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Actress Marlee Matlin made a surprise visit to the Mackay Centre School of the EMSB to meet students. For more see inside this edition of The Focus (Ron Levine, photo).

EDITOR'S NOTE

The new look Fielding Focus has received very favorable reviews. Please note that we are making every effort to make each edition easier to read. This week you will notice some new features, notably hyperlinks to articles and videos from the EMSB website and elsewhere. Just click on the underlined portion. You may see a message asking whether to allow this procedure, Click on the "allow" box and also check off the box which says "Remember this action." The introduction of these hyperlinks allows us to include a briefer summary of an activity, but easily lead you to a much more detailed account. Please take advantage of this feature and, of course, we always welcome your feedback.

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-Michael J. Cohen

EMSB RESPONDS TO BILL 100

Draft Bill 100 was introduced in the Quebec National Assembly on May 12, 2010 as a measure to implement certain provisions of the Budget Speech of March 30, 2010, reduce the debt and return to a balanced budget in 2013-2014. The legislation requires that public bodies reduce administrative operating expenses by 10 percent, and as part of this reduction travel, publicity and professional development to be reduced by 25 percent (in each category) by the end of 2010-2011.

The MELS has identified the amount of \$330,523 as being the estimated 10 percent reduction of administrative expenses required from EMSB, representing \$82,630 per year over four years. This amount is based on the 2008-2009 financial statements and will be adjusted once the 2009-2010 financial statements are completed. Since the 25 percent reduction in travel, publicity, and P.D. is greater than \$82,630, the estimated reduction required for the 2010-2011 fiscal year is approximately \$87,000.

EMSB Chairman **Angela Mancini** notes that the deadline to submit a plan by September 30, 2010, does not allow for a thorough review of the Board's spending patterns and practices, and the ability to properly assess where change may be required. Dictating reductions in three categories (travel, publicity and professional development) also contravenes autonomy of school boards. Specific revenues that offset administrative cost are not included in the exercise even though they, in fact, reduce net administrative expenses such as the annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening.

Professional development, Ms. Mancini maintains, is essential in the education sector. "Imposing a 25 percent reduction in this category is contrary to our mission," she says. "Consultation with employee groups can only occur after our plan is submitted to MELS due to the deadline. It is difficult to present potential staffing reductions since retirement is not mandatory, nor predictable

The EMSB is looking at a number of options to reach the required figure. Plans also call for the EMSB to submit future major modifications to this package.

INTERIM REGIONAL DIRECTOR

LaurenHill Academy Principal **Claude Dansereau** has been appointed interim director of EMSB Region 2. Mr.



Claude Dansereau is welcomed by Director General Robert Stocker.

Dansereau will fill the post vacated by Roma Medwid, now the EMSB deputy director general. Prior to LaurenHill, Mr. Dansereau was the principal of Westmount High School and of the EMSB social affairs schools. The new interim principal of LaurenHill is **Pelagia Nickoletopoulos**, presently one of the vice-principals. **Jimmy Giannacopoulos**, a teacher at LaurenHill, becomes interim vice-principal.

Minister of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS) Line Beauchamp visited Gerald McShane Elementary School in her riding of Montreal North on the first day of classes. She was greeted by EMSB Chairman, Angela Mancini, Vice-Chair Sylvia Lo Bianco, Director General Robert Stocker, Deputy Director General Roma Medwid, Regional Director Marzia Michielli, staff and students.

MEETING ON PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN CÔTE SAINT-LUC

The EMSB will hold an information meeting on Wednesday, October 6 (7:30 p.m.) about the possibility of establishing a unique public high school in Côte Saint-Luc. It will take place at Côte Saint-Luc City Hall (5801 Cavendish Boulevard). EMSB Chairman **Angela Mancini** notes while attention is being placed on the West End

for October 6, she hopes that options and ideas for other parts of the Board's territory will be explored at future meetings. Ms. Mancini appointed Commissioner **Syd Wise** as the chair of a special committee to look at possible focus schools.

The last mainstream public high school in Côte Saint-Luc was Wagar, which closed after the 2004-2005 academic year. That building on Parkhaven Avenue, renamed the Giovanni Palatucci Facility, in memory of the Italian diplomat whose efforts saved the lives of more than 5,000 Jews, presently houses the Marymount Adult Education Centre, the John Grant special needs high school and the EMSB Book Processing Centre.

