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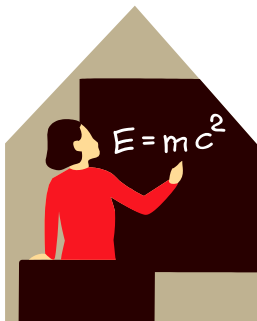
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Jennifer Lahorra displays her \$500 cheque presented at the September 23 meeting of the EMSB Council of Commissioners. Anne McLeish, president of the Quebec branch of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization of women educators. Jennifer graduated from the St. Laurent Adult Centre last June. She is a 22 year old single mother who had a course average of 85 percent. Presently she is in the nursing program at Vanier College. The money is to go towards her studies. Pictured in the second row are (left to right) EMSB Chairman Angela Mancini, DKG Quebec Scholarship Chair Estelle Fainsilber, Commissioner Bernard Praw, Principal Caterina Bernucci and Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services Rosario Ortona.

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THE NEW ACADEMIES: Two elementary schools from the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) have begun the 2009-2010 academic year with brand new identities. Leonardo Da Vinci School in Rivière-des-Prairies is now known as Leonardo Da Vinci Academy while the school formerly known as Holy Cross in St. Laurent is now Fraser Academy.

"We have always aspired to improve the quality of education and have set high standards for our students," states Principal **Phyllis D'Amato**. "We believe that our past achievements and awards along with our new additions have made us worthy of being recognized as an academy."

For the new school year, Leonardo Da Vinci Academy is making a number of additions to its curriculum. The school will have an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, September 24 (9:30 a.m.) at 12024 rue André Dumas in RDP.

Meanwhile, Fraser Academy continues the strong tradition of empowering students to achieve self-worth and academic potential. "Our aim is to guide our students to be successful wherever their choices may lead them," says Principal **Elena Zervas**, noting that the new name comes from the street where the school is located. "Our exemplary team of teachers and professionals are committed to preparing our students for lifelong learning and to nurture their all-around development in a bilingual society. Our curriculum is designed to enhance our students' French and English literacy skills and to reinforce their mathematical and scientific proficiency, so that success is

achieved in today's technologically enhanced world."

The official launch and ribbon cutting at Fraser Academy will take place on Tuesday, September 29 (9 a.m.) at 950 Fraser Avenue in St. Laurent.

See the press release on our website for more details.



A scene from a Carlyle production.

CARLYLE INTRODUCES: Theatre has always been a creative and universal way to express ideas and foster international-mindedness for young people. It is also an unforgettable journey for children to experience the making of a production from beginning to end.

Carlyle Elementary School in Town of Mount Royal had been abuzz with excitement since the first day of the last academic year when students learned that they were putting on a drama production. In 2009, the immensely successful annual Curriculum Fair was replaced by exploring and interpreting folktales from around the world. By adapting lesser known stories with moral lessons from different countries, teachers and students were able to learn from different cultures. Several drama specialists were invited to guide and organize this drama production that proved to be a labour of love. Students were exposed to a variety of important issues: how a folktale

was chosen from the written, original text to how it was adapted for a dramatic performance; working as a team; becoming the characters in their chosen play; learning their lines; and designing and constructing their costumes and props. The dedication of staff, students and parents at Carlyle was overwhelming.

"Folktales from Around the World" was performed at the École Secondaire Mont-Royal on Montgomery on June 18, 2009.

As Carlyle Elementary School continues its journey into the International curriculum and ultimately the International Baccalaureate-Primary Years Programme school system, the school family has learned invaluable lessons through this theatre production that can and will be used in every day life: intercultural understanding and respect.

Please see the press release section on the website for more details.



Marzia Michielli reviews material at the H1N1 workshop.

H1N1 UPDATE: EMSB principals and vice-principals took part in workshops, run over two days, focusing on how to prepare for a possible H1N1 pandemic. Once again the team from Hour-Zero Crisis Consulting Ltd. were on hand to facilitate the session, coordinated by Regional Director **Marzia Michielli**. The administrators learned the proper way to wear the N95 respirator, the most common of the six types of disposable particulate respirators.

They also reviewed in detail a memorandum from the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Montréal (ASSSM). For the next week all EMSB schools and centres are being asked to report their total absences every day before noon. The collection of this data will help determine the regular absentee rate in each school/centre. These statistics will constitute a baseline absence report against which future absentee reports can be compared. Stay tuned to the EMSB website for our regular updates on what measures are being taken to deal with the H1N1 virus.

CONCERNS ABOUT SMOKING: At the last council meeting, a motion was moved by Commissioner **Agostino Cannavino** to write a letter to the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sports to express concern about recent media reports about an alarming increase in smoking by high school students. Copies of this letter will be sent to the Minister of Health and other school boards. Mr. Cannavino further suggested that smoking cessation programs be introduced by the government.

TWITTER: The EMSB is now on Twitter, the popular social networking site. Links to the EMSB "tweets" can be accessed on the English and French home pages of the EMSB website. This will be especially helpful to keep an eye on during the winter storm season in the event of any shutdowns and for breaking news items.

REGISTRATION WEEK: In the EMSB Express, Kindergarten Registration Week was mistakenly listed as February 8 to 12, 2010. The correct dates appear on the EMSB calendar - February 1 to 5, 2010.

MEDIA AWARENESS WEEK: Media Awareness Network and the Canadian Teachers' Federation are gearing up once again for this year's Media Literacy Week November 2 to 6. A number of EMSB schools have participated in different ways in the past. This year's theme – *Media Literacy in the Digital Age* – emphasizes the multiple literacy

skills needed by today's youth for accessing, evaluating, repurposing, creating and distributing media content. The goal of the organizers is to have collaborators and events across the country. The EMSB is planning a special media panel to take place at Rosemount High School.

