the kiosk area. This year's Career Fair theme is once again "Focus on Tomorrow." It is being sponsored by Rogers Wireless (www.rogers.com) and Service de Peinture Eric Inc. (www.peinture-eric.com). Each participating Secondary V high school and adult education student will take part in a general session of 30 minutes in the St. Pius X auditorium, during which time presentations will include information with respect to CEGEP and vocational educational programs, as well as admission requirements. There will also be testimonials from EMSB vocational education students who are presently finishing their programs. The dynamic **Hugh Adams**, recently retired guidance counsellor at Lester B. Pearson High School, will serve as the moderator on stage. Students will then have the chance to visit the various exhibition/information booths staffed by representatives from English vocational centres, CEGEPS, universities and the Canadian Armed Forces. Secondary IV students will only be exposed to the latter part of the program, since this is only an introduction for them. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

PREVENTING HOMOPHOBIA: The Ministry of Education – Ministry of Health and Social Services Entente is operational at the EMSB in the program for the prevention of homophobia and the sensitization to different sexual orientations in society. The EMSB and the *Agence de développement de réseaux locaux de services de santé* are cooperating together with Lester B. Pearson School Board and local community organizations on the translation of a resource kit for sexual orientation which was made available to French schools in 2002. At the request of the *Agence de Développement de réseaux locaux de services de santé et de services sociaux*, through **Elizabeth Lacombe**, a sexologist in charge of the project, Student Services formed a partnership for this endeavour. EMSB Assistant Director of Student Services **Dora Cesta** invited Spiritual, Religious and Moral Education Consultant **Irene Miller**, to be a member of the advisory board for the English translation of the resource kit for sexual orientation, *For a New Understanding of Homosexuality*, which is expected to be made available to our English schools this year.

In preparation for the advent of this new resource kit, the spiritual community animators gathered together recently to participate in a training session entitled, *For a New Understanding of Homosexuality*, facilitated by **Bill Ryan**, M.Ed., a social worker and professor at McGill University School of Social Work, and **Françoise Susset**, M.A., a psychologist. The workshop is sponsored by the International Santé Publique, Quebec (I.N.S.P.Q.), in collaboration with the upcoming introduction of the resource kit on sexual orientation. As followup to this initial training session, which was so well received, Student Services is planning a second workshop on Nov. 23 for the guidance counsellors, psychologists, speech and language consultants, special education consultants, Project Harbour Team, management and support staff. A luncheon will be served to make this a community event in the department. Because the topics of sexual orientation and homophobia are such relevant

issues in today's society, it is hoped that these sensitization sessions will contribute to the prevention of homophobia and bullying, and the promotion of a healthier, more respectful environment in our schools.

JAPANESE DELEGATION: Five elected officials from the Mie prefecture in Japan were hosted for the day by the EMSB recently. EMSB Director General **Antonio Lacroce**, Director of Student Services **Lew Lewis**, Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services **Rosario Ortona** and Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services **Sandra Furfaro** provided an outline of the Quebec education system and the programs offered by the EMSB. They later visited St. Dorothy Elementary School in St. Michel, which over the years has greeted many international delegations.

APPA: The Association professionnelle du administratif (APPA) – Day care unions of the EMSB and the Commission scolaire de Montréal held a workshop for all staff at Hôtel Chantecler in Ste. Adèle before the start of classes. "Changer d'air avant de prendre le nord" was the theme. EMSB Director of Human Resources **Sophia Kakouratos** was among the guest speakers.

SPECIAL NUTRITION MEASURES: A total of \$844,965 has been allocated to the EMSB to implement breakfast, snack or lunch programs and the purchase of equipment needed for needy students at the schools identified by the Ministry of Education. In order for parents/guardians and students to take part in this program, a minimum contribution will be requested. Thirty-one schools are included in this program ...The EMSB has been allocated \$355,224 from the Ministry of Education for Special Nutrition Measures. For 2004-2005, the food budget will be used to provide breakfast, snacks or lunches to needy students. Category I inner-city schools receiving the funding are: Sinclair Laird, St. Gabriel, St. Patrick, Coronation, Westmount Park, Carlyle, James

Lyng, Doorways, Options I, Perspectives I, Venture, Vezina, John Grant and Marymount ... A total of \$238,281 has been allocated for a free milk program five days per week to all pupils in Category I and II (Cedarcrest, Frederick Banting, Parkdale and St. Dorothy) elementary schools for a duration of 90 and 80 days respectively, commencing October 4, 2004. There will be an extension until May 27, 2005 for elementary schools. Milk will also be offered to pupils from all other schools for a duration of 65 days from October 12, 2004 to March 30, 2005...A total of \$168,973 has been allocated to Category I and II schools by the Comité de gestion de la Taxe scolaire de l'Île de Montréal for morning snack and milk programs.