Côte Saint-Luc Mayor **Anthony Housefather**, who is expected to speak at the October 6 meeting, has openly called for a public high school to be re-established in his city. He has appointed one member of his council, retired school teacher Allan J. Levine, to work as a liaison with the EMSB to see this through. The Town of Hampstead is also supporting this project and Councillor **Bonnie Feigenbaum**, who holds the community services and recreation portfolio, will be present on October 6. To read the complete press release click [here](#).

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

Twenty-three EMSB students from 10 different high schools lived the experience of a lifetime earlier this year, spending a week in Ottawa as part of the *Encounters with Canada* program. Each week throughout the school year, 130 students aged 14 to 17 from across Canada gather at the Terry Fox Youth Centre, to learn about their country and take part in theme-oriented workshops, presentations and excursions.

EMSB students took part in a number of different theme weeks: Science & Technology, Arts & Culture, Medicine & Health, Journalism & Communications, International Affairs, the RCMP and Ecology & Environment. They learned from a variety of experts, and participated in activities as diverse as sculpting, creating a mock TV show

and discussing medical ethics through real cases. They visited Parliament and national museums, and took exciting trips to places like the Canadian Space Agency, the Supreme Court of Canada and the RCMP forensics laboratory.

For many, the best part of the week was getting to know other young people from places like Newfoundland, Nunavut and Alberta. "At the end of the week, I felt like I had 129 new family members," said one student.

"It was definitely one of the best experiences of my life," said **Kelly Lavallee** of Options II High School. "Because of all the wonderful speakers I decided what I want to do in terms of profession and am now applying all my attention towards my goal of becoming a Mechanical Engineer. I also learned a lot about Canadian history, who we are, where we came from, and why I am proud to be a Canadian. The friendships I made at Encounters with Canada will last for a lifetime."

Partial funding for 20 students will be available from the school board for the 2010-2011 school year (first-come, first-served, maximum 2 students per school). A 'Compassion in Action' writing contest, co-sponsored by Encounters with Canada and LEARN, will also enable 20 winners from across the province to take part in the Encounters program at no cost. For more information, contact Genny Villa at local 7579. To learn more about Encounters with Canada, go to www.encounters-rencontres.ca



Pedagogical Consultant Genny Villa, EWC's Ellen Laughlin and Head Teacher Edith Coleman with two students from Options II.

NEW TEACHERS

Prior to the start of classes, more than 50 new teachers part in a half-day workshop at the EMSB head office. They were given presentations from the departments of Human Resources, Pedagogical Services and Student Services. then had an opportunity to visit different rooms and meet individually the team of Pedagogical consultants (ELA, French Second Language, Science and Technology, Ethics and Religion, Social Sciences, Pre-School, Arts Education, EMSB Portal, RÉCIT, Math, Career Development and Work-Oriented Training Path and Physical Education).



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WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

When **Ted Fairhurst** attended Elizabeth Ballantyne Elementary School (EBS) in Montreal West 56 years ago, he walked to school several times a day. Many years later he has taken physical fitness to a new level, having recently climbed Mount Everest and celebrated his 63rd birthday there. He describes this as one of the most memorable experiences of his life.

Mr. Fairhurst is indeed seen as a role model to youngsters and wishes to encourage them to pursue healthy and physically active lifestyles. With this in mind he has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the English Montreal School Board's (EMSB) participation in Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October, 6, 2010. It will begin at 7:30 a.m., with one walk starting from N.D.G. Park, at the corner of Marcil and Cote St. Antoine, and another



Fairhurst at Everest

beginning at 8:30 a.m. from Confederation Park at the corner of Kensington and Fielding. "We can accomplish extraordinary things if we have a passion for life. There is no limit to what we are able to achieve" Mr. Fairhurst stated, when asked what message he would like to give to our students

about staying motivated and pursuing their dreams.

"Just go for it!" he adds.

Participants in the International Walk to School Day are the students and parents from the EMSB's EBS, Royal Vale, St. Monica, Willingdon and a private school, Lower Canada College. St. John Bosco in Ville Émard has just signed up. Students who participate will walk to school with their parents or be dropped off at one of the designated starting points. For the complete press release and more information about Mr. Fairhurst's incredible accomplishment click [here](#). You can also read Mike Boone's column [here](#) in The Montreal Gazette.