Some of the collaborating organizations include: National Film Board of Canada, Association for Media Literacy, BC Association for Media Education, Media Education Project (Guelph University), English Montreal School Board, McGill University Faculty of Education, Canadian Association for Media Education Organizations, Ontario Library Association, Pacific Cinémathèque, London Public Library, Concerned Children's Advertisers, Simon Fraser University, YOUCAN, The Director's Cut and the Prime Minister's Awards of Teaching Excellence. For more information go to www.media-awareness.ca, email apaquet@media-awareness.ca or call Ann Marie Paquet, 613-224-7721.

WELCOME BACK: A number of schools held special events to kick off the academic year.



Kids have fun at St. Gabe's.

- At St. Gabriel Elementary School in Point St. Charles, staff welcomed the students back by hosting their fourth annual Fun Day Corn Roast and Hot Dog lunch. The theme of the Fun Day was carnival games with a focus on team building. Students ran relays, played water balloon volleyball and

helped to shuck corn. In the afternoon, students in the Grade 5 and 6 class played the Amazing Race at the local park. The first task was to thaw a frozen t-shirt and have a group member wear it to get the first clue. Trivia questions and a trust walk were obstacles to beat in order to move on and win the race.

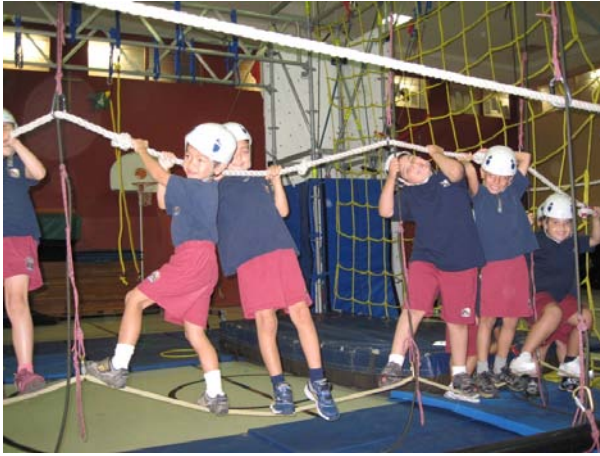
- Sinclair Laird Elementary School in Park Extension held a picnic in the school yard for students, their parents and families. Hot dogs and buns were donated by Bellepros Restaurant at Marché Central and popsicles by the school. A big thank you goes to the lunch monitors, **Pina Zollo** and her volunteers. At the end of the lunch the Grades 5 and 6 classes had a game of cricket. Everyone had a wonderful time.



Celebrating at Our Lady of Pompei.

- On September 10, members of the Governing Board of Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School in Ahuntsic organized a Welcome Back Fair for all the students and parents of the school. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in the sun with hotdogs cooked on a Hearse Barbeque grill provided by Service AutoCare and corn from Le Doral. Children met with Impact's **Rocco**

Placentino, took pictures in a Ferrari from Carrosseries EuroVolvo and had a blast with a show put on by Dragonza; all this with 92-5 The Q playing in the air. A chocolate cake provided by Patisserie Alati-Caserta was served to inaugurate the event.



Kids are flying at Dante.

- Jungle Sport Adventure was a great way for students at Dante Elementary School in St. Léonard to start off the year as their week long welcoming activities in the gym tied in well with our theme of Climbing to New Heights. The activities included inverted rock climbing, zip lines, cargo nets, climbing poles and ladders, and Tarzan ropes. While exploring these new heights, the students were not only physically challenged, but they also faced cognitive and social situations as well. Throughout the week, students were empowered to make choices, discover their limitations, explore team building, develop their leadership qualities and focus on responsible behaviours. It is hoped that this positive and enriching experience will carry over into their daily school work as they dare to climb to new heights.
- The atmosphere was festive and the

warm evening sun brought lots of smiles to the Carlyle Elementary School community in T.M.R. on September 9. Staff, students, parents and community members gathered together to celebrate the beginning of the school year.



Commissioner Liz Leaman and Principal Joan MacMillan.

Air Bounce rides, music and a magician were a hit with the crowd. Town of Mount Royal Councilor **John Miller** and Commissioner **Liz Leaman** joined Principal **Joan MacMillan** in welcoming the crowd. Town Security officers were on hand barbecuing hot dogs and together everyone enjoyed over 400 cobs of corn! Carlyle has reason to celebrate – a hardworking staff, committed volunteers, a supportive community and students who work towards developing their IB learner profiles and attitudes. All partners are very enthusiastic about Carlyle's efforts to implement the IB-PY program.

- At Michelangelo School in RDP Michelangelo Elementary School celebrated Welcoming Day on September 17. On this day their annual Terry Fox Walk took place in the morning, with an international music festival in the afternoon. After walking two kilometers to Parc St.Joseph in R.D.P., the students were rewarded

with a healthy snack. They were given corn on the cob for lunch and everyone had a good time.



Dancing up a storm at Michelangelo.

In the afternoon there were musical guests who came from different areas of Montreal. The first group consisted of French Canadian musicians called Verseau 2. They performed Latin music and the students were surprised to know that the oldest member was 84 years old. The second group came from the local Italian community. The group's name is Gruppo Folkloristico Abbruzzese di R.D.P. They performed two dances and sang one song. The last group was a rock band called SugarBones. Physical education teacher Mr. Mario is the drummer of this band.



