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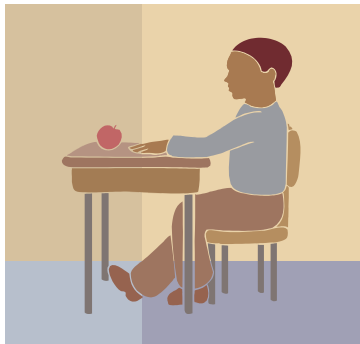
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The EMSB handed out scholarships to 2009 high school graduates, using funds raised from the annual Golf Tournament. See inside for more details.

SCHOOL CHANGE HEARINGS

The EMSB will hold hearings on Tues. Dec. 1 (7 p.m.) for schools affected by some proposed boundary changes in St. Laurent. Last March, the Council of Commissioners accepted a recommendation from the Long Range Planning Committee to send a proposal involving a switch in French programs for two St. Laurent elementary schools – **Parkdale** and **Cedarcrest** - and also involving **Gardenview** – out for consultation. This would involve rebranding Cedarcrest as a French immersion school, moving its English core students to Parkdale and closing the latter's French immersion program and having them attend the new Cedarcrest. The latter would also draw students from a redrawn Gardenview boundary. Gardenview is operating beyond capacity and presently housing some students at an annex in the Fraser Academy building. The forecast calls for it to grow by 150 students over the next five years. A final vote will occur at a special meeting in mid-January.

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H1N1 UPDATE: The EMSB held a meeting with in-school administrators last week to iron out the final details of plans to transport elementary and high school students to local Influenza A- H1N1 vaccination centres. The process is now underway. Letters were sent out on Nov. 23 to parents of all primary and secondary students. The letter asked parents to indicate whether they agreed to have their child vaccinated against Influenza A–H1N1. Only students with signed permission slips were permitted to board the bus and receive the vaccination. Students without the appropriate documentation, or those whose parents have refused the vaccination, will remain at school. For more details, see the EMSB press release section at www.emsb.qc.ca.

The EMSB is providing timely H1N1 updates on Twitter, accessible via the EMSB Website and at www.twitter.com/emsb109. Parents are urged to sign up as followers. Twitter will also be used to broadcast any potential school closings in the event of a snow storms.

IBO EXPANDS: Marymount Academy in N.D.G. has announced plans to begin the process of expanding its international program of studies for next year.

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IBMYP) will be offered to all Secondary Cycle 1, Year 1 (Grade 7) students, as of September 2010. The aim of the IBMYP is to help students relate the content of the classroom to the realities of the world outside by combining knowledge, experience and critical observation.

Students who have already registered for the regular curriculum in 2010-2011 will be contacted and invited to write a placement exam on November 21, 2009. A second placement exam will be scheduled in March 2010 and subsequent requests for entry to the program will be met on a case by case basis. “We will have an advanced stream, with more French, and a general stream, which will now include Spanish,” says Principal, **Luigi Santamaria (pictured above)**. “In offering an advanced and general stream, there will be a place for all learners. Marymount Academy will continue to be an inclusive educational environment. We hope this will increase the opportunities for all Marymount students to benefit from the Middle Years Program.”



Parents and students seeking further information about the IB Program can log on to www.emsb.qc.ca/marymount or contact Mr. Santamaria at 514-488-8144.



Ginette Sauvé-Frankel presents UN laminations to Mario Tirelli and Angela Mancini.

UN CONVENTION: The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, often referred to as CRC or UNCRC, is an international convention setting out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights

of children. Nations that ratify this international convention are bound to it by international law. The EMSB marked the 20th anniversary of this convention during the week of Nov. 20. At the last EMSB Council meeting, Commissioner **Ginette Sauv -Frankel** gave a brief overview and presented Chair **Angela Mancini** and Interim Director General **Mario Tirelli** with laminated copies of two large posters marking the occasion which will be displayed at the Administrative Building.



Angela Mancini, Antonio Lacroce and Dominic Spiridigliozzi.

RETIREMENT: About 145 people attended the annual EMSB Retirees' Dinner, which took place recently at the Omni Mont-Royal Hotel in downtown Montreal. The evening honoured 82 retiring employees of the EMSB who worked as educators, administrators, professionals and support staff, and whose combined years of service to the Board added up to 2,518 years. EMSB Chair **Angela Mancini**, along with the senior administrators from each region, Adult Education and Vocational Education, Pedagogical Services, Buildings and Grounds, Student Services, the General Directorate's Office and Senior Administration, presented each retiree with a special thank-you gift of a Forestville desk clock from Mosel. Two of the longest serving employees honoured that evening were **Artemis Maravei**, former principal of Bancroft and MIND School in the Plateau Mont Royal district, who retired after 45 years of service to the Board; and **Harry Weiner**, former vice-principal of LaurenHill Academy

in St. Laurent, who retired after 46 years of service to the Board. Also on the list was former Director General **Antonio Lacroce**.

GERALD MCSHANE: The inspiring Mural of Hope, produced by Gerald McShane Elementary School in Montreal North, took top prize in the teaching category at the Transcontinental Communications Gala Awards ceremony Nov. 12.



The Gerald McShane-  coles Jules Verne mural.

Each year Transcontinental, which owns a chain of community newspapers on the island of Montreal and in the various regions of Quebec, has a contest divided into various categories and honouring individuals or groups that have made an impact on their community. One of the categories was "teaching." EMSB Vice-Chairman and commissioner for Montreal North **Sylvia Lo Bianco** submitted the names of Gerald McShane Principal **Evelyn Alfonsi** and teacher **Michael Pellegrin** as the architects of the "Mural of Hope" and the tremendous positive impact this project has had on the community of Montreal-North. "Since the unveiling in May 2009, I have been complimented by the great work of our students, along with the students of  cole Jules Verne, by various elected officials and community groups that go through the Cultural Community Center where the mural is displayed," said Ms. Lo Bianco. "The message of hope, peace, tolerance and building bridges has evolved beyond our imagination. The Mural of Hope is a perfect

example of how children can work together to build bridges with different cultural groups and break down the two solitudes that exist in our society. We have much to learn from them as adults."

GEORGE VOGAS: The EMSB is mourning the passing of former commissioner and one-time Executive Committee Chair **George Vogas**. Mr. Vogas served as a commissioner for Ward 13, which covers the Park Extension and Plateau Mont-Royal districts, from 1998 to 2007 with the EMSB and prior to that for 18 years with the former Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM). He passed away suddenly on November 15.