SCHOOL NEWS

CEDARCREST PARADE: The children and staff of Cedarcrest Elementary School in St. Laurent celebrated the beginning of the new school year. A parade of class banners reflected the school's theme of "It's a Small World, After All" as perceived by each class. The parade was led by Cedarcrest's Shinning Star, **Stefon Julien** who showed his compassion this past summer by raising money (approx. \$800) for sick children at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Following the parade the students participated in across cycle outdoor activities which will help promote teamwork and well-being in keeping with the spirit of the Olympics. The children concluded the day with a closing parade around the school and a general assembly to emphasize cooperation and school spirit..

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ROOM: A grant from the Unicorn Children's Foundation (UCF) will help kick start funding for the English Montreal School Board's (EMSB) first Child Development Room project, to be situated at Westmount Park Elementary School. A non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to helping children with communication and learning disorders, the UCF works towards ensuring that every child, with a communication or learning

disorder is given the greatest opportunity to reach his or her fullest potential. **Andrea Rich**, a newly appointed Speech and Language Consultant at the EMSB and director of the Washington-based NeuroComm Child Development Center, secured the grant. She intends to work towards obtaining more outside funding for other schools. Westmount Park is an inner city elementary school with children from the Little Burgundy, Pointe St. Charles and St. Henri communities. The school has approximately 430 students, a number of whom have various learning or communication problems. This number does not include the pre-school program, which has no speech and language services, nor the new children in kindergarten classes whom Ms. Rich has yet to evaluate. A ceremony will be held in early October, at which time a plaque will be posted in the Child Development Room to recognize the Foundation's \$500 donation. Rich hopes to set up similar rooms at some of the other schools she services and works with EMSB Director of Student Services **Lew Lewis** to access more outside funding. For more details, see the press release section of the EMSB website (www.emsb.qc.ca).

MERTON AWARD: Merton Elementary School (5554 Robinson) in Côte Saint-Luc will host the Regional Awards Ceremony for the Prix Essor 2004 on Tues. Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Merton will be formally recognized as the first prize winner in the Montreal Region for its Medieval Fair project which took place last spring. The second place winner is École Secondaire Chomedey de Maisonneuve. The Prix Essor contest recognizes and encourages the efforts and teamwork of educators and school authorities. It highlights the quality and excellence of the actions of all those who believe that arts and cultural education should be offered in school, and who have developed an educational project to promote arts and cultural education in their institutions. At the ceremony, to be presided over by Principal **Raizel Candib**, Merton will receive two cash prizes, one from Hydro-Québec

for \$1,000 and another from the Minister of Education for \$1,000. In addition, the school will be awarded a Yamaha keyboard valued at \$500 from Yamaha Canada Music Ltd. The second place prize-winner, École Secondaire Chomedey de Maisonneuve, will receive a cash prize of \$1000 jointly presented by the Ministry of Culture and Communications and the Ministry of Education. With the full support of the school principal, teacher **Gloria Chalupovitsch** planned the project and guided her students throughout the process. They also used cross-curriculum approaches so that specialists on staff such as the principal, librarian, music, gym, and computer teachers worked in collaboration to support the special project. Mrs. Candib sang ballads for the students. Music teacher, **David Eves**, assisted the classroom teacher by familiarizing students with Medieval music; gym teacher, **Molo Finelli** taught a select number of students to be Medieval court jesters by juggling balls in the air; computer specialist **Fernand Deschamps** helped students with the visual display of their projects and participated in the Fair by video taping the event while dressed up in a period costume and the caretaker of the school building assisted in transforming the gym into a spectacular Medieval setting. The motivation, cooperation and enthusiasm of everyone involved were essential in making the Merton School Medieval Fair an outstanding, prize winning event- "a true happening." *For more details see the press release section of the EMSB website (www.emsb.qc.ca).*

CARLYLE DONATION: Over the past year students at Carlyle Elementary School in TMR have responded with tremendous generosity to a number of causes. Students raised money for survivors of the earthquake in Nam, cancer research, Jump for Heart, the Montreal Children's Hospital and they even adopted an endangered snowy owl. In all, \$6,000 was collected for these worthy causes. School officials are proud to tell students how true the old adage of "when you give, you receive" is. On Sept. 10 the Mount Royal United Church

SPORTS PROGRAM HITS ICE: A unique new program linking pedagogy and sports has been formally launched at Holy Cross Elementary School in St. Laurent. EMSB Chairman **Dominic Spiridigliozzi**, Commissioner **Sid Wise**, Director General **Antonio Lacroce** and Borough Mayor **Alan DeSousa** were among those on hand for a special opening ceremony. The program, for students in Cycle III (Grades 5 and 6), will offer a quality education and the opportunity for elite athletes to develop their skills in ice hockey. It is hoped that other sports can be added in the years to come.