Rosa Cerrelli (left) is the new chair of the Executive Committee, with **Liz Leaman** as vice-chair. **Syd Wise** returns as chair of

COMMITTEE

CHAIRS: Elections were held for EMSB committee chairs and vice-chairs. **Marvin Helfenbaum** will be the EMSB member at the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal and **Patricia Lattanzio** the alternate. **Rosa**

Education and Facilities, with Anne Williams as vice-chair. **Joseph Lalla** is back as chair of Finance and Legislation, with **Albert Perez** as vice-chair. **Joseph Petraglia** chairs the Adult Education and Vocational Services Advisory Board, with Mr. Lalla as vice-chair. **Rocco Barbieri** chairs the Human Resources Committee, with Richard Lalonde as vice-chair. Mr. Perez and **James Kromida** sit as members of the Audit Committee. **Julien Feldman** and **Ted Donnini** are the commissioner representatives on the Transportation Advisory Committee.



The JPI Mosaic.

CERAMIC MOSAIC: Students from John Paul I Junior High School decided to mark this year's international peace day by creating a ceramic mosaic dedicated to this theme. The mosaic was started on September 16 by students who volunteered their time to help out during lunchtime, after school and on their pedagogical days. Secondary II students **Jeremy Campisi**, **Michael Paulauskas** and **Michelle Mecteau** from the IB program volunteered to work on the project with their spiritual Animator Rocco Speranza. When completed the mosaic will be over eight feet tall and wide and have the word "peace" written in several languages such as Spanish, Italian, French. Over 60 students are taking part in this project. In addition students received class visits by their animator on the importance of peace.

CBC LITERARY CONTEST: To celebrate the joy of reading, CBC has partnered with TD Children's Book Week to create a contest for elementary school students, and they are looking for Montreal classes that would be interested in participating.

The prize will be the recording of a special CBC Radio Book Club, with children's book author **Alma Fullerton** in early November. Fullerton has recently been short-listed for the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award for her book *Libertad* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside), a prize worth \$25,000. CBC will fly Alma Fullerton to Montreal for an interactive recording with the winning class and a local radio on-air personality. The presentation would begin by showing students how radio is recorded, how to use a microphone and more. Following this, the author would be interviewed before the class and invite the children and teacher to enter the discussion. The edited show will then be broadcast on CBC Radio's *Home Run* in Montreal with Bernard St. Laurent during National Book Week (November 13 to 21). Similar recordings will be made at prize-winning schools in Vancouver, Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg.

Because of the maturity level of the book, CBC is looking for dynamic Grade 6 classes to enter. The prize-winning class will receive 40 copies of the book, so that they can read the book together in the weeks leading up to the recording.

If you are interested in participating, it's very easy to enter the contest. Classes must create a cheer to convince CBC to bring the Radio Book Club to their school. The cheer can be voiced, sung or rapped. The words must be the original work of the class (although the tune can be borrowed) and no longer than one minute in length. That class's teacher or principal must submit the cheer along with their contact information. More than one class can enter from each school, but the entries must be sent separately.

As for the time commitment, the deadline to get the cheer in is October 4. The chosen school will then have until the end of the month to read to book in class so that the recording can be done in early November. The in-school recording would require 90 minutes of class time.

You can submit your cheer through the contest line at 514-597-7222 or kidsbookclub@cbc.ca as a sound file. We can also send you an example of the cheer to help inspire you. All the information about the contest is available at <http://www.cbc.ca/books/bookclub/tdbooks/>

Coordinator **Christopher Di Raddo** can be reached at 514.597.4489 or christopher.diraddo@cbc.ca.



HAIRCUTS BY CHILDREN: Students from Westmount Park Elementary School class of **Jody Wilson** will participate in Haircuts by Children on Sunday, September 27 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Salon Kaaz (900, rue Laurier Est). According to writer **Darren O'Donnell**, *Haircuts by Children* is a whimsical performance that works on trust in the younger generation and the thrills and chills of vanity. Following a week of workshops with the artist and training with professional hairstylist. **Yanick Chartrand-Kravitz**, Ms. Wilson's Grade 6 class will be paid to offer free haircuts to the public at Kaaz. Haircuts by Children invites the consideration of children as creative and competent individuals

whose aesthetic choices can be trusted. The idea that kids should be allowed to cut hair evokes the same leap of faith, courage and understanding required to grant children deeper citizenship rights. For many it is actually less terrifying to contemplate allowing kids to vote! So, while Haircuts by Children is a performance for kids, it's actually for the benefit of those whom they will become; for the adults who have to deal with the consequences of 18 years of political disenfranchisement. Call the gallery for an appointment: (514) 874-9423. A haircut or styling is free of charge, call now!!

MARKETING GROUP: The EMSB Marketing Discussion Group met at John F. Kennedy High School to focus attention on a special video which will come out in December just in time for kindergarten registration promotions. Stay tuned for details.

SCORE WITH SCHOOL: The EMSB is officially part of the Montreal Juniors Hockey team's Score with School Program. St. Gabriel Elementary School in Point St. Charles, the Alternative High School network composed of nine schools, Westmount High School, John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel, Royal Vale in N.D.G. and James Lyng High School and Adult Centre in St. Henri are the EMSB participants. Each school gets four season tickets per game and a larger batch of seats for games on September 25 and 27. A formal launch of the EMSB's role is expected to take place at Westmount High School in mid-October. Players will visit participating schools during the year.