Mr. Vogas (pictured below) leaves behind his wife Linda, who taught at the John F.



Kennedy Business Centre in St. Michel, and his daughter Angela, who is a teacher at Parkdale Elementary School in St. Laurent, his son Evans and two grandsons. See the press release section for more details.

WEB UPDATE: The EMSB website now has an enhanced Video/Audio section. Just click on the press room to find this feature, which includes television reports, radio clips and the two EMSB theme songs from East Hill and Danté Schools.

JAZZKIDZ: Established in January 2008 as a non-profit association of the youngest jazz band in the world, the **JazzKidz** is an extraordinary educational and musical endeavor that features an exceptional group of musicians and vocal entertainers. It is comprised of 20 to 25 kids, aged four to 15. Many are from the EMSB. The children exhibit their talents and entertain their audiences by performing a wide range of music, such as Jazz, Blues, Swing, Broadway and Big Band. On July 5, 2009, the **JazzKidz**

performed on the Rio Tinto Alcan main stage of the prestigious Montreal International Jazz Festival. **Lily Jast**, in kindergarten at Royal Vale, was the youngest singer at age five to have ever performed in the 30 year history of the event. They also performed on Canada Day for the City of Côte Saint Luc and participated in an exclusive music workshop with the Dean of Academics at McGill University.



Jana Jast and some of her JazzKidz

Furthermore, the **JazzKidz** have been filmed at the PBS studios in Plattsburgh New York for the annual Holiday Spectacular Show which will be broadcast on the PBS TV network on Dec. 5, (9 p.m.), 6, (5:30 pm), 7 (Noon), 9, (8 p.m), 20 (5 p.m.), 24 (9 p.m.) and Dec 25, (2 p.m.). A live interview is scheduled at PBS on Dec 5 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.).

The **JazzKidz** will also be featured in a future issue of the McGill Alumni magazine which is circulated worldwide. The **JazzKidz** is looking for corporate sponsors who would like to finance educational scholarships for young students and support the cost of community performances. As a result these companies may associate their (brand) and company name with the positive image of children and the performing arts as well as receive unique marketing and publicity generated by this high profile group of entertainers. In addition to education and entertainment, one of the association's objectives is to give back to

communities through performances for the elderly and children to help raise funds and awareness for worthy causes such as those associated with hospitals and charities. The JazzKidz are always looking for new students. Please call (514) 489-8809 or email director@jazzkidz.net for more information. To view the band visit YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2PVWjaixY0>

EMSB participating students are: **Lily Jast**, kindergarten (vocals), **Hannah Takacs**, Grade 2 (saxophone) and **Daniel Takacs**, Grade 4 (trumpet), Royal Vale; **Joshua Tabatchnick**, Grade 6 (trumpet), Elizabeth Ballantyne; **Lori Blond**, Grade 5 (trombone), Edinburgh; **Sarah Knight**, Grade 6 (trombone), Willingdon; **David Marino**, Grade 6 (vocals/trumpet), Leonardo da Vinci; **Francis Marino**, Grade 8 (guitar), Vincent Massey; **Bradley Wiseman**, Grade 7 (saxophone), and **Zachary Lecker**, Grade 9 (vocals/trombone), Royal West Academy.

AUTHOR VISIT: As a part of the Children's Book Week, James Lyng High School in St. Henri hosted BC author **James Henegan** on Nov.19. About 90 students from Secondary I to V participated in the event. Some students were already reading some of the books written by Mr. Henegan.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: The EMSB marked Remembrance Day with a wide array of interesting ceremonies and activities.

At John Paul I in St. Léonard students and staff marked and honoured the 65th anniversary of the Canadian Forces involvement in the Italian Campaign of World War II. The ceremony was put together by and for the students and staff of the school. Students played an active role in the writing the trilingual program. At Laurier Macdonald High School, also in St. Léonard, a series of interviews with war veterans were conducted a few weeks earlier and later screened for

students. Towards the end of October students from Laurier Macdonald conducted a sit-down interview with some Canadian war veterans. Their topics were WWII, the Holocaust, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Afghanistan.



Students from John F. Kennedy High School marched in the Remembrance Day parade.

The interviews were presented in the school cafeteria. Secondary V IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization) students from LMAC, with the help of Spiritual Community Animator Vince Lacroce travelled to Dalkeith, Dante and General Vanier elementary schools for special Remembrance Day commemorations with the cycle two and three students from these schools.

At LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent, English teacher **Gail Ewing** recited John McRae's poem "Flanders Field." There were visuals of the Canadian men and women who have died in Afghanistan, as pipers prepped wreaths were laid. At one point in the celebrations a large crack was heard through the auditorium – a result of computer interference with the sound system! Sergeant Adelman, aged 85, was heard to say, "What are they still shooting at me!" His simple and challenging speech, reminded students to strive for a goal and never give up as did his humorous anecdote on how to capture the enemy. "Undo their trousers and have them keep them up with their hands!" he stated "We found a way to win a war. Your enemy can't fight you with their trousers down!"

The Grades 5 and 6 students of Bancroft Elementary School in the Plateau were

honoured to represent their school at the Black Watch Remembrance Day Parade on Nov. 11. The students were proud to meet the heroic war veterans, not only from Afghanistan, but from WWII and the Korean War. In St. Henri James Lyng High School secondary IV students had the privilege of marching with the Montreal Black Watch in the parade downtown, as well as watching the ceremony at the McGill University campus.

Elizabeth and Venture Alternative high schools in Ville Émard commemorated Remembrance Day with guest speaker Col. **B.J. Finestone**, a World War II Canadian Armed Forces veteran, who recounted his experience as Battle Captain leading several tank detachments during the war. Col. Finestone's wisdom taught the students how terrible war can be, and how he will never forget his fallen soldiers. Vezina welcomed Master Corporal **André Simard** from the Canadian Forces. He gave the students a brief history of the wars, explained the symbolism of the poppy, as well as the importance to why we should stop and remember all the fallen soldiers.

St-Gabriel Elementary School in Point St. Charles held a Remembrance Day assembly lead by Ms. D'Agata. A few "Spirit Club" members read poetry, reflections, and prayers - all with the important message to be peacemakers in their everyday lives. In light of Remembrance Day, Ms. D'Agata visited classrooms within St. Gabriel and Coronation Elementary Schools to discuss the virtue of peace - what it is and how to practice it in their everyday lives. As a final activity, each student got to find their inner peace through yoga and meditation. The children found it quite amusing to try to keep their balance during the different yoga positions, and many were relaxed after meditation (much to the delight of their teachers).