Ted Fairhurst

BILL 103 BRIEF

The EMSB presented a formal brief regarding Bill 103 to a Parliamentary Committee of the National Assembly of Quebec on September 22. "As the largest English public school board in Quebec, the EMSB has the responsibility to protect the English language and advocate on behalf of parents who wish to send their children to an English public school," said EMSB Chairman **Angela Mancini**. "It is thus the school board's belief that Bill 103 would undoubtedly have a devastating effect on the future of English education in Quebec."

"The EMSB has always been proactive in our efforts to preserve the French language and ensuring that our schools proudly graduate thousands of biliterate and bilingual students annually," said Ms. Mancini, who presented the brief in Quebec City with Vice-Chairman **Sylvia Lo Bianco**, Commissioner **Patricia Lattanzio** and Director General **Robert Stocker**.

In the brief, the EMSB is requesting that the Quebec government respect the majority of Quebecers and the future of the English language by retracting Bill 103 in its entirety and proposing a new legislation that will not directly, or indirectly, restrict Quebecers' rights to access English Public schools. Click [here](#) to read the entire brief. You can also watch the presentation, conducted entirely in French, by clicking on [this link](#).

Meanwhile, Ms. Mancini also made a presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Official Language, which was coordinated by the Quebec English School Boards Association.

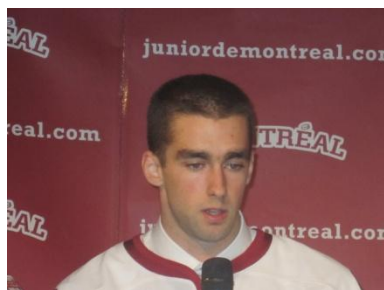
CANADA GAMES

Students in Cycles 1 to 3 from St. John Bosco Elementary School in Ville Émard joined youth from across the country in hosting a Canada Games Day earlier this month, an event that united sport and educational experience while reflecting the spirit of the Canada Games. Throughout the day students learned more about our vast and diverse country while participating in many of our national sports. Teams of students represented the 10 provinces to compete in Canada Games style events such as standing long jump, javelin throw, soccer slalom relay, and the land canoe relay. At each station, students were given a trivia quiz to test their knowledge about Canada. The teams spanned age and cycle and represented the not only the diversity of St. John Bosco, but also the diversity within Canada itself.

Upper cycle students showed their great leadership skills as they took on the role of team Captains for groups of younger students. Teachers ran the sports stations while a group of dedicated parent volunteers assisted the Cycle 3 Captains with the challenges of leading a team. "We saw students giving their best efforts, looking out for each other, cheering, learning and cooperating," said Principal Katherine Snow. "We definitely caught the Canada Games spirit. Congratulations to all our superb competitors, volunteers and staff that made our Canada Games Day such a success. It was a fantastic day all around and we all look forward to next fall and another exciting Canada Games Day."



MONTREAL JUNIORS



Louis Leblanc

The EMSB is once again part of the Montreal Juniors hockey team Score With School Program. Thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsors, 15 sets of season ticket packages (four seats per game) have been presented to EMSB schools. They are eight elementary schools (St. Gabriel in Pointe St. Charles, Royal Vale, Willingdon and St. Monica in N.D.G., Roslyn in Westmount, Bancroft in the Plateau, John Caboto in Ahuntsic and Hampstead) three high schools (Westmount, John F. Kennedy in St. Michel, James Lyng in St. Henri), the Outreach/Alternative high school network (a grouping of nine separate schools) and one adult centre (James Lyng). On November 11, the Juniors will play a regular season game during school hours (10:35 a.m.) faceoff time and a special Remembrance Day ceremony. Sports-Études students from the EMSB's Lester B. Pearson High School will be among those in attendance. Wednesday, February 9 will be EMSB Night at the Verdun Auditorium, with tickets being made available at a very low rate of \$8 each to students, staff and their families. Order forms will go out in November. Montreal is expected to be one of the top teams in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League this season, with no less than five players whose rights are owned by NHL teams. This includes Montreal

Canadiens first round draft choice **Louis Leblanc**. Visits of players to EMSB schools will be arranged during the season, beginning with Westmount High on October 13. Leblanc is expected to be on hand.