At the present time, 27 students are registered, including one girl (Grade 5 student **Alexandria Kiss Rusk**). This program is being offered to elite students in the sport – students recognized as having attained a certain skill level as determined by the West Island Hockey Academy and the Lac St. Louis Lions hockey organization. The latter is based in the West Island, but represents the territory of the EMSB. Head coach Shawn Anderson is a former National Hockey League defenceman. Candidates will be expected to maintain a high academic standard in order to be considered for, and to continue within the program. The project is being supported financially by the participants and their sponsors. All transportation costs are being assumed by the parents. The project follows the same principles as the Sports Études Project at the secondary level, which is now in its third year at the EMSB's Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North.

The student-athlete project includes four hours and 35 minutes per day doing academic courses. The school day begins earlier – at 8:07 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. Lunch is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Students are bussed to their different club centres for their practices (1:30 to 2 p.m.) and parents pick their children up after practice. **Robert Nelson**, an EMSB parent who has spearheaded the project, hopes that once this is up and running planning can begin to expand it to

the Secondary level. Parents seeking more details should call the West Island Hockey Academy at 636-5624 or e-mail info@wiha.ca.

HAYRIDE: For the first time in the history of St. Léonard, a school was granted permission to have a hay ride. That distinction went to Honoré-Mercier Elementary School on Sept. 3. The day before, children were officially welcomed back to school with a small fair. Five different stations were set up, focusing on technology, music, phys.ed., art, and bead creation. EMSB ITC consultants **Caroline Dupuis**, **Brian Seltmann** and **Jen Slater** were the tech animators

GARDENVIEW MAGIC: Gardenview Elementary School in St. Laurent welcomed magician *The Amazing Todsky* top entertain students on the first day of classes. He entertained the students, practiced his magic along with their assistance, gave out fun balloons and wished them the best for the upcoming school year. He left them with the following words of advice: “May the new year be magical, entertaining but also filled with great acts of accomplishment! Principal **Tina Lavranos** says “Our motive for this invitation was to help our students relax, ease into the first day of school and most importantly feel welcomed.” Todsky also performed at St. Patrick Elementary School in the Plateau.

Meanwhile, Grade 6 students at Gardenview are preparing for the Expedia.com paper airplane competition. They are running the contest in the gym this week with science teacher **Stacey Glavas** and the two winners will go to the big competition at the Palais de Congres. “We added another layer to this,” says Vice Principal **Nick Katalifos**. “Through our contacts, one of our classes will tour the Bombardier plant and speak with a test pilot about flight. Furthermore, we are the first elementary school that will be permitted to use Bombardier’s web-based flight simulator in the science class.

Finally, one of Gardenview’s contacts at Concordia’s Molson School of Business is

running a big project with the National Film Board. The project is a newly designed web-based cartooning program for kids. Gardenvue students will be the first to use the program in a pilot project with Concordia and the NFB. They will learn to develop cartoons based on characters and storylines they create.

PHYS ED TEACHER MAKES IMPACT:

John Paul I Junior High School in St. Léonard wishes to congratulate physical education teacher **Sandro Grande**, the assistant coach with the Montreal Impact soccer team. They won the A League Championship last week with an exciting victory over Seattle before 13,600 fans at the Centre Claude Robilliard. Grande is a graduate of Laurier Macdonald High School and a former player for the Impact.

LIGHT THE FIRE WITHIN: Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School launched the new school year whereby students were treated to a special hot dog lunch. In the afternoon students proudly wore personalized medals as they participated in a school-wide Mini Olympics. The theme was "Light the Fire Within." It was a great way to jump start the year.

DA VINCI DELIGHT: Teachers and other staff at Leonardo Da Vinci Elementary School in RDP were treated to a breakfast at Villa Italia to start the year off. Breakfast and vacation anecdotes were followed by a team-building workshop based on the 12 principles of resiliency, facilitated school administrators **Phyllis D'Amato** and **Anna Della Rocca**. Teachers were called upon to demonstrate these principles through skits, drawings and songs. Welcoming Day for students was equally entertaining. A Corn Roast Day was held on Sept. 10. Students, dressed as cowboys/girls and farmers sang to the tune of the new L.D.V. theme song and displayed their classroom banners and mottos, as they paraded proudly on the surrounding streets. Banners with the school's new logo and the motto "Learn and Develop with Vision" (including the school's website address) were also unveiled.