At Royal Vale in N.D.G, Col. Finestone talked to students about his role in WWII as an Allied Tank Commander during the Italian

Campaign. His message to students was that the freedom and rights that they enjoy today as young people is due in part to the sacrifice of Veterans.

Marymount Academy in N.D.G. held a Remembrance Day program via the public address system. It focused on the role of young people who went off to war, not so much older than the students themselves, in defense of freedom and rights for all. Most inspirational was a dramatic reading and explanation of "In Flanders Fields" done by teacher **Chris Phelan** and student volunteers.

Students from John Grant High School in Cote Saint-Luc and Programme Mile End Alternative High School had visits to the Montreal Holocaust Museum. Special emphasis was placed on the hope and survival of the children of the Jewish Ghettos. Also a special focus placed on the children of Holocaust survivors who, in the name of human and children's rights, keep the memory alive for future generations.

Students at Carlyle Elementary School in T.M.R. participated in a march and wore poppies to remember the sacrifices of those who fought for the rights and freedom of society. In this year's annual commemoration, Carlyle had the privilege of taking part in the Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment's Remembrance Day March. For more details see the press release section on the website.

SPIRIT OF GIVING: Over the past five years, the EMSB, along with CTV Montreal, have been partners in memorable community and charitable events. Some of the most notable of which are the Brain Waves Musical Gala in support of brain tumour illnesses, EMSB Remembrance Day Ceremonies, the EMSB 10 year anniversary celebrations and the CTV Spirit of Giving Campaign.

The Spirit of Giving campaign is a community action project that was created to address the

poverty situation in Montreal. Local companies and EMSB schools from around the island of Montreal funnel their donations to six charities. (Share the Warmth, West Island Assistance Fund, Renaissance Montreal, Multicaf, Park Extension Share Store, and most recently, Le Bon Dieu Dans La Rue). The Laurier Macdonald High School community continues to be responsible for the sorting and packaging of all of donations. Over 30 EMSB schools and centres embark on the project every year and raise over 40,000 non-perishable goods for these aforementioned charities.

“Through the success of our collaborations and our continued support of the CTV Spirit of Giving Campaign, CTV Montreal has decided to show their appreciation to the EMSB by producing a 15-second Public Service Announcement that will run for a period of six months,” said Spiritual Community Animator **Vince Lacroce**.

WOW VISIT: The EMSB will host the teen sensation pop band the WOW Group for four visits Dec. 10 and 11 in support of CTV’s “Spirit of Giving. Each participating school will ask students to bring five non-perishable items each to meet and greet with the group.



WOW consists of five teens, aged 15 to 20 years of age: **Frankie Zulferino**, 18, **Eddie Moody**, 18, **Jake Lauckern**, 16, **Michael**

Rechner, 20 and **Kyron Correia**, 15. On Dec. 10 they will be at Laurier Macdonald High School (7355 Viau) in St. Léonard (11:30 a.m.) and Lester B. Pearson High School (11675 P.M. Favier) in Montreal North (12:30 p.m.). On Dec. 11 they will be at Vincent Massey Collegiate (5925 – 27th Avenue) in Rosemount (11:30 a.m.) and John F. Kennedy High School (3030 Villeray) in St. Michel (12:50 p.m.). Later that day, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the group will return to Laurier Macdonald to sing Christmas Carols and for a live feed on CTV Montreal News. For more details see the press release.



Left to right: **Mitch Melnick**, **Barry Wilson**, **Mathieu Potvin**, **Chantal Desjardins**, **Steve Kowch**, **Demetra Droutsas** and students.

TOP MEDIA PANEL The EMSB marked Media Literacy Week with a high profile panel discussion at Rosemount High School on Nov. 3. Students and staff from Nesbitt, East Hill, Edward Murphy and John F. Kennedy were also in attendance. **Steve Kowch**, a graduate of Rosemount High and the news and program director at CJAD Radio, moderated the discussion. Among those sitting on the panel were **Chantal Desjardins** of Virgin Radio 96 FM, **Barry Wilson** of CTV Montreal News, **Mitch Melnick** from THE TEAM 990 and **Mathieu Potvin**, a collaborator in the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) YouTube sensation lipdub of the Black Eyed Peas “I gotta a feeling” video.

Mr. Kowch has been a part of the Canadian news media since he graduated from Rosemount High School at the age of 17 in 1968. First working the police beat for *The Montreal Star*, where he was the lead reporter for the 1970 FLQ October Crisis, he was hired by *The Montreal Gazette* in 1971 and lured away from print journalism in 1980 to work in radio. He just returned to Montreal after spending the past 10 years at CFRB Radio in Toronto. Principal Demetra Droutsas read from his High School Year Book, citing his objective of a career in broadcasting. She later presented him with a Rosemount High Athletics sweatshirt

Ms. Desjardins is co-host of *The Rush*, Virgin Radio 96's popular drive home show. Mr. Melnick hosts *Melnick in the Afternoon*, *THE TEAM 990's* drive show. More recently, he launched his own website – www.mitchmelnick.com – and a new weekly web show called *Melnick Underground*. Mr. Wilson is the executive producer of the evening news on CTV Montreal and a former television and radio reporter. Mr. Potvin was one of 172 students who worked on the sensational UQAM video which, as of this writing, had more than 2.2 million views. It was done for student orientation week in September and has obtained worldwide media exposure, including CNN.

The session was extremely well received by students. Panelists each gave opening remarks about the explosion of social and digital media, noting how much the media landscape has changed. There was also a question and answer period. For more details see the press release section.

FACE TURNING 35: The FACE School music department has asked noted musician **Louis Babin** to compose a collective work with Grade 10 and 11 students to be presented June 4, 2010 at celebrations honouring the school's 35th anniversary. This promises to reflect the high level of creativity and

performance skills expected of Quebec's School Reform program.

Mr. Babin is a multi-talented artist who focuses primarily on composition and teaching. He has written diversely for film, television, concert, theatre and song and is known for his teaching abilities and unparalleled technical skills, using the latest music technologies which enables him to compose with precision and speed.



Louis Babin (right) and the FACE team.

Mr. Babin will act as a composer in residence. Students will meet with him to suggest motifs and explore the music creation process. Together they will work to integrate these musical ideas into the finished composition. In collaborating in this manner, Mr. Babin hopes to help students familiarize themselves with a composer's work process.