EDUCATION FAIR

The EMSB hosted the first ever Suburban Newspaper Education and Activities Fair on September 15 at Lauren Hill Academy Junior campus in St. Laurent. CJAD's Ric Peterson Show did a live broadcast. The EMSB had a number of kiosks representing the youth and adult sectors. Many schools participated. A team of French consultants from Pedagogical Services were kept busy answering questions, as were Autism Spectrum Disorder Consultant **Tania Piperni**, Portal Consultant and Cyberbullying expert **Maureen Baron**, Behavior Management Consultant **Lori Rubin** and Guidance Counsellor Susan Freed. The Lester B. Pearson, New Frontiers and Riverside School Boards were represented as were some private schools and activity centres. **Andrea Di Tomaso**, the EMSB's webmaster for schools and special projects and digital media expert in the Marketing and Communications, coordinated the event with *The Suburban's* **David Solomon**. Many thanks go out to the administration of Lauren Hill Academy, in particular Ms. Nickoletopoulos and Mr. Dansereau.



TERRY FOX RUN

The spirit of Terry Fox is alive and well at 29 English Montreal School Board (EMSB) institutions as students from across the island will mark the 30th Anniversary of the Marathon of Hope and take part in the Terry Fox National School Run Day on Thursday, September 30, 2010. Leading the charge will be Westmount High School (4350 Sainte-Catherine) which since 1992 has helped raise over \$38,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Along with the Mackay Centre and Philip E. Layton Schools in N.D.G., the leadership students from Westmount High School will pair up with wheelchair bound, blind and hearing impaired children from the two schools. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the students will join together and participate in various fitness activities, which culminates in an hour long run around the track adjacent to the high school. Merton School in Côte Saint-Luc kicked off the EMSB's salute of Terry Fox on September 16 by running a combined 1,138 kilometres, tying last year's mark. For a complete list of schools participating [click here for the press release](#).

OFFICIAL LAUNCH AT ST. DOROTHY

On the first day of classes, St. Dorothy Elementary School in St. Michel inaugurated its new playground in the presence of Chairman **Angela Mancini**, Vice-Chair **Sylvia Lo Bianco**, Commissioner **Rocco Barbieri**, Governing Board Chair **Georgia Jerkovic** and students who sang the new EMSB theme song now featured as the head office on-hold message. Global TV and CBC TV were both there to cover the event. See the Global report [here](#).



Principal Rosetta Ortona-Perri, Roma Medwid, Rocco Barbieri, Angela Mancini, Georgia Jerkovic and students.

NEW CEDARCREST PARENT CALVILLO QUARTERBACKS CORN ROAST

The children of Cedarcrest Elementary School in St. Laurent were thrilled on September 7 as Montreal Alouette football stars **Anthony Calvillo**, **Anwar Stewart**, **Scott Flory** and **Jeff Perrett** took part in a back to school corn roast. Taking the time out of their busy in-season schedule, the four Alouettes mingled with their fans, both young and old, signed countless autographs and of course, played some football with the children.

For quarterback Calvillo, who spent his time at Cedarcrest answering a myriad of questions and tossing the football around, his visit had an added meaning as his eldest daughter recently began her kindergarten studies at the school. The corn roast was a first for Cedarcrest as beginning with the 2010 – 2011 academic year, the school welcomed many new families due to the debut of a French immersion program which was put in place to better meet the needs of the local community and their students.



Anthony Calvillo greets students.

APPRENTICE STAR COMING TO VMC

In the newest edition of the television show *The Apprentice*, starring **Donald Trump** and airing on NBC and Global TV, one of the contestants is 1993 Vincent Massey Collegiate graduate **Stephanie Castagnier (pictured at the left).**



Stephanie, 34 presently resides in Chicago. She has been a fighter since a very young age. Having both her parents pass away from AIDS when she was only a teenager, she started her career by putting herself through McGill University while working full-time. Since then, she has worked as a commercial banker, at which she found success at a young age and was ranked among the top commercial lenders in the country several years running. After being directly impacted by the effects of the recession in the financial sector, she is looking to take control of her life and be proactive in her career. Additionally, Stephanie founded Child Cause/Fear to Fire, a nonprofit organization that provides a peer network to teens affected by AIDS and substance abuse by inspiring through the arts, and has authored a book titled "Fear to Fire." Stephanie is very athletic, a national speaker, and

continues to write. She plans to visit Vincent Massey to speak with students on October 6 at 10:30 a.m.