DUNRAE ON THE COB: At Dunrae Gardens Elementary School in T.M.R., the Home and School Association organized a corn roast for the staff and students as classes got underway. Later on that day students made corn dolls in their classrooms.

DALKEITH: A student from Dalkeith Elementary School in Anjou, **Lucas Marcogliese**, is the winner of the annual "Come Read with Me" contest. It was hosted by the Literary Partners of Quebec, the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations and the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages. Marcogliese managed to win a contest that runs all across Quebec in which more than 1,200 students from 41 schools participated. Meanwhile, on Sept. 10 the school held its annual opening corn roast. It was sponsored by the Parent Participation Organization. A total of 800 ears of sweet, hot buttered corn were served up and enjoyed by all the students and some 50 parents.

MISSING CHILDREN'S NETWORK:

Prevention workshops entitled "*How I Stay Safe!*" intended for children aged six to 12, are being offered free of charge to schools by the Missing Children's Network. Schools have an important role to play in teaching students how to create a safe environment for themselves. That is why the Quebec Education Program includes Health and Well-Being as part of its broad areas of learning. This unique prevention program encompasses an important part of this criterion by providing children with the necessary tools needed to develop their self-esteem and confidence, thus allowing them to feel more at ease in their environment. Interactive in nature, the workshop motivates students' participation and interest through role-playing, games and concrete examples. Through these activities children will learn vital tips that will allow them to stay safe by avoiding potentially threatening situations. Some of the themes that we discuss in the workshop include asking for permission, the

buddy system, the internal alarm system and Internet safety. Call **Joanne Pagonis** at 843.4968 extension 226, log on to www.enfantsretour.ca or e-mail j.pagonis@missingchildren.ca

RDP EDUCATIONAL SECTOR: Centre D'Aide en Éducation, a unique non-profit educational centre providing academic services to under-serviced anglophone communities in the East End, has begun..

In partnership with the local private sector, it is addressing educational support services currently lacking in the community such as: pre-kindergarten, tutorials, literacy programs, after-school academic programming, psychological derogations and assessments, personalized programs, parent groups and family management programs, Centre D'Aide en Education is renting a former school, located in the heart of Rivière-des-Prairies. The private sector has been a key partner in the restoration of this property and development of the centre with donations such as labourers, construction materials, paint, etc.

Anglophone children in Rivières-des-Prairies will soon have a bilingual pre-kindergarten and after-school academic program which will complement the existing under-funded academic programs in our community. The pre-kindergarten's unique three-hour programming will prepare children for their first exposure to the curriculum reform while including music, dance (ballet) and physical education activities. Through fundraising, donations, subventions, grants and a minimal cost to parents, anglophones in RDP will be able to stay in their community to access complementary bilingual academic services for their children, such as psychological counselling and academic evaluations for children of all ages. For more information contact: **Sonya Mullins**, Centre D'Aide en Éducation at 807-1168.

CBC OPPORTUNITY: Kids' CBC (www.cbc.ca/kidscbc.) is a national children's show that airs Monday to Saturday from 7am to

noon - it's commercial free television that features animation and educational breaks for kids at home. The show is currently filming "I Can Do It" segments with children around Montreal where kids show the camera a special talent (ie. whistling, singing, jumping...). Producer **Joanne Robertson** says she is looking to film kids in kindergarten, Grade 1 and/or Grade 2 around Montreal. In addition to the filming being fun for kids, it's also educational for them to see how the camera works and the sound equipment. She usually brings in a monitor as well so that the youngsters can see themselves on TV. Ms. Robertson is also open to talking to the older kids (ie. Grade 6 and 7) about her job. She can be reached at 597-7562 or by e-mail at joanne_robertson@radio-canada.ca. Ms. Robertson and her crew will be at **Gardenview Elementary School in St. Laurent** on Oct. 6 and 12 to tape kindergarten and Grade 1 students.

GIANT BOOK SALE: The Centre for Literacy of Quebec, the province's foremost English language training and resource literacy agency, held its fourth **annual International Literacy Day Book Sale** at the Plaza Côte des Neiges last month. The EMSB was represented at opening ceremonies by Vice-Chair Elizabeth Fokoefs, Commissioner Zev Neuwirth and Coronation Elementary School Vice-Principal Cynthia Koomas.