The FACE School orchestra performed Mr. Babin's work *Suite du promeneur* last summer as part of the Eurochestreries European Youth Symphony Orchestra Festival.

For more details see the press release section on the EMSB website.

A CULTURAL FOOTBALL TALK: Alan “Shlomo” Veingrad, a former offensive lineman with the National Football League’s Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers, was the special guest speaker at John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel Nov. 13. After his retirement, Veingrad became an ultra-religious Jew. He has become known around the world as the only orthodox Jew who wears a Super Bowl ring when he prays. His message is inspiring to audiences of all religions.



Alan Veingrad (fourth from the left), Rabbi Dan Erdvin, Commissioner Syd Wise, Principal Joseph Marra and students.

Relating his experiences as a professional athlete, a sales and marketing executive, and an observant Jew, Veingrad described how the lifestyle he fell into after his retirement from professional football left a void that unwittingly lead him to religion.



Students talk to Alan Veingrad.

Veingrad’s visit to Montreal was sponsored by Congregation Chevra Kadisha B’nai Jacob - Beit Hazikaron in Snowdon, the Sally and Norman Raicek Lecture Fund and the EMSB. For more details see the press release section of the website.

FLAG FOOTBALL: The 2009-2010 CFFL (Carlyle Flag Football League) season kicked off on Oct. 26. The first game of the week was a meeting between the Giants and the Steelers. The Steelers triumphed 56-42. In the second game, the Jets and the Vikings matchup ended in a 35-35 tie. Viking **Raj Patel** had this to say after the game: “The Jets played a really good game and **Christos Karabatsos** was great as a quarterback. Next game, we will do our best to get a win against the Patriots.” In the third game, the Cowboys defeated the Patriots 56 - 49.

The Carlyle league is comprised of six teams: the Giants, the Steelers, the Cowboys, the Patriots, the Vikings and the Jets. The teams are mixed (boys and girls) and consists of Grades 4, 5, and 6 students. It is the third year of the CFFL .

MULTICULTURAL DAY: Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School in Rosemount will host a morning of multicultural learning on Mon. Dec. 14 (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) when students participate in a series of workshops organized by Spiritual Community Animator **Frank Loffeodo**. Students will have pre-selected three stations

presenting a different faith. Each session will last for 20 minutes, and will feature a guest animator. The aim of this day is to complement the content of the Ethics and Religion classes students attend and offer accurate information on location on different religions, as well as foster a climate of acceptance of individual differences.

FAMILY DAY: The atmosphere was quite festive at Parkdale Elementary School in St. Laurent last month as the students, staff, and parents participated in the first ever Parkdale School Family Day. Everyone was treated to fresh sweet corn, kebab wraps and other snacks and refreshments. Despite the chilly weather the children had a wonderful time playing on the various inflatable rides brought in for them. Children were asked to decorate the brick walls of the schoolyard with posters and drawings, welcoming everyone to this wonderful occasion.



Family Day fun at Parkdale.

The mayor of the St-Laurent borough, **Alan DeSousa**, and School Commissioner **James Kromida**, also participated in the event.

The school wishes to thank Marché Yasmine (corner of Côte Vertu and Décarie) for supplying the kebabs and to Kloda Productions for the inflatable rides.

JOY OF READING: In order to celebrate the joy of reading, CBC joined with TD Children's Book Week to create a contest for

elementary school students in Montreal and five other cities across Canada. The students had to produce a cheer in order to convince CBC Radio Book Club why they should come to their school and celebrate Book Week with them.

The Grade 5/6 students of Parkdale Elementary School had the opportunity to join the contest, where they worked very hard as a team to create such a wonderful submission. The students had an amazing time working together and recording the cheer in our on-site computer lab. With great dedication and enthusiasm, the students' hard work led them to win the contest. The prize was a taped session with children's book author **Alma Fullerton** on Nov. 12.



Ms. Fullerton was recently been chosen for the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award for her book *Libertad*. CBC flew Fullerton to Montreal for an interactive recording with Parkdale's Grade 5/6 class. They also received 40 copies of the book *Libertad* for the school. The recording will be broadcast on CBC Radio's *Home Run* in Montreal, hosted by **Bernard St. Laurent**, during National Book Week. Congratulations to the students and to teacher **Holly Kusiewicz** for her hard work and dedication in this project.

GODDARD THE AUTHOR: Dr. Horace Goddard (pictured), director of Community Services at the EMSB, has released his new book *Child of the Jaguar Spirit*. It tells the story of a young boy who confronts issues of marital conflict, religion, race and life's complexity all with a dash of humour and candour. Sokoo, a 12 year old boy is caught in a web of intrigue, divorce and custody battles between his parents. The action takes place in Sudiamo, a fictional South American country, England and Canada. Sokoo's mother moves to England, divorces her husband and remarries. Unable to have more children, she searches desperately for her son. Her former husband kidnaps him from her parents and moves him around until he immigrates to Canada. What happens next is a nightmarish tale which is resolved when the boy mysteriously escapes his father's clutches and goes to find his mother in the United States of America.

For the last 22 years Dr, Goddard has been editing *Kola Magazine*, which is read in Germany, the West Indies, the United States and Canada. He had been writing fiction (short stories and novels), drama, poetry and literary criticism for the last 30 years and brings a unique bird's eye view on the Black experience in the Diaspora. Dr. Goddard was born in Barbados and has been residing in Montreal for the past 39 years. Last June, he was honoured by the Université de Montréal for outstanding academic achievement and community service. His previous novel, *Paradise Revisited*, was released in 1997 by Winston-Derek Publishers.

TUTORING ZONE: This fall, the Trevor Williams Kids Foundation has introduced yet another program targeted at fulfilling its mission to keep Montreal's youth off the streets and in school. The Tutoring Zone is targeted primarily at young, inner-city student athletes and attracts some EMSB pupils. Fully funded by the Foundation, it provides a supervised and informative environment for

kids to do their homework four days a week after school. Though the national dropout rate is slowly declining, it is still a major concern, as many Quebec students continue to face enormous obstacles. The Tutoring Zone offers much needed support for youth who have the ability to succeed, but simply lack the motivation. For all of the details see the press release section of the EMSB website.