VINCENT MASSEY KNITTING

Teachers **Jessica Rickhaus** and **Julie Etheridge** started a knitting club at VMC. The goal was to create squares that would be sent to the Knit-A-Square organization in South Africa. The organization run by Nuns knits the squares together to create blankets for Aids Orphans. They had 20 Secondary III students participate (including several boys) and several teachers on staff knitted squares. The students had no knitting experience and were very proud with their accomplishments. They were able to make two large blankets in just 3 short months. This year, the Club's goal is to make several knitted hats for children living in South Africa.

PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE IN ISRAEL

Two elementary school teachers, **Gail Jebson** of Elizabeth Ballantyne in Montreal West and **Donna Friedman Perlin** of St. Monica in N.D.G. recently returned from Israel, having been chosen as recipients of [The Riva and Thomas O. Hecht Scholarship Program, Teaching of the Holocaust for Educators](#). The two, joined by **Deborah Dixon** of the [Lester B. Pearson School Board's](#) Beurling Academy, took part in a three week professional development experience at [Yad Vashem](#) in Jerusalem, Israel. The course of study was designed to give teachers and academics a powerful learning experience examining the history of the "Shoah" (Holocaust),



Donna Friedman-Perlin, Gail Jebson and Deborah Dixon at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

while including a wide range of lectures and activities focusing upon a variety of topics in the areas of art, theology, literature, anti-Semitism, and Holocaust denial. Ms. Jebson's full story can be accessed [here](#) on the EMSB website. The criteria for 2011 has been expanded and spiritual community animators, who frequently deal with this subject matter, are now eligible to apply.

MUHC GROUNDBREAKING

A steady drizzle could not stop the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) Children's Hospital from taking place on September 7 as students from Willingdon Elementary School in N.D.G. joined various dignitaries to officially mark the beginning of construction.

In all, 47 students representing Grades 3 and 6 from Willingdon were joined by their peers from the private Collège Charlemagne in Pierrefonds to represent the youth that this future hospital is being built to serve.

Welcoming the students were a slew of representatives from the MUHC, local, provincial and national politicians as well as Provincial Minister of Health and Social Services, **Dr. Yves Bolduc** and **Michèle Dionne**, wife of Quebec Premier **Jean Charest**. Following a short video and various speeches, Willingdon's Zoe Cloutier and Collège Charlemagne's Matthew Handfield represented their schools and presented a bouquet of flowers to Michèle Dionne.



Willingdon students at the groundbreaking.

ST. GABE'S STUDENTS ON THE ICE THANKS TO SPONSOR

When EMSB special education technician **Stephanie Glikzman** worked at inner city St. Gabriel Elementary School in Pointe St. Charles she noticed that a number of students did not have the opportunity to play organized hockey because of the high cost of equipment.



Stephanie Glikzman, Warren Garfield and the Prouse brothers.

Stephanie, who has been with the EMSB Student Services Department for six years, shared this story with her boyfriend, **Warren Garfield**. He owns and operates a vending machine company called "Deli-Snack." Garfield wanted to help. Being such a fanatic about sports himself, not to mention a competitive hockey player while growing up, he decided to take some initiative.

Garfield offered to sponsor one St. Gabriel student to play competitive hockey, agreeing to cover both the registration and equipment costs. When Grade 2 students and twin brothers **John**

and **Daniel Prouse**, a pair of high energy, sports fanatics, were nominated, Garfield doubled the sponsorship offer, outfitting the boys with skates, helmets and everything in between. Garfield will be profiled in November on CTV Montreal's Power of One feature.

[You can read the entire press release by clicking here.](#)

Anyone who is interested in learning about how to donate, or sponsor a child, please contact Stephanie Glikzman at sglikzman@emsb.qc.ca.