The Juniors note that they are proud of the fact that off the ice, they are proud of the importance they put on education. Each player is enrolled in school and is required to study as a pre-requisite to playing with the club. Their corporate sponsorship program is aimed at encouraging young people to stay in school. With the help of corporate support, organizations such as schools receive these

tickets as a mean of encouraging and keeping kids to stay interested in school, through extracurricular activities. The Juniors have given themselves a realizable target of \$200,000 in charitable donations to be converted into 12,000 tickets for deserving kids.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: The Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment of Canada-Montreal is once again seeking schools to participate in the Remembrance Day march. This year's ceremony is of particular significance to the Black Watch as they will be recognizing their new colours/flag handed down to them by the Queen of England, in addition to remembering the sacrifices of veterans and current military. Although they have asked in the past for high school students from Grades 9 to 11, the Black Watch will be accepting elementary school students from Grades 6 to 8. All participating schools will receive a certificate of appreciation from the Black Watch, in collaboration with National Defence Public Affairs Office-Quebec Region, and a photo opportunity with the organizer of the march. There is also an opportunity to take part in the laying of wreaths. Info: susan.christopher@forces.gc.ca

CONFERENCE ON THE HOLOCAUST: Quebec teachers are interested in teaching about the Holocaust and current day discrimination, racism, antisemitism and human rights violations. The Quebec Education Program offers opportunities to teach students to take positions on these issues as well as engage students in action to promote respect for diversity.

In response to this interest, the Riva and Thomas O. Hecht Scholarship Program for Educators, in conjunction with The Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, is hosting a one-day conference in Montreal at the Gelber Centre, with workshops in both French and English for teachers of primary and secondary grade levels.

While recognizing that teaching the Holocaust can be intimidating, especially at the grade-school level, it can also represent an important way for learning how to live together, on a deeper level, in schools. What are the challenges of teaching this subject? What kind of guidelines should be respected, in order to maximize its impact on the intercultural and anti-racist education of the students, and on their capacity to stand up against inequalities and human rights violations?

The keynote speaker, **Marie Mc Andrew**, is a full professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Foundations, at the University of Montreal. She holds a PhD in Comparative Education and has specialized in the education of minorities and intercultural education. Workshops will be offered and tools provided for all grade levels on a variety of issues, including:

- Teaching Tools based on the International Seminar for Educators at Yad Vashem, Grade 5-6 with teachers Carole Touchette and Linda J. Shetzer of the EMSB's Parkdale School.
- The Heart from Auschwitz - Engaging students in dialogue after a visit to the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Museum Primary 3rd Cycle with Mélanie Blondin, Emmanuelle Sonntag
- How to Access and Research Holocaust Education Related Websites. Grade 6-11 with teacher Joanne Druker
- From Prejudice to Genocide: the Tolerance Foundation and MHMC activities to develop social conscience in Secondary School Education Secondary Andréanne Pâquet, Julie Guinard

Workshops are available in French and English. Pre-registration is required. Cost \$65 including lunch. Detailed program and registration forms are available at

www.mhmc.ca/en/events/view/1. For information: Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre 514-345-2605.

CAREER FAIR: The EMSB Career Fair will take place on October 28 and 29 at St. Pius X in Ahuntsic. This year's event will be dedicated to the memory of **Hugh Adams**, the popular EMSB guidance counsellor who lost his battle with cancer last year. For the first number of years, Adams was a fixture at the Career Fair as master of ceremonies. The Adams family will be present at a special dedication on the first morning of the event. For more information see the press release on the EMSB website.

SPECIAL NUTRITION MEASURES: The EMSB has been allocated \$399,511 from the MELS for Special Nutrition Measures. For 2009-2010, the food budget will be used to provide breakfast, snacks or lunches to needy students as well as nutrition education plans. The schools eligible for this funding are: St. Gabriel, Sinclair Laird, Westmount Park, St. John Bosco, St. Dorothy, Coronation, Carlyle, James Lyng, Marymount, Venture, Perspectives I and Vezina.

A total of \$267,988 has been allocated for a free milk program five days per week to all pupils in Category I and II elementary schools (Category I inner-city schools receiving the funding are: Carlyle, Coronation, Parkdale, Sinclair Laird, St. Gabriel, Westmount Park, St. Dorothy, St. John Bosco and Nesbitt) for a duration of 102 days commencing October 5, 2009. Milk will also be offered to pupils from all other schools for a duration of 93 days from October 5, 2009 to May 28, 2010...A total of \$118,724 has been allocated to Category I, II and III schools by the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal for morning snack and milk programs – snacks four days a week from October 5, 2009 to May 28, 2010 and the extension of the milk program from March 18, 2010 to May 28, 2010.

LEONARD COHEN'S ALMA MATER:

Famous singer **Leonard Cohen** turned 75 September 21 and poets marked the occasion with a 75th birthday gala and silent auction at the Atwater Library. All funds raised went to the new Poet-in-Residence program at Westmount High School, Cohen's alma mater. The school itself also had a fundraiser. While Cohen did not attend either event, he did donate a piece of art work for the auction.



Leonard Cohen

“This is a project that we were approached about last spring,” says Principal Michael Cristofaro. “It has brought together the Westmount High Alumni Association, the school and the Westmount community. In the end the school is very much the winner in that we will have a Poet in Residence working with our English Department.