FOOD BASKET CAMPAIGN: The annual Christmas campaign to help St. Gabriel Elementary School's Food Bank in Point St. Charles is once again under way. Letters were sent to the schools and centres of both the EMSB and the Lester B. Pearson School Board asking for commitment before Nov. 21. School pickups are scheduled for Dec. 14-18 and the delivery to homes is slated for Dec. 20. Volunteers from the Association of Catholic Retired Administrators (ACRA), which provides social/group activities, promotes member welfare and represents English Catholic educational tradition, will again be solicited to help out with both endeavours, but this year we have also asked the schools for a few strong bodies to help with both the school pickups and to help lift the boxes into the trucks on the Sunday. Last year ACRA collected 650 containers of food, toys and other items and \$939 in donations from 23 schools and three parishes.

ACRA members donated \$3,160 at the Christmas luncheon and from mail-ins. Former EMSB principal **Marie Vegiard** and former Director of Pedagogical Services **Jerry Dunn** are involved with the project.



MOLO WINS AGAIN: . **Romolo (Molo) Finelli**, the wonderful physical education teacher at Merton Elementary School in Côte Saint-Luc, has been presented with the Innovative Physical Education Program Award by the Association of Physical Educators of Quebec (APEQ).

Molo (left) received his award on November 19 at APEQ's annual meeting at McGill University. This is the first time that APEQ is presenting this award.



This is the second award for Molo who won the National Excellence Award for Teachers last year, given by the Heritage Foundation.

PARALYMPICS: With five months to go until the opening of the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, and on the occasion of Paralympic School Week, the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) is encouraging teachers and students across the country to show their support for Paralympic Team Canada.

The CPC runs year-round programs to help teachers engage students in the Paralympic Spirit. The Petro-Canada Paralympic Schools Program provides teachers with the resources to educate students on Paralympic Sport and establish positive perceptions of people with a physical disability. Developed for elementary school students, paralympticeducation.ca provides student activities and lesson plans, including six specifically related to 2010:

- Visual Arts: Flat Flag Postcards to send to Paralympic Athletes
- Visual Arts and Language Arts, Science or P.E: Paralympic Sport Trading Cards
- Science/Language Arts: Understanding Disabilities of the Paralympic Athletes at 2010

- Geography/Social Studies: Mapping Paralympic Countries
- Mathematics: Representing Paralympic Success
- History/ Geography: Paralympic Torch Relay

The Paralympic Heroes program arranges school visits by Paralympic Athletes to share their stories. These resources have been designed to give children a better understanding of Paralympic sport and encourage children and youth with a disability to become involved in sport. The CPC programs are now complemented by the activity guide launched by the Ministry of Education for the Province of British Columbia in partnership with the Canadian Paralympic Committee and VANOC to help teachers and students celebrate Pan-Canadian Paralympic School Week. B.C. is joined by Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, Yukon, and Newfoundland and Labrador in proclaiming Pan-Canadian Paralympic School Week.

For more information on the CPC programs for teachers and students, please visit www.paralympticeducation.ca or www.paralymptic.ca.

VISTA CANADA GAME: Twenty-three Grade 5 students from Willingdon Elementary School in N.D.G. partnered with 12 seniors who reside at the nearby newly-opened VISTA apartment complex for active seniors, which is located on Cote St. Luc Road. They spent the morning of Nov. 3 learning everything about their home and native land Canada in a fun, challenging way with the CANADA GAME. The seniors and students were divided into eight groups to play the CANADA GAME, which was a journey across the country, and participants had to correctly answer questions dealing with anything and everything Canadian, from history, to politics, to geography, to songs and dances.



Students and residents enjoy the Canada Game.

Canada-related prizes were awarded to the members of a group who finished the cross-country journey. As well, juice and homemade cookies were served (in which the students personally served the refreshments to the participating seniors), and the students got the chance to know more about the seniors in their groups, when they were “interviewed” by the students with a questionnaire that was provided by **Catherine Cherry**, the school’s spiritual community animator who organized the event. The CANADA GAME was the inaugural project of the VISTA Intergenerational Program (VIP), which has an objective to explore issues of interest to seniors and youth with a view to increasing respect and understanding between the two age groups. A partnership between VISTA, the EMSB and the Commission scolaire de Montréal (CSDM), the VISTA Intergenerational Program will accomplish these objectives through educational and social events that will bring students and seniors together on a monthly basis.

GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS: The EMSB distributed 44 cash scholarships of \$500 each to students from the graduating class of 2009 at a ceremony that was held on Nov. 3 at the St. Pius X Facility in Ahuntsic.

These scholarships were funded from the proceeds of the fifth EMSB Scholarship Golf Tournament, held in June 2008. Beneficiaries

from the tournament, which took place this past June, will be chosen at the end of the current academic year.



Luigi Corrado accepts his scholarship from Principal John Pevec, Marzia Michielli and Angela Mancini.

Scholarships were awarded in two categories to high school students who are continuing their studies in a post-secondary educational program. Category I scholarships were presented to students who have demonstrated a high academic achievement as well as involvement in school life activities such as leadership, volunteerism, student council, school sports, representing the school in different events. Category II scholarships were awarded to students who have persevered in the face of overwhelming odds and personal difficulties. **Luigi Corrado**, for instance, graduated from Vincent Massey Collegiate with an 87 percent average while successfully battling a benign brain tumour. **Dorothy Patel**, graduated from LaurenHill Academy while undergoing treatment for Aplastic Anemia and withstanding a series of painful complications; and **Maxime Whaite**, who graduated from Royal West Academy and maintained high grades and won a bursary for her academic achievements, while she stayed by her father’s side during his long battle with cancer. For a complete list of winners, go to the press release section at www.emsb.qc.ca.

SPOOKY STORIES: It was that spooky time of year again – Halloween- when the hallways of St. Dorothy Elementary School in St.

Michel filled with monsters, ghosts, ghouls and goblins – and a frightfully festive atmosphere engulfed one and all. The teachers helped kick things off a couple of weeks prior to the day but getting the children to make creepy crafts that went to decorate the school and to get everyone excited about the upcoming experience.

On the day itself, a Creepy Carnival was organized by our wonderful parent volunteers who turned our gym into a terribly terrifying game zone in the morning and set-up a suitably sinister cemetery to preside over the afternoon's Halloween dance. At the carnival, the kiddies vied for stickers and prizes by giving it their all at each of the seven game stations manned by parent volunteers and student helpers, who played a big role in keeping things organized and moving smoothly. During the afternoon dance, a DJ spun the right tunes and helped the kids bring down the roof with dancing, mixing and mingling!