CORN ROAST

Staff and students at St. Gabriel celebrated their return with their annual corn roast and fun day. Students had the opportunity to bounce on inflatables, play water games and work in teams to win the amazing race. Geordie Productions performed the dress rehearsal for their new show *Story Wars at St. Gabriel School*. The show was very entertaining and students from pre-k to Cycle 3 had many laughs. St. Gabriel students were recently given backpacks filled with school supplies from the "Kidfest backpack program," which provides supplies to economically challenged students. Each backpack contained over \$100 of materials to help students be more organized and prepared for learning. 4500 backpacks were distributed across Canada through the Kidfest program .



Students display their backpacks.

NESBITT ANNIVERSARY

Nesbitt Elementary School in Rosemount officially launched its Centennial with the first of many events marking 100 years as a Montreal educational landmark. The school began to mark this milestone with a morning corn roast, which preceded an afternoon of celebrations. Current students formed the number 100 on the soccer field and this now serves as the official Centennial picture. Cycle 1 students represented the "1", while both "0's" were formed by Cycle 2 and 3 students respectively.



Following the picture, students sang and 100 balloons were released into the sky. A myriad of other activities are also planned throughout the year, which will fuse both current students and Nesbitt alumni. Events are set to include two galas, one which will invite friends and family to view the artistic talents of Nesbitt students through multiple plays and concerts and a second will reunite alumni for a soiree celebrating the school's Centennial. In honour of the milestone, a website which was designed specifically for Nesbitt, will soon be released, taking browsers on an online journey through the history books back to 1911. [Click here to see the CTV Montreal report.](#) [And here is a video shot by EMSB Social Media Specialist Daniel Smajovits.](#)

JFK STAFF RETREAT

Teachers at John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel recently participated in a highly successful staff retreat at Camp Mariste in Rawdon, Quebec. The goal of the retreat was to enhance our team building skills amongst the staff and to re-energize after the summer holiday. Led by Phys. Ed. teacher **Steven Carroll**, the staff participated in a variety of team building activities including; blind mine, untangle, the tank game and survival scenario. By the end of the day, three themes emerged; communication, positivity and unity. Teachers will build on these themes throughout the year with their students, both inside and outside of the classroom. Mr.

Carroll and **Peter Sutherland** organized the activity, with the support of Principal **Joseph Marra**, Vice-Principal **Antoinette Scrocca** and the Professional Improvement Committee.

Meanwhile, the devastating floods in Pakistan touched the hearts and minds of the students at John F. Kennedy. To help with the relief efforts, the students and staff collected donations during the lunch periods of September 10, 11 and 12. A "Cap and Hat Day" was also held on September 12 and donations were collected. Mr. Marra thanked the staff and the students for their participation in raising \$407. The funds were forwarded to the Canadian Red Cross for the Pakistan Relief Fund.

MARLEE MATLIN VISITS MACKAY CENTRE

While in town recently to speak at a benefit for Federation CJA, the central funding, planning and coordinating body of services for Montreal's Jewish community, academy award winning actress **Marlee Matlin** made a surprise visit to the Mackay Centre School. **Sean Zikman**, director of development for The Foundation of the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre, contacted Federation CJA and they graciously helped arrange the visit.

The Mackay Centre School on Decarie Boulevard in N.D.G, is part of the English Montreal School Board and caters to deaf and disabled children. Its mission is to provide a safe, caring environment which empowers learners to achieve maximum potential with a curriculum that is dynamic and responsive to student needs.

Principal **Patrizia Ciccarelli**, accompanied by Mr. Zikman and MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre Executive Director **Christine Boyle**, took Ms. Matlin on a tour of the facility. She also visited a number of classrooms and communicated with hearing impaired students. "She was absolutely wonderful," said Ms. Ciccarelli. "And in her address to a gathering of hundreds of Jewish community leaders that evening she took the opportunity to highlight her visit to our facility."

Ms. Matlin, who has been deaf since the age of 18 months, received worldwide critical acclaim for her motion picture debut in Paramount Pictures' *Children of a Lesser God*, a performance the film community chose to recognize in with an Oscar for Best Actress.

CRC ROBOTICS

The EMSB will host the 2011 CRC Robotics competition February 10, 11 and 12 at Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North. For details go to www.robo-crc.ca.