BAGELTHON II: The Generations Foundation held its Back to School Bagelthon II at St. Viateur Bagel & Café (5629 Monkland Avenue) on Sept. 9. **Luciano Pipia** of 940 News was broadcasting live on location. Many EMSB staff who are involved in fundraising for the organization, which provides hot meals and snack programs for inner-city schools, were in attendance as were officials from the Montreal Teachers Association.

INTERNATIONAL HONOUR: EMSB Speech and Language Consultant **Yvette Hus**

recently made a presentation at the International Associations of Logopedics and Phoniatriests (IALP is the world association of speech language pathology and audiology clinicians and research scientists, and their respective associations) in Brisbane, Australia. This was part of a special session by the IALP's Multilingual Affairs Committee, where Ms. Hus has been an active member since its inception about 15 years ago. "Multilingual minority group students from low socio-economic status families are often plagued by reading disabilities," she stated. "This pernicious and chronic problem was addressed in a four-year early explicit reading initiative for high risk multilingual students in an English/French bilingual educational setting. The outcomes of this study confirm that without explicit and persistent reading instruction many students continue to struggle with English reading while the gap between them and their age-peers widens. In contrast, the longitudinal performance of students with similar profiles receiving continuous explicit reading and writing instruction with quality literature, demonstrated that the course of reading disabilities can be reversed and love of reading nurtured. This study suggests that when burdened with sorting out several phonologies, coping with opaque orthographies in both school languages, and trying to master the language used to teach reading, high risk multilingual children may require explicit reading support throughout their elementary school years."

BRIEFLY: Peter Schmieder, who most recently served as a part-time academic advisor at the High School of Montreal Adult Centre, died suddenly last week. Mr. Schmieder also taught at the HSM, as well as Rosemount High School ...Nesbitt Elementary School in Rosemount received some wonderful coverage in the *Journal de Montréal*. There was a story about 11 year old student **Eva Anna Barroso** who has personally gone out and raised money to replenish books in her library.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 23, 2004
Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations
Fall Conference
Lindsay Place High School
111 Broadview Ave,
Pointe Claire
Info: 481-5619

Oct. 26-28, 2004
EMSB CAREER FAIR
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
St. Pius X High School

October 27, 2004
Council of Commissioners
7 p.m.
6000 Fielding

November 1 to 5, 2004
Vocational Education Week

November 11 and 12, 2004
QPAT Convention
Palais des Congrès

November 24, 2004
Council of Commissioners
6000 Fielding

December 6, 2004
Major School Change Hearings
7 p.m.
6000 Fielding Avenue

December 12, 2004
EMSB Staff Holiday Children's Party
James Lyng High School
Benefitting the Generations Foundation

December 15, 2004
Council of Commissioners
7 p.m.
6000 Fielding

ADULT AND VOC ED

ECLECTIC VISIT: The John F. Kennedy Business Center welcomed dynamic and eclectic singer **Dessy Di Lauro**, who visited and spoke to the Professional Sales and Travel Group. Ms. Di Lauro, a graduate of the EMSB's Lester B. Pearson High School, is an accomplished R&B, Soul and Funk singer. She has worked for the Cirque du Soleil, La Nouba and sang with Quebec's Dubmatique. She was accompanied by her collaborator **Rickey Pageot**. The objective of her presentation was to demonstrate to the students the importance of setting clear goals and objectives and that success can only be achieved through hard work and dedication. She spoke about the many trials and tribulations of the music industry in Quebec, about believing in her product and maintaining one's integrity. The path to success is paved with lots of rejection, she noted. However she is now stronger and more focused because of all these challenging experiences. Log on to: www.crazygluemusic.com for more details about her career.

RTC INSPIRES: Rosemount Technology Centre (RTC) took part in the Salon Emploi – Formation at the Palais des Congrès on Sept. 15 and 16. Meanwhile, seventeen students from a number of EMSB high schools participated in a successful cabinetmaking program for a three-week period in August. The high school students were in session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day, with hands on activities organized each day. The students participated in a field trip to industry, observed cabinetmakers in training at the main RTC campus and spent most of their time completing plans and construction of a project of their choice. The three partners in this project were the Quebec Board of Black Educators, the City of Montreal and RTC.

PIUS PROGRAM: The revised Restaurant Service program which features bartending and wine service, is off to a very good start. "The revamped program is updated to reflect industry norms and a modern approach," says teacher

Raimondo Calandrino. "There is a definite need for qualified service people in the Montreal area. Soon restaurateurs will see the benefits of trained dining room staff as they have seen the benefits of a trained kitchen staff." A reminder that you can experience the servers expertise and enjoy a gastronomic delight every Thursday and Friday between 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Please call and reserve at 381-5440. You can also enjoy suppers every Thursday or Friday evening between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM. please call and reserve at 381-5440. Groups are always welcomed. Menus will be posted on our website the centre's new website (www.emsb.qc.ca/stpiusculinary) designed by chef **Otto Daniels**.