Halloween at Honoré-Mercier.

The students of Honoré Mercier Elementary School in St. Léonard had a week-long of activities and fun for Halloween. The week began with students participating in a Homeroom Pumpkin Contest whereby each class decorated their pumpkins in the most creative and original fashion. The winning classes received a fabulous class gift. On Oct. 30 there was storytelling in English and in

French at the Haunted Library whereby teachers and students were the storytellers. The haunted stories combined with eerie music and prompts became a thrilling event for all. The day came to an end with a phenomenal play at the gym. It was an exciting and memorable week for all!

THE CURE: The EMSB has received a letter and a trophy of appreciation from the CURE Foundation in recognition of the support students and staff at schools, centres and the administration building have shown since 1998 for National Denim Day. On this day individuals can wear denim and a pink ribbon in support of funding research education and awareness across Canada for breast cancer. Last year's total raised of \$20,440.34 by the EMSB brings the overall number to \$253,883.71. The 2010 National Denim Day will be on Tues. May 11.

CHARITY BREAKFAST: Generations Foundation and their supporters believe that one of the key ways children can succeed in life is from a variety of nutritional food programs, including hot meals. Generations Foundation, a registered charity, provides healthy breakfast, hot lunch and snacks to over 6500 school children in 72 schools and learning centers daily without charge. Their annual holiday breakfast will take place on Fri. Nov. 27 at Buffet La Stanza in St. Léonard (6878 Jean Talon East, near the Langelier Metro) from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. As usual there will be a delicious and generous 50-item buffet breakfast that includes La Stanza's fabulous coffee. At the same time, your participation will help feed the hungry. Listen to 92.5 The Q and 940 Montreal's Greatest Hits for details. Info: 514.933-8585 or at www.generationsfoundation.com.



Diwali at Sinclair Laird.

DIWALI: Students and staff at Sinclair Laird Elementary School in Park Extension were in a festive mood as they recently celebrated Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. Spiritual Community Animator **Katie Leggit** entertained the students with a fun guessing game, including a light bulb, glow sticks and a fibre-optic lamp, all symbolizing sources of light. The students' rangoli artwork lined the walls of the gym and created a beautiful array of colours that added to the spirit of the assembly. The students, staff and parents enjoyed a group dance by Cycle I which was organized and choreographed by two enthusiastic Grade 6 students, as well as a traditional Hindu dance by three students in Cycle II. Ms. Leggitt shared the Diwali customs using a visual presentation and the story of Rama and Sita was told by a Grade 6 student. The assembly ended by handing out carrot halwa and sweets. This was a successful and fun event for all.

TIP CORNER

Editor's Note: The Communications Department of the EMSB is contacted regularly by organizers of different conferences, facilitators of interesting workshops and developers of innovative fundraising opportunities. We screen these requests and make the information available to schools and centres. From this point on, we will group these in our Tip Corner and give in-

school administrators, teachers, other staff, parent groups and even students of making contact directly.

HOUDINI MAGIC CLUB: Houdini Magic Club is excited to begin its twenty-third year of entertaining and educating children of all ages! Our **extra-curricular activities** include: *Wizards 1* for elementary school students & *Mission Magic* for the kindergartener. We also offer intensive, hands-on 1/2 and full day *Wizardry Workshops* for PED days. *Magic shows with Alan Greenberg* are as well available for special events, Halloween, Carnival, Xmas, Easter, etc. *The delight comes from seeing reality questioned and probability demolished!* Magic is universally appealing, increases self-esteem, inspires creative thought, sharpens perception, and stimulates the imagination. Founded in mathematics, physics, chemistry, psychology and history - the principles of magic directly compliment the academic curriculum. For more information call (514)-341-9472, email houdinimagicclub@hotmail.com or log on to <http://houdinimagicclub.com>.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: The 2009-2010 Entertainment Books are now available at the Administration Building. The cost is \$30. All proceeds will go to the EMSB Alric Peters Humanitarian Fund, which is available to Administration Building employees and their immediate families at a time of need. The Fund was established when **Alric Peters**, whose father Calvin managed the printing service, had leukemia and needed a bone marrow transplant. Funds were required for various medical expenses and sadly, assistance with his burial. **Calvin Peters** passed away a year ago of a massive heart attack. For more information on the books, contact **Carol Anne Maker** at 514-483-7200 ext. 7479 or cmaker@emsb.qc.ca

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS: LEARN

Quebec is an educational foundation supported by funding from the Quebec-Canada Entente for Minority Language Education that: offers e-learning services and support to all English school boards, private schools, community organizations and the private sector in rural and urban settings; supports and promotes pedagogical collaboration and innovation using information technology, and works to model best practices; and publishes quality learning materials to support educators who are implementing competency-based practices in the classroom. LEARN offers online support for teachers, students and schools in a variety of ways. LEARN has established a technological infrastructure which provides educational experiences through online models of delivery. The model allows for real-time instruction, collaboration and training of educators and students, anytime, anywhere. It also allows virtual access to resources. Go to www.learnquebec.ca for more details about the services they offer.

DATES OF NOTE

December 18, 2009

Last Day of Classes

December 21 to January 2, 2010

Christmas Break

January 2010

Public School Education Week

January 13, 2010

Special Council Meeting

January 20, 2010

Council Meeting

February 1-5, 2010

Kindergarten Registration Week

PLEINS FEUX SUR FIELDING

MISE À JOUR H1N1 : La CSEM a tenu une réunion avec toutes les directions d'école pour mettre au point les détails du transport des élèves du primaire et du secondaire aux centres locaux de vaccination contre la Grippe A- H1N1.

Des lettres ont été envoyées le 23 novembre aux parents de tous les élèves du primaire et du secondaire. La date du lancement du projet sera déterminée, en partie, par la vitesse à laquelle la vaccination d'autres groupes prioritaires est terminée et du nombre de doses de vaccin disponibles cette semaine. La lettre demande aux parents d'indiquer s'ils autorisent leur enfant à être vacciné contre la Grippe A- H1N1. Pour plus de détails, consulter la section « Communiqués de presse » à www.emsb.qc.ca.

Le CSEM donne des mises à jour sur l'H1N1 sur son site Twitter accessible par le biais de son site Web et à www.twitter.com/emsb109.