GENERAL VANIER ANNIVERSARY

General Vanier Elementary School in St. Léonard is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The students and teachers are planning a variety of activities throughout the year, including a big birthday party in February with the families of the General Vanier community. On September 10, students and teachers formed a gigantic 10 in the schoolyard as one of their 10th anniversary celebrations. In the afternoon students were treated to juice and a piece of school birthday cake. As part of the Welcome Back activities, students were treated to corn, pizza, and juice followed by a TCBY treat. It was a fun-filled afternoon, with *Hip Hop Dancing* and a *Magic Show*.



Marlee Matlin accepts a gift.
(Ron Levine. Photo)



CAREER FAIR PLANNING

The 11th annual English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Career Fair will take place November 3 and 4 at St. Pius X Adult Centre in Ahuntsic (9955 Papineau) for Secondary V students.

Official opening ceremonies will take place on November 3 at 9:30 a.m., with the event also marking Media Literacy Week and the theme of *Gender and Media*. **Chéli Sauv -Castonguay (pictured below)**, a veejay for [MusiquePlus](#), will be a special guest and respond to questions from students.

[The TEAM 990](#) all-sports radio station will broadcast live from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with hosts Tony Marinaro and Randy Tieman on site with very special guests. At this time THE TEAM will launch its 2011 Radio Star contest, in which high school students get the chance to audition to do some on air performances and win different prizes. This is done in conjunction with the secondary network of guidance counsellors. You can view the contest flyer [here](#). Also on November 3, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Career Fair will feature an open house for all students and parents in the system.



Noted veejay and motivational speaker **Malik Shaheed**, a graduate of Westmount High School, will be back as the emcee. **Susan Freed**, the guidance counsellor at Lauren Hill Academy in St. Laurent, is the Career Fair chairperson. The Student Services and Adult Education and Vocational Services Departments of the EMSB coordinate this program. Ms. Freed notes that the main objective of the Career Fair is to provide students with an in-depth exposure to the various educational opportunities available to them.

JAMES LYNQ'S WORK-ORIENTED PATHWAY

James Lyng High School in St. Henri has the reputation of doing absolutely everything possible to ensure the success of its students. This year, it has introduced the Work Oriented (or Third) Pathway at the Grade 8 level. Twelve students have been accepted for the program this year to be taught by **Kavita Gardner**. These students will spend half their time in classes and the remainder of their schedules will be taken up in the workplace in a field of their choice. At the end of the year, students will receive Ministry of Quebec certification and will be able to choose whether to move full-time into the workforce, or return to high school. "This is an exciting opportunity for our school and we look forward to growing the program," says Principal **Tony Pita**.

LHA Gets Rolling

Every school needs places to relax and "chill" and the two Lauren Hill Academy campuses in St. Laurent have several. On each campus is the "Oasis." Already over 70 students have visited to create ideas for the Team Oasis, play chess, make models, draw and hold heated discussions on topics ranging from the Habs chances this year to "Who is your best teacher? Or students just relax on one of several large couches! "We are expecting ideas and many outreach activities this year from these locales," says Spiritual Community Animator Mike Shaw.

Over the past years, students have been gathering in the Oasis at LHA to make models ranging from a Titanic to the Canadian flag. Starting with the creativity of **Vasilious Vroulis** (Secondary III) a project and competition was realized where, using Lego and a theme, students created something which reflected a virtues "theme." This year has just begun with a model of the Titanic (among many others) and soon the students will model concepts on such themes as Unity, Flags of the Nations, Equality, Justice and Life to mention but a few.

SEX EDUCATION CLASSES AT THE EMSB

Though parents are the primary source of guidance for young people concerning their sexual behavior and values, schools are in a unique position to provide students with the knowledge, understanding, skills, and attitudes they will need to reflect upon and make decisions that promote their sexual health.

Last year, an innovative approach to the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS) Sex Education Guidelines was piloted in six secondary schools within the English Montreal School Board. The project took place in two secondary schools per region; Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North and Vincent Massey Collegiate in Rosemount (Region 1); Lauren Hill Academy in St. Laurent and Rosemount High School (Region 2); and James Lyng High School in St. Henri and Royal Vale High School in N.D.G. (Region 3).

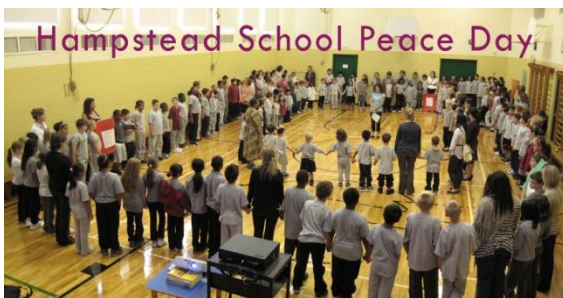
In each of the selected schools, a Sex Education Committee was formed. The role of this committee was to assess the specific needs of the school population in terms of sex education and plan a teacher training day including the presentation of the MELS Sex Education guidelines document entitled "*Sex Education in the Context of Education Reform.*" [You can read the full press release here.](#)

SINCLAIR LAIRD PICNIC

Sinclair Laird Elementary School in Park Extension recently held its annual Welcome Back Picnic. Teachers, students and parents spent a cool, sun-filled afternoon sharing food, stories and laughter. Staff had a chance to meet new parents and catch up with old friends. The Parent Participation Organization served halal hot dogs, juice and popsicles. However, this did not stop parents from sharing some homemade goodies as well. The students had a great time on the big inflatable game. The get-together provided an opportunity for everyone to share a fabulous afternoon before we embark on the new challenges and learning experiences ahead.



PEACE DAY AT HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL...



On September 21 Hampstead Elementary School celebrated the International Day of Peace, joining together to send a message of Peace out to the world. Everyone in the entire school formed two circles, expressing a wish for a more peaceful world. A message was read about peace, then three Grade 6 students read peace poems. This was followed by a moment of silence wishing for more love and less violence everywhere. They closed with a Bob Marley song, "One Love" where they inspired everyone to see through differences into our similarities and how we are all one.

...AND CARLYLE

The same celebration at Carlyle Elementary School in T.M.R, began with the students singing "Give Peace a Chance," and was quickly followed by a wonderful discussion between Carlyle Principal **Joan MacMillan** and students. The celebration continued with a peace prayer read by the Spiritual Community Animator **Romina Mancini**. The Grade 6 students then followed, as they read the peace poems which they had prepared in their classroom. Throughout the celebration, Peace Rocks were brought up by students (each classroom made a Peace Rock). The rocks were placed in front of Carlyle, around a tree, which was planted in honor of a lunch monitor named Margaret. Proceedings ended with the teachers guiding their students into the school yard,

while Mrs. Carol Ann Santella began leading the students into a peace chant. Balloons were then distributed to the students, and released in the air, as the students made peace wishes.

SPRUCING UP CARLYLE



On Saturday, September 11, a team of volunteers, headed by Rev. Dr. **Chris Barrigar** of St. Peter's Anglican Church, did some sprucing up outside Carlyle Elementary School in T.M.R. The red doors, frames and cornices around the school were sanded and painted and the rusted metal fire escape stairs were also scrapped and painted black. "This voluntary action serves as an example to our International Baccalaureate school community by demonstrating commitment and service to those in need," said Principal **Joan MacMillan**. "Their kindness and generosity teaches our students how they too can serve and builds awareness of how to affect social change. St. Peter's Anglican Church is a member of the Green Parishes. Parishioners

work together to help society by providing social and environmental services and physical assistance. We are grateful to them for all the time and care they gave to Carlyle. Their work was a huge success."

ART EXHIBIT AT WESTMOUNT HIGH

A stirring live exhibit of students showcasing their artistic talents took centre stage in the lobby of Westmount High School recently, kicking off les Journées de la culture, an action-packed weekend meant to raise awareness of the arts. Entitled "Expression," the Friday vernissage put on by Westmount High School's visual arts students showcased their talents in drawing, charcoal, painting, sculpture, and other artistic mediums. The students were also on hand to answer questions while demonstrating their creative talent and individual styles of working. Organized by art teacher **Silvana Anania**, this was the first year in which Westmount High participated in les Journées de la culture.



EAST HILL TIME CAPSULE

Sealed under the watchful eye of students, staff and administration in the spring of 2000, East Hill Elementary School in Rivière des Prairies is set to open their Millennium Time Capsule on Friday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Le Chateaubriand (7985 Maurice-Duplessis).

Invited to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime event are the