POLICE RADAR AT BANCROFT: As a Back to School safety prevention program, a group of Grade 6 students at Bancroft Elementary School in the Plateau, along with the local community police from Station 37, were using police radar one recent day to verify the oncoming traffic's speed limit on St. Urbain Street. Students were given the opportunity to issue verbal warnings to targeted motorists. The drivers of all the stopped vehicles were taken aback and realized the importance of respecting the speed limit in their local school zone. This was an everlasting lesson in responsibility for the children as it taught them to be accountable for their actions. All the children were surprised with a reward for their hard work with a soccer or basketball!

CTV SPORTS: For 50 years now, CTV Montreal has been active in promoting amateur sport in Montreal and across Quebec. Now, through its website at ctvmontreal.ca school sports teams are being asked to send in their home video highlights from local competitions. They will be posted on their sports section, the best ones will occasionally be aired during televised sportscasts. If a parent, a coach, a spectator or anyone else captures video of a great goal, a home run, a touchdown pass or any other great amateur sports highlights, all they have to do is log on to mynews.ctv.ca/montrealsports and follow the instructions to upload the video highlight.

“We want our viewers to see their stories and their sports successes reflected in our coverage; and using CTV Montreal's ‘MyNews’ Sports page is one more way for us to ensure that happens,” says **Jed Kahane**, the CTV Montreal news director and a graduate of the EMSB's Roslyn Elementary and Westmount High School.

QUALITY CARE AND SUPPORT:

Bartimaeus Inc. has been providing services to children, adolescents, adults and their families since 1988. Active within the EMSB, Bartimaeus provides specialized care to children and adolescents who are experiencing behavioural problems as a result of emotional or psycho-social difficulties, acquired brain injury, neuro-integrative disorders, developmental delays or life transitions. Bartimaeus offers a wide range of services including behaviour programming and management, parental support and respite services. The company has experienced, dedicated, and skilled child and youth care professionals, each with an average of 10 years of practice in their field. Services are provided in the home or at school and are delivered on a fee for services basis. For more information, please contact Doug Brice, Director at (514) 991-7432 or dbrice@bartimaeus.com or check out our website at www.bartimaeus.com.

LBPHS GOES HOLLYWOOD: Lester B. Pearson High School's award-winning student press, *Learning for a Cause*, has once again attracted a Hollywood celebrity to guest write in their annual anthology of student writing. **Candy Spelling** (pictured below), the wife of legendary television producer the late **Aaron Spelling** will write the foreword for *Learning for a Cause*'s fifth anniversary edition titled "Five." Spelling, herself a writer, recently released the bestseller "Stories from Candyland" which details her almost fairytale life as one of Hollywood's most famous wives.



Learning for a Cause was started at Pearson in 2004 by teacher **Michael Sweet** as a way to get student voices beyond the classroom and out into the world. The non-profit project publishes an annual anthology of poetry, fiction, non-fiction and drama and often focuses on themes of social concern such as poverty, war, racism and the environment. A past volume, *Down to Earth*, featured a foreword by astronaut **Roberta Bondar** and introduction by **Justin Trudeau**. That collection was in response to global warming and won two prizes at the World Indie Book Awards in 2008. Spelling will join Canadian actor and celebrated native playwright **Drew Hayden Taylor** in writing for the anniversary edition. Both individuals will join an exclusive club of *Learning for a Cause* guest writers which have included celebrities like **Martin Sheen**, **David Suzuki**, **Alex Colville** and **Marc Garneau**. Five will feature more than 100 students and work from this year as well as the past four. The book is expected to release in May 2010. www.LearningforaCause.org.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED: **Edward Nguyen**, a Grade 10 student at Lester B. Pearson High School, was featured in *Sports Illustrated Magazine* for winning the boys Under 16 singles title at the Rogers Junior National Tennis Championships. He took the final match in three sets. Earlier this year Tennis Canada honoured him as the outstanding junior male athlete of the year. He is currently a member of Canada's Junior Davis Cup team.

SAVE AT HOME: Cycle two students from Dunrae Gardens Elementary School in T.M.R. will be participating in the 16th Annual Art Auction event organized by the non-profit organization, Shield of Athena Family Services. The event is taking place at the Marché Bonsecours on November 8. The students will paint artworks with the theme Save at Home to show non-violence for children within the home environment. The project is being coordinated by McGill student teacher **Munzer Fahoum**, who is doing his practicum with teacher **Litsa Pelonis**.

MERTON IS GREEN: The city of Côte Saint-Luc (<http://www.cotesaintluc.org>) launched its organic waste collection program at Merton Elementary School earlier this month. The event makes this institution the first elementary school to have this type of service on the island of Montreal. Côte Saint-Luc Waste, Environment and Safety Technician **Oriana Familiar** spoke to teachers, followed by an education session with all the children in the gym.

MISSING CHILDREN'S NETWORK: As part of its on-going mission, the Missing Children's Network hosts several information and sensitization campaigns in order to help decrease the number of children who disappear. Our child identification program is an integral component of our prevention and education programs. On Saturday, October 24, the Missing Children's Network, in

collaboration with the four fashion centers and local police, will be hosting a Child Identification Clinic at the following locations:

- Le Carrefour Laval
3003, boulevard Le Carrefour
- Le Centre Fairview Pointe Claire
6801, route Transcanadienne
- Les Galeries d'Anjou
7999 boulevard des Galeries d'Anjou
- Les Promenades Saint-Bruno
1, boulevard des Promenades

The Missing Children's Network is a non-profit organization and does not benefit from subsidies from any level of government. It relies exclusively upon the generous support of individuals and corporations.

“Time is really of the essence when a child goes missing,” says **Pina Aracamone**, executive director of *Enfant Retour Québec*. “An updated photo of the child promptly distributed can truly make the difference between a speedy recovery or a prolonged search of the child. Our Child Identification Clinics serve as a reminder to parents about the importance of **always** carrying with them high-quality and recent photographs of their children to be used in the event of an emergency.”

For more information call 514.843.4333, email p.arcamone@enfant-retourquebec.ca or log on to www.enfant-retourquebec.ca.

SUBURBAN SPACE: *The Suburban Newspaper* would like to invite all East End schools to submit their upcoming events to their In the Community section. All they have to do is send their submissions to calendar@thesuburban.com. Fourteen days notice is being requested.

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.

THE KID SCOOP: There's a new kid in town! EMSB welcomes The Kid Scoop; a new interactive website for kids programs, classes, events and activities around Montreal.

This free, all-in-one reference for kids programs, classes, events and activities in Montreal, allows parents with young children under the age of 15 to source, plan and register on-line for all their kids' activities across the island of Montreal.

The Kid Scoop website is Montreal's largest database of up-to-the-minute activities and programs that parents can quickly search by neighbourhood, child gender, age and family interest. It also includes such features as a handy calendar that allows parents to organize their kids schedules and activities and an option to register and pay online for those activities. A special Member Card also offers parents exclusive discounts with retailers and service providers, as well as access to special family events only available to Kid Scoop Card Members.

Get organized and stay organized this school year with all your kids activities at <http://www.thekidscoop.com>.

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>.

IMAGO THEATRE: Can class distinctions really disappear in a collapsing society? Can we love in a time of fear? These questions and their possible answers are the fabric of Governor General award-winning playwright **Colleen Wagner's latest** creation, *down from heaven*. The Braumbachs are a wealthy family struggling to survive a pandemic and food crisis. Under quarantine in the basement of their luxurious home, they now rely upon their former gardener, Cheater, for their very lives. **Laurel Braumbach**, their sixteen-year old daughter, acts as go-between and enters the dark and convoluted world of Cheater, discovering in the process, some startling revelations about herself, and the man they have become dependent upon. In *down from heaven*, the themes of class struggle and food shortage offer students a pertinent opportunity to reflect upon some major issues that are

affecting the world today (the financial crisis, H1N1 flu). A school outing to *down from heaven* can also include a postperformance discussion panel featuring the actors and the director. This is for students age 14 and older. Shows run between September 24 to October 3, 2009/ School matinées are on September 26, 29 and 30, with a group rate of \$13 plus tax! It is at the Monument-National Studio Hydro-Québec (1182 Boulevard St-Laurent) Montréal, QC - H2X 2S5 Please contact Imago Theatre at 514-274-3222/ alison@imagotheatre.ca for group bookings. Log on to www.imagotheatre.ca

SHEILA'S STORIES: Storyteller-puppeteer, Sheila the Storyteller, animates a delightful blend of interactive reative stories while demonstrating her amazing variety of characters and voices. This is combined with her environmentally-friendly handmade puppets and props of recycled materials. Sheila the Storyteller will stimulate and entertain students from Pre K to Grade 3 on a variety of topics. It is perfect for Literacy Week, or just about anytime. She also has animated workshops on storytelling at several conferences. Please call her at 514-484-2730 or email sheilastoryteller@hotmail.com.

STEPPING UP: The Stepping Up program, which helps demystify the high school entrance exam process, and answer some common questions about high school applications and programs, has launched their September 2009 workshops.

The high school application process has changed considerably over the years. Private schools have adopted the use of the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) exam and a growing number of public high schools have also introduced their own exams. Interviews are also a common part of the admissions process.

“Having had children of our own go through this process, we understand that it can be a very stressful experience for your children, as well as for yourselves as parents,” state **Gary** and **Ingrid Poupart**, who run the program. “Our goal is to help your child to better understand the high school admissions process, whether in the private or public sector. We have discovered that most children are unaware of what is expected of them during this process, and this is a huge cause of stress. We believe that we can help reduce this stress by instilling the understanding and confidence needed so that they will be able to better perform when it comes to writing admission exams and being interviewed. We offer a wide range of options to help your child build the skills needed to perform their best on these demanding exams and interviews.”

On the website www.steppingup.net, visitors can learn more about Stepping Up and the many products that are offered. The website will allow you to register and pay for their popular fall workshops. They have also introduced a series of practice exams booklets for parents to practice with their children at home.

DOWN FROM HEAVEN: Set during a pandemic and food crisis, the production *Down from heaven* explores the events that lead to the collapse of civil society, revealed through the lives of the wealthy Braumbach family and their former gardener, Cheater, now a member of a renegade security force. Under house quarantine in the basement of their luxurious home, the Braumbachs now rely on Cheater for their very lives. Laurel Braumbach, their 16-year old daughter, acts as go-between and enters the dark and convoluted world of Cheater, discovering in the process, some startling revelations about herself, and the man they have become dependent upon. Exclusive group rates and school matinees available through Imago Theatre: 514.274.3222. or by calling

514.871.2224, 514.790.1245 or 1.800.361.4595. You can also log on to www.monumentnational.qc.ca or www.imagotheatre.ca. This Imago Theatre world premiere goes from September 23 to October 3 at the Monument-National, Studio Hydro Quebec (1182 boul. St Laurent). It is directed by **Alain Goulem** and stars **Chip Chuipka, Bruce Dinsmore, Lenir Parker and Amelia Sargisson**.

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.

School Bookings Being Accepted/Great Fundraiser The Cripplingly Funny Comedy Tour

By Michael Lifshitz

It was January 2006, after a lost bet over a souvlaki dinner that I stepped up to a microphone at a comedy club for the first time. Since that fateful night, I have been using comedy as a means to inspire and educate people that people with disabilities are just like anyone else.

It is that desire to inspire and educate that has led me to put together the Cripplingly Funny Comedy Tour, a two week tour, which I hope will take place October 12-23, 2009. The idea is to perform at various high schools across Montreal in an effort to sensitize and educate the students. By doing an evening show, it is our hope that parents will come with their children, a) to allow a dialogue between the parents and children and b) at the same time, we can sensitize the parents as well. As an added bonus, the show would be a fundraiser for the school, as 30% of ticket sales will go to the school, with the balance going to cover costs and for the comics.

I will be opening the show for two headliners – Alan Shain of Ottawa (www.alanshain.com) and Derrick Tennant of Atlanta (www.leftarmcomedy.com). Alan has cerebral palsy and an injury left Derrick paralyzed on the left side of his body. The show will be held together by your host, Montreal favorite Peter Radomski, who suffers from being bidirectionally challenged, or as it better known, short and overweight. While we

admit that we made that term up, our point is to show that everyone faces some sort of challenge. Besides which, someone had to carry all the equipment.

For more information regarding this program or to have your school included in the tour, please contact me, Michael Lifshitz, at comedy@sureican.info. Shows must be booked by June 15, 2009 in order for us to plan the tour.

DATES OF NOTE

September 29, 2009

Fraser Academy Launch

October 3 to 6, 2009

Canadian Association of Communicators in Education Conference
Delta Montreal

October 5, 2009

World Teachers Day

October 28 & 29, 2009

EMSB Career Fair
St. Pius X

November 2-6, 2009

National Media Education Week

PLEINS FEUX SUR FIELDING

BON RETOUR : Plusieurs écoles ont organisé des activités spéciales pour souligner le retour à l'école.

À l'école primaire St. Gabriel de Pointe-Saint-Charles, le personnel a accueilli les élèves en organisant sa quatrième journée d'épluchure de blé d'inde et de hots dogs pour le repas de midi. Le thème de la journée a été des jeux de carnaval mettant l'accent sur la création d'équipe. Les élèves ont participé à des courses à relais, ont joué au volley ball et aidé à éplucher le maïs. Au cours de l'après-midi, les élèves de 5^e et de 6^e année ont joué au jeu

Amazing Race au parc du quartier. La première tâche a été de dégivrer un t-shirt congelé et de demander à un membre du groupe de le porter pour avoir le premier indice. Des questions anecdotiques et une marche ont été les obstacles à surmonter pour avancer et gagner la course.

L'école primaire Sinclair Laird de Parc-Extension a organisé un pique-nique dans la cour de l'école pour les élèves, leurs parents et familles. Des hot dogs et des petits pains ont été offerts par le restaurant Bellpros du Marché Central et des sucettes glacées par l'école. A la fin du repas, les classes de 5^e et de 6^e ont joué au cricket.

CONCOURS D'ALPHABÉTISME DE LA CBC : Pour célébrer la joie de lire, la CBC s'est jointe à la Semaine des livres d'enfants de la TD pour créer un concours pour les élèves des écoles primaires et ils sont à la recherche de classes de Montréal qui seraient intéressées à y participer. <..\MEDIALISTS\CBC\Literary Contest.doc>

Le prix sera l'enregistrement d'une émission spéciale de la *CBC Radio Book Club* avec l'auteur de livres d'enfants Alma Fullerton au début de novembre. Mme Fullerton a récemment figuré à la liste des lauréats du prix de littérature d'enfants de la TD pour son livre *Libertad* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside), un prix d'une valeur de 25 000 \$. La CBC l'a invité à Montréal pour un enregistrement interactif avec la classe-lauréate et une personnalité de la radio. La présentation débutera, entre autre, par une démonstration aux élèves de l'utilisation d'un microphone, de l'enregistrement d'émission. L'auteur sera ensuite interviewée devant la classe et invitera les enfants et leur enseignant(e) à participer à la discussion. Cette émission sera ensuite diffusée par *CBC Radio Home Run* au cours de la Semaine nationale du livre (13 au 21 novembre).

À cause du niveau de maturité de ce livre, CBC est à la recherche de classes dynamiques de 6^e année. La classe lauréate recevra 40

copies du livre, afin que les élèves puissent le lire ensemble dans les semaines qui précèdent l'enregistrement.

Si vous êtes intéressé à participer, il est très facile de s'inscrire au concours. Les classes doivent créer une ovation pour convaincre la CBC de faire venir le Radio Book Club à leur école. Cette ovation peut être récitée, chantée ou présentée sur un air de Rapp. Les mots doivent être le travail original de la classe (bien que le son puisse être emprunté) et ne pas excéder une minute. L'enseignant(e) de cette classe ou la direction de l'école doivent soumettre cette ovation. Plus d'une classe peut participer dans chaque école, mais les soumissions doivent être envoyées séparément.

La date limite de la soumission est le 4 octobre. L'école choisie aura ensuite jusqu'à la fin du mois pour lire le livre en classe afin que l'enregistrement puisse se faire au début de novembre. L'enregistrement à l'école requiert 90 minutes de temps de classe.

Vous pouvez soumettre votre ovation au 514-597-7222 ou kidsbookclub@cbc.ca comme dossier sonore. Toutes les informations sur le concours sont disponibles à <http://www.cbc.ca/books/bookclub/tdbooks/>

Le coordonnateur **Christopher Di Raddo** peut être rejoint au 514-597-4489 ou christopher.diraddo@cbc.ca.

GROUPE DE MARKETING : Le groupe de marketing de la CSEM s'est rencontré à l'école secondaire John F. Kennedy pour se concentrer sur une vidéo qui sera lancée en décembre, juste à temps pour la promotion des inscriptions de la maternelle. Restez à l'écoute!

JOUR DU SOUVENIR : Le régiment Black Watch Royal Highland de Montréal est à nouveau à la recherche d'écoles qui désirent participer à la marche du Jour du Souvenir. La cérémonie de cette année est d'une importance particulière pour le Black Watch car il

reconnaîtra leurs nouvelles couleurs/drapeau qui leur a été remis par la reine d'Angleterre en sus de commémorer les sacrifices des vétérans et des soldats actuellement en service. Bien qu'il ait demandé par le passé la participation d'élèves du secondaire, de la 9^e à la 11^e année, le Black Watch acceptera des élèves du primaire, de la 6^e à la 8^e année. Toutes les écoles participantes recevront un certificat d'appréciation du Black Watch, en collaboration avec le bureau de la région du Québec des affaires publiques de la Défense Nationale et auront l'occasion de se faire photographier avec l'organisateur de la marche et de prendre part à la pose de couronnes de fleurs.

Info : susan.christopher@forces.gc.ca

FOIRE DE CARRIÈRES : La Foire de carrières de la CSEM aura lieu les 28 et 29 octobre à l'école St. Pius X à Ahuntsic. L'évènement de cette année sera dédié à la mémoire de **Hugh Adams**, populaire conseiller d'orientation de la CSEM, qui a perdu sa bataille contre le cancer l'an dernier. M. Adams a été le maître de cérémonies des premières années de la Foire. La famille Adams sera présente à la dédicace qui aura lieu à la première matinée de l'évènement.

MESURES SPÉCIALES DE NUTRITION : La CSEM a reçu une allocation de 399 511 \$ du MELs pour les mesures spéciales de nutrition. Pour 2009-2010, le budget d'alimentation sera utilisé pour offrir des petits déjeuners, des collations ou des repas de midi aux élèves moins nantis ainsi que des plans d'éducation en nutrition. Les écoles admissibles à ce financement sont : St.Gabriel, Sinclair Laird, Westmount Park, St. John Bosco, St. Dorothy, Coronation, Carlyle, James Lyng, Marymount, Venture, Perspectives I et Vézina.

Un montant de 267 988 \$ a été alloué à un programme de distribution gratuite de lait cinq jours par semaine à tous les élèves des écoles primaires des Catégories I et II (Les écoles en milieux défavorisés de Catégorie I qui reçoivent ce financement sont : Carlyle, Coronation,

Parkdale, Sinclair Laird, St. Gabriel, Westmount Park, St. Dorothy, St. John Bosco et Nesbitt) pour une durée de 102 jours à compter du 5 octobre 2009. Le lait sera aussi offert aux élèves de toutes les autres écoles pour une durée de 93 jours, du 5 octobre 2009 au 28 mai 2010. Un montant de 118 724 \$ a été alloué aux écoles des Catégories I, II et III par le comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal pour des collations du matin et distribution de lait- les collations pour quatre jours par semaine, du 5 octobre 2009 au 28 mai 2010 et la prolongation du programme de distribution de lait, du 18 mars 2010 au 28 mai 2010.

SOINS ET SOUTIEN : Bartimaeus Inc. continue à offrir des services aux enfants, adolescents, adultes et leurs familles depuis 1988. Bartimaeus offre des services spécialisés aux enfants et adolescents de la CSEM qui sont sujets à des problèmes de comportement suite à des difficultés psychosociales, traumatisme crânien, retards de développement ou changements majeurs dans leur vie. Bartimaeus offre une variété de services incluant programmation du comportement et gestion, soutien parental et services de relève. La compagnie emploie des professionnels dévoués, talentueux envers les jeunes avec une moyenne d'expérience de 10 ans dans leur domaine. Les services sont offerts à l'école ou au domicile, sur une base de frais de service. Pour plus d'informations, contacter Doug Brice, Directeur au (514) 991-7432 ou dbrice@bartimaeus.com ou sur notre site Web au www.brtimaeus.com.

L'ALMA MATER DE LEONARD COHEN : Le chanteur renommé **Leonard Cohen** a célébré son 75^e anniversaire le 21 septembre dernier et les poètes ont souligné l'occasion par un gala et une vente aux enchères par écrit à la bibliothèque d'Atwater. Tous les fonds recueillis seront versés au nouveau programme Poète en résidence de l'école secondaire Westmount où Cohen a fait ses études. L'école organisera aussi sa propre levée de fonds. M. Cohen n'a assisté à aucun

de ces deux évènements mais il a fait don d'une pièce d'art pour la vente aux enchères.

« Nous avons été approchés au sujet de ce projet au printemps dernier » déclare le directeur Michael Cristofaro. « Il a été organisé par l'Association des anciens élèves de l'école secondaire Westmount, l'école et la communauté de Westmount. L'école sera la grande gagnante de cet évènement car elle aura un poète en résidence qui œuvrera avec notre département d'anglais. »

DATES À RETENIR

29 septembre 2009

Lancement de l'Académie Fraser

5 octobre 2009

Journée mondiale des enseignants

28 et 29 octobre 2009

Foire des carrières de la CSEM

St. Pius X

2-6, novembre 2-6 2009

Semaine nationale de l'éducation aux médias

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