AUDIENCES DE CHANGEMENTS

MAJEURS : La CSEM tiendra des audiences le mardi 1^{er} décembre (19 h) pour les écoles affectées par quelques propositions de modifications des limites territoriales à Saint-Laurent. En mars dernier, le conseil des commissaires a accepté une recommandation du comité de planification à long terme d'envoyer, pour consultation, une proposition impliquant un changement aux programmes de français de deux écoles primaires de Saint-Laurent, **Parkdale** et **Cedarcrest** et incluant aussi **Gardenview**. Cette proposition désignait l'école Cedarcrest comme école d'immersion française, et transférait ses élèves du programme anglais à Parkdale et fermait le programme d'immersion française de cette école, qui serait transféré à Cedarcrest. Cette école attirerait aussi des élèves de la limite territoriale révisée de Gardenview qui opère au-delà de sa capacité et loge actuellement quelques élèves au bâtiment de l'Académie Fraser. Les prévisions sont d'une croissance de 150 élèves au cours des cinq

prochaines années. Un vote final aura lieu lors d'une réunion extraordinaire qui aura lieu à la mi-janvier.

EXPANSION DU BI : L'Académie Marymount de NDG a annoncé qu'elle comptait entamer le processus d'expansion de son programme international d'études pour l'an prochain.

Le Programme de premier cycle secondaire du baccalauréat international sera offert à tous les élèves du secondaire Cycle 1 (7^e année) à compter de septembre 2010. Le but de ce programme est d'aider les élèves à faire le lien entre la classe et les réalités du monde extérieur en combinant connaissances, expérience et observation critique.

Les élèves qui se sont déjà inscrits au programme d'études régulier de 2010-2011 seront approchés et invités à passer un examen de placement, le 21 novembre 2009. Un second examen de placement est prévu pour mars 2010 et les demandes subséquentes d'admission seront examinées, cas par cas. « Nous aurons un programme avancé avec plus de français et un programme général qui inclut maintenant l'espagnol » déclare le directeur Luigi Santamaria. « L'offre des deux programmes, avancé et général, permettra d'accueillir plus d'élèves. L'Académie Marymount continuera à offrir un environnement d'apprentissage inclusif. Nous espérons que ceci donnera à tous les élèves plus d'occasions de profiter du programme de premier cycle du secondaire. » Les parents et les élèves ayant besoin de plus de renseignements au sujet de ce programme peuvent consulter www.emsb.qc.ca/marymount ou communiquer avec M. Santamaria su 514-488-8144.

RETRAITE : Près de 145 personnes ont assisté au dîner annuel des retraités de la CSEM qui a eu lieu récemment à l'hôtel Omni Mont-Royal du centre-ville de Montréal. La soirée honorait 82 employé(e)s de la CSEM qui prenaient leur retraite et avaient occupé des postes d'éducateurs, d'administrateurs, de professionnels et de personnel de soutien et

dont les années combinées de service s'élevaient à 2 518. La présidente de la CSEM, **Angela Mancini**, en compagnie des directrices/directeurs de chaque région, du Service de l'éducation des adultes et de la formation professionnelle, des Services pédagogiques, des Services de l'équipement, des Services aux élèves, du bureau de la direction générale et des cadres supérieurs, a remis à chaque retraité(e), à titre de cadeau de remerciements, une horloge du bureau Forestville de Mosel. Deux des employés ayant le plus grand nombre d'années de services ont été **Artemis Maravei**, ancienne directrice de l'école Bancroft et de MIND qui a pris sa retraite après 45 années de service et **Harry Weiner**, ancien directeur adjoint de l'Académie Lauren Hill, qui a pris sa retraite après 46 années de service. L'ancien directeur général, **Antonio Lacroce**, était aussi présent.

VISITE D'AUTEUR : Dans le cadre de la Semaine du livre pour enfants, l'école secondaire James Lyng de Saint-Henri a reçu, le 19 novembre dernier, l'auteur **James Henegan**. Près de 90 élèves du secondaire I à IV ont participé à cet événement. Quelques élèves lisent déjà quelques uns des livres de M. Henegan.

MESSAGE D'INSPIRATION : **Alan « Shlomo » Veingrad**, ancien joueur de ligne des *Dallas Cowboys* et des *Green Bay Packers* de la *National Football League* a été le conférencier invité à l'école secondaire John F. Kennedy à Saint-Michel le 13 novembre. Après sa retraite, Veingrad s'est transformé en juif ultra religieux. Il est reconnu à travers le monde comme le seul juif orthodoxe portant une bague du *Super Bowl* lorsqu'il prie. Son message inspire les auditoires de toutes les confessions religieuses. En parlant de ses expériences d'athlète professionnel, de cadre en ventes et en marketing et de juif pratiquant, Veingrad décrit comment le mode de vie adopté après sa retraite du football professionnel a laissé un vide qui l'a tourné vers la religion. La visite de Veingrad à Montréal a été parrainée par la Congrégation Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob – Beit Hazikaron de

Snowdon, le Fonds de conférences Sally et Norman Raicek et la CSEM.

GODDARD, L'AUTEUR : Le Dr Horace Goddard, directeur du Service aux communautés de la CSEM, a publié son nouveau livre *Child of the Jaguar Spirit*. Ce livre raconte l'histoire d'un jeune garçon qui confronte des problèmes de conflit conjugal, de religion, de race et la complexité de la vie avec une touche de candeur et d'humour. Sokoo, un garçon de 12 ans, est entraîné dans un tourbillon d'intrigue, de divorce et de lutte pour garde d'enfants entre ses parents. L'histoire se déroule à Sudio, un pays fictif d'Amérique du Sud, en Angleterre et au Canada. La mère de Sooko se rend en Angleterre, divorce son mari et se remarie. Incapable d'avoir d'autres enfants, elle recherche désespérément son fils qui a été enlevé par son ancien mari qui, après de nombreux déplacements, émigre au Canada. Ce qui suit est un cauchemar qui se termine lorsque le garçon s'évade mystérieusement et retrouve sa mère aux États-Unis.

Au cours des 22 dernières années, le Dr Goddard a publié la revue *Kola* qui est lue en Allemagne, aux Antilles, aux États-Unis et au Canada. Il a écrit des œuvres de fiction (nouvelles et romans), de théâtre, de poésie, pendant les 30 dernières années et apporte une vue d'ensemble de la Diaspora noire. Le Dr Goddard est né à la Barbade et réside à Montréal depuis 39 ans. En juin dernier, il a été honoré par l'Université de Montréal pour ses réalisations académiques remarquables et son service à la communauté. Son roman précédent, *Paradise Revisited*, a été publié en 1997 par la maison d'édition Winston-Derek.