CALABRIA: Students from IPSSAR SOVERATO (cooking school) and their assistant school director, Mr. Benevenuto, will be visiting the St. Pius X Culinary Institute in early December as part of the student exchange initiated last year by Centre Director Walter Ninzatti. Last May 18 culinary students from St. Pius X crossed the ocean to experience Calabrian cuisine. Meanwhile, a group will be visiting Italy's gastronomic heartland for an "Italian Culinary Exploration. Trip next May. It will include 12 excursions bringing participants to three regions in Italy -Lomdardia, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna - and 10 cities: Asiago, Bergamo, Brescia, Desenzano, Franciacorta, Lake Garda, Mantova, Milan, Montichiari, Parma and Verona.

PLEINS FEUX SUR FIELDING

ALLIANCE QUÉBEC : La CSEM a tenu récemment sa première réunion officielle avec Alliance Québec. Le révérend **Darryl Gray**, président d'Alliance Québec, et son directeur administratif, **Sam Ephraim**, ont rencontré le président de la CSEM, **Dominic Spiridigliozzi**, la vice-présidente, **Elizabeth Fokoefs**, et le directeur général, **Antonio Lacroce**. « Bien que nous ayons toujours maintenu des contacts avec Alliance Québec, j'ai pensé qu'il était temps

d'organiser une rencontre formelle au cours de laquelle nous pourrions discuter de sujets d'intérêt commun », a déclaré M. Spiridigliozzi. Les discussions ont porté sur les services offerts par la CSEM et la démographie de la communauté anglophone avec une attention toute particulière accordée à la Loi 104. Cette loi exclut actuellement les études complétées au sein du réseau privé du Québec et ne les reconnaît pas pour admissibilité au réseau d'écoles publiques. La CSEM perd près de 400 élèves à cause de cette loi. Au moment de son adoption par l'ancien gouvernement du Parti Québécois, l'Association des commissions scolaires anglophones du Québec s'était opposée à cette loi. La CSEM a aussi mis le révérend Gray au courant de son processus de consultation relatif aux changements majeurs.

CHANGEMENTS MAJEURS : La date des audiences des recommandations de changements majeurs pouvant affecter les écoles a été reportée au lundi 6 décembre (19 h) au centre administratif (6000 Fielding) afin de ne pas empiéter sur le début de la fête juive de Hannoucah.

DÉLÉGATION JAPONAISE : Cinq délégués de la préfecture de Mie au Japon ont été les invités de la CSEM récemment. Le directeur général, **Antonio Lacroce**, le directeur des Services aux élèves, **Lew Lewis**, le directeur du Service de l'éducation des adultes et de la formation professionnelle, **Rosario Ortona**, et la directrice adjointe des Services pédagogiques, **Sandra Furfaro**, ont donné aux invités une vue d'ensemble du réseau d'éducation du Québec et des programmes offerts par la CSEM. Les délégués japonais ont ensuite visité l'école primaire St. Dorothy de l'arrondissement de Saint-Michel qui a reçu plusieurs délégations internationales au cours des années.

APPA : L'Association professionnelle du personnel administratif (APPA), les syndicats des services de garde de la CSEM et de la Commission scolaire de Montréal ont offert un atelier à tout leur personnel à l'hôtel Chanteclair

avant le début de l'année scolaire, dont le thème a été «Changer d'air sans perdre le nord ». La directrice du Service des ressources humaines, **Sophia Kakouratos**, a été l'une des conférencières invitées.

MESURES ALIMENTAIRES

SPÉCIALES : Un total de 844 965 \$ a été alloué à la CSEM pour la mise en place de programmes de petits-déjeuners, de collations ou de repas de midi et l'achat d'équipement requis pour les élèves démunis aux écoles identifiées par le ministère de l'Éducation. Afin que les parents/tuteurs et élèves puissent se prévaloir de ce programme, il leur sera demandé de verser une contribution minimale. Trente et une écoles participent au programme ... La CSEM a reçu 355 224 \$ du ministère de l'Éducation pour les mesures alimentaires spéciales. Pour l'année 2004-2005, le budget d'alimentation sera utilisé pour les petits-déjeuners, collations ou repas de midi offerts aux élèves démunis. Les écoles de Catégorie I des milieux défavorisés qui bénéficient de ce financement sont : Sinclair Laird, St. Gabriel, St. Patrick, Coronation, Westmount Park, Carlyle, James Lyng, Doorways, Options I, Perspectives I, Venture, Vezina, John Grant et Marymount Un montant de 238 281 \$ a été alloué pour le programme de distribution gratuite de lait cinq jours par semaine à tous les élèves des écoles primaires de Catégories I et II (Cedarcrest, Frederick Banting, Parkdale et St. Dorothy) pour une durée de 90 et 80 jours respectivement, à compter du 4 octobre 2004. Il y aura une prolongation jusqu'au 27 mai 2005 pour les écoles primaires. Le lait sera offert aux élèves de toutes les autres écoles pour une durée de 65 jours à compter du 12 octobre 2004 jusqu'au 30 mars 2005 Un montant de 168 973 \$ a été alloué aux écoles de Catégories I et II par le Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de Montréal pour les programmes de collations du matin et de distribution de lait.

NOUVELLES

DES ÉCOLES

SALLE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DE L'ÉLÈVE : Une subvention de la *Unicorn Children's Foundation* (UCF) aidera à faire démarrer le premier projet de Salle de développement de l'élève de la CSEM, qui sera située à l'école primaire Westmount Park. UCF, un organisme à but non lucratif qui se consacre à aider les enfants avec troubles de communication et d'apprentissage, œuvre pour s'assurer que chaque enfant affecté de troubles de communication ou d'apprentissage ait toutes les occasions d'atteindre son plein potentiel. **Andrea Rich**, nouvelle conseillère en orthophonie et communication de la CSEM et membre du conseil du *NeuroComm Child Development Center*, basé à Washington a obtenu la subvention. Elle a l'intention d'essayer d'obtenir plus de financement externe pour d'autres écoles. Westmount Park est une école primaire des milieux défavorisés dont l'effectif provient de la Petite Bourgogne, de Pointe Saint-Charles et de Saint-Henri. L'école compte près de 430 élèves, dont plusieurs ont divers problèmes de communication ou d'apprentissage. Ce nombre n'inclut pas le préscolaire qui n'a pas de services d'orthophonie, ni les nouveaux élèves de la maternelle que M^{me} Rich doit encore évaluer. Une cérémonie aura lieu au début d'octobre et au cours de laquelle une plaque sera posée dans la Salle de développement de l'élève en reconnaissance du don de 500 \$ de la Fondation. M^{me} Rich espère mettre en place des salles similaires dans quelques unes des écoles qu'elle dessert et collaborer avec le directeur des Services aux élèves, **Lew Lewis**, pour obtenir plus de financement externe. Pour plus d'informations, consulter la section des communiqués de presse du site Web de la CSEM (www.emsb.qc.ca).

CARLYLE : Au cours de l'année dernière, les élèves de Carlyle ont contribué avec très grande générosité à diverses causes. Les élèves ont recueilli des fonds pour les survivants d'un tremblement de terre au Vietnam, la recherche sur le cancer, *Jump for Heart*, l'hôpital de Montréal

pour enfants et ils ont même adopté un harfang des neiges. Ils ont recueilli au total 6 000 \$ et les administrateurs de l'école sont fiers de souligner aux élèves la vérité du vieux dicton qui dit « donner c'est recevoir ».

HONORÉ-MERCIER : Pour la première fois dans l'histoire de l'arrondissement de Saint-Léonard, l'école Honoré-Mercier a obtenu la permission d'organiser une promenade en charrette à foin le 3 septembre. Le jour précédent, les élèves ont été reçus officiellement à l'école qui avait organisé une petite foire à cette occasion. Cinq kiosques différents aux thèmes de technologie, musique, éducation physique, arts et montage de perles pouvaient être visités. Les conseillers Caroline, Brian Seltman et Jen Slater ont été les animateurs techniques de cette foire.

MAGIE À GARDENVIEW : L'école Gardenview de l'arrondissement de Saint-Laurent a accueilli les élèves le premier jour de classe avec un spectacle offert par *The Amazing Todsky*. Il a offert un spectacle aux élèves, pratiqué sa magie avec leur aide et leur a adressé ses meilleurs souhaits pour l'année scolaire « Puisse la nouvelle année être pleine de magie, intéressante mais aussi remplie de grandes réalisations » La directrice, **Tina Lavranos** a déclaré « La raison de cette invitation a été d'aider nos élèves à se détendre pour la première journée de classe mais surtout de se sentir les bienvenus ». Todsky a aussi donné un spectacle à l'école primaire St. Patrick du Plateau.

RÉSEAU DES ENFANTS DISPARUS : Des ateliers de prévention intitulés « Comment être en sécurité » visant les enfants âgés de 6 à 12 ans sont offerts, gratuitement, aux écoles par le Réseau des enfants disparus. Les écoles ont un rôle important à tenir pour enseigner aux enfants comment créer pour eux-mêmes un environnement sûr. C'est pour cette raison que le Programme de formation de l'école québécoise inclut la santé et le bien-être dans plusieurs domaines d'enseignement. Ce programme unique de prévention englobe une importante partie de

ce critère en offrant aux enfants les outils nécessaires pour développer leur confiance et leur estime en soi, leur permettant ainsi de se sentir plus à l'aise dans leur environnement. De nature interactive, l'atelier favorise la participation et l'intérêt des élèves par le biais de tenues de rôles, de jeux et d'exemples concrets. Ces activités permettront aux enfants d'apprendre des notions vitales qui leur permettront d'être en sécurité en évitant les situations éventuellement menaçantes. Quelques thèmes discutés au cours de l'atelier incluent demander la permission, le système de copains, le système interne d'alarme et la sécurité sur l'Internet. Pour renseignements supplémentaires, appelez **Joanne Pagonis** au 843-4968, poste 226 ou consultez www.enfantsretour.ca ou faites parvenir un courriel à j.pagonis@missingchildren.ca

CENTRE D'ÉDUCATION À RDP : Le centre d'Aide en Éducation, un centre unique a but non lucratif offrant des services académiques aux communautés anglophones de l'est de l'île, a ouvert ses portes.

En partenariat avec le secteur privé local, il offre des services de soutien éducatifs qui font défaut actuellement dans la communauté, tels que : prématernelle, rattrapage, programmes d'alphabétisation, dérogations et évaluations psychologiques, programmes personnalisés, groupes de parents et programmes de gestion familiale. Le centre d'Aide en Éducation loue une ancienne école située au cœur de Rivière-des-Prairies. Le secteur privé a été un partenaire important dans la restauration du bâtiment et le développement du centre en faisant don de travailleurs, de matériel de construction, de peinture, etc.

Les enfants anglophones de Rivière-des-Prairies auront bientôt un programme bilingue de prématernelle et de soutien académique après l'école, qui viendront compléter les programmes académiques sous financés de cette communauté. Le programme de trois heures de prématernelle

prépare les enfants à leur premier contact avec la réforme du curriculum en incluant la musique, la danse (ballet), et des activités d'éducation physique. Par le biais de levées de fonds, de dons, de subventions et une participation financière minime des parents, les anglophones de RDP seront en mesure de demeurer dans leur communauté pour avoir accès aux services complémentaires bilingues tels que, orientation psychologique et évaluation académique pour les enfants de tout âge. Pour plus de renseignements, communiquez avec Sonya Mullins, Centre d'Aide en Éducation au 807-1168.

VENTE GÉANTE DE LIVRES : Le Centre d'alphabétisation du Québec, Inc., la plus importante agence anglophone de formation linguistique et de ressources d'alphabétisation du Québec, a tenu, le mois dernier, sa quatrième Journée internationale de vente de livres à la Plaza Côte-des-Neiges. La CSEM était représentée aux cérémonies d'ouverture par la vice-présidente, Elizabeth Fokoefs, le commissaire Zev Neuwirth et la directrice adjointe de l'école primaire Coronation, Cynthia Koomas.

DATES IMPORTANTES

23 octobre 2004
Fédération québécoise des associations de parents-élèves
Congrès d'automne
École secondaire Lindsay Place
111 ave Broadview
Pointe Claire
Info : 481-5619

26-28 octobre 2004
Foire de carrières de la CSEM
9 h à 15 h
École secondaire St. Pius X

27 octobre 2004
Réunion du Conseil des commissaires
19 h
6000 avenue Fielding, Montréal

1^{er} au 5 novembre 2004
Semaine d'éducation professionnelle

11 et 12 novembre 2004
Congrès APEQ
Palais des Congrès

24 novembre 2004
Réunion du Conseil des commissaires
19 h
6000 avenue Fielding, Montréal

6 décembre 2004
Audiences – Changements majeurs pouvant
affecter les écoles
19 h
6000 avenue Fielding, Montréal

12 décembre 2004
Fête des enfants du personnel de la CSEM
École secondaire James Lyng
Au profit de *Generations Foundation*

15 décembre 2004
Réunion du Conseil des commissaires
19 h
6000 avenue Fielding, Montréal

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