CAMPAGNE DES PANIERS D'ALIMENTS : La campagne annuelle de Noël au profit de la banque d'aliments de l'école primaire St. Gabriel de Pointe-Saint-Charles bat son plein. Des lettres ont été envoyées aux écoles et centres de la CSEM et de la Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson demandant leur engagement avant le 24 novembre. Des cueillettes dans les écoles sont

prévues entre les 14 et 18 décembre et les livraisons dans les foyers auront lieu le dimanche 20 décembre. Des bénévoles d'ACRA seront à nouveau sollicités pour apporter leur aide mais, cette année, nous avons aussi demandé aux écoles de nous prêter quelques bras musclés pour aider aux cueillettes d'écoles et à soulever les boîtes pour les placer dans les camions pour la livraison du 20 décembre. Plus d'informations seront disponibles à la fin de novembre. L'an dernier, ACRA a recueilli 650 boîtes d'aliments, de jouets et d'autres articles et 939 \$ en dons de 23 écoles et trois paroisses. Les membres d'ACRA ont fait don de 3 160 \$ au dîner de Noël et par courrier. L'ancienne directrice d'école de la CSEM, **Marie Vegiard** et l'ancien directeur des services pédagogiques, **Jerry Dunn**, participent au projet.

BOURSES D'ÉTUDES DU TOURNOI DE GOLF : La CSEM a distribué 44 bourses d'études de 500 \$ chacune aux élèves de la classe des finissants de 2009, lors d'une cérémonie qui s'est déroulée le 3 novembre à l'école St. Pius X d'Ahuntsic.

Ces bourses d'études ont été financées par le produit du cinquième tournoi de golf de la CSEM tenu en juin 2008. Les bénéficiaires du tournoi, qui a eu lieu en juin dernier, seront choisis à la fin de l'année scolaire courante.

Les bourses d'études ont été attribuées en deux catégories à des élèves du secondaire qui poursuivent une éducation post-secondaire. Les bourses d'études de Catégorie I ont été attribuées aux élèves qui ont démontré un rendement académique élevé ainsi qu'une participation aux activités de la vie scolaire, dont le leadership, le bénévolat, le conseil d'élèves, les sports scolaires et ont représenté l'école à divers événements. Les bourses d'études de la Catégorie II ont été attribuées aux élèves qui ont persévéré malgré des difficultés personnelles et d'importants obstacles. Par exemple, **Luigi Corrado** a terminé ses études au Collège Vincent Massey avec une moyenne de 87 pour cent tout en luttant avec succès contre une tumeur bénigne au cerveau. **Dorothy Patel** a été diplômée par

l'Académie Laurenhill tout en suivant un traitement pour l'anémie aplasique et ce, malgré une série de complications douloureuses. **Maxime White**, diplômée de l'Académie Royal West a maintenu des notes élevées et a gagné une bourse pour ses réalisations académiques tout en demeurant aux côtés de son père durant sa longue bataille contre le cancer. Pour une liste complète de lauréats, consulter la section « Communiqués de presse » à www.emsb.qc.ca

FACE FÊTE SES 35 ANS : Le département de musique de l'école FACE a demandé au musicien renommé **Louis Babin** de composer une œuvre avec les élèves de 10^e et 11^e année, qui sera présentée le 4 juin 2010, dans le cadre des célébrations du 35^e anniversaire.

M. Babin est un artiste à talents multiples qui se concentre principalement sur la composition et l'enseignement. Son travail a couvert les films, la télévision, les concerts, la chanson et il est reconnu pour ses habiletés d'enseignement et techniques qui lui permettent de composer avec précision et rapidité.

M. Babin tiendra le rôle de compositeur en résidence. Les élèves se réuniront avec lui pour suggérer des motifs et explorer le processus de création musicale. Ensemble, ils œuvreront à intégrer ces idéaux musicaux à leur composition. M. Babin espère aider ses élèves à se familiariser avec le travail de compositeur.

L'orchestre de l'école FACE a interprété l'œuvre de M. Babin, *Suite du promeneur*, l'an dernier, dans le cadre du Festival d'eurochestreries d'orchestres de jeunes. Pour plus de détails, consulter la section « Communiqués de presse » du site Web de la CSEM.

FONDATION CURE : La CSEM a reçu une lettre et un trophée d'appréciation de la Fondation Cure en reconnaissance de l'appui que les élèves et le personnel des écoles, des centres et du centre administratif ont manifesté depuis la Journée nationale du denim de 1998.

Lors de cette journée, les personnes peuvent porter du denim et un ruban rose pour appuyer le financement de la recherche et la sensibilisation au cancer du sein à travers le Canada. Le total de l'an dernier s'est élevé à 20 440,34 \$ portant le total général de la CSEM à 253 883,71 \$. La journée nationale du denim de 2010 aura lieu le mardi 11 mai.

PETIT DÉJEUNER DE BIENFAISANCE : *Generations Foundation* et ses partisans estiment que l'une des façons principales d'assurer le succès des enfants dans la vie est la disponibilité d'une variété de programmes alimentaires, incluant des repas chauds. *Generations Foundation*, œuvre de charité enregistrée, offre journalièrement et gratuitement des petits déjeuners sains, des repas chauds et des collations à plus de 6 500 élèves de 72 écoles et centres d'apprentissage. Leur petit déjeuner annuel des Fêtes aura lieu le vendredi 27 novembre au Buffet La Stanza de Saint-Léonard (6878 Jean Talon est, près du métro Langelier) de 6 h 30 à 9 h 30. Comme d'habitude, il y aura un délicieux buffet petit déjeuner qui inclut le fabuleux café La Stanza. Par la même occasion, votre participation aidera à nourrir les enfants qui ont faim. Écoutez les postes 92.5, The Q et 940 Montreal pour tous détails. Informations : 514-933-8585 ou www.generationsfoundation.com

DATES À RETENIR

18 décembre 2009

Dernier jour de classe

21 décembre au 2 janvier 2010

Congé de Noël

Janvier 2010

Semaine de l'éducation publique

13 janvier 2010

Réunion extraordinaire du conseil des commissaires

20 janvier 2010

Conseil des commissaires

1-5 février 2010

Semaine des inscriptions à la maternelle

Submissions should be made to Michael J. Cohen preferably by e-mail (mcohen@emsb.qc.ca) or fax (514-483-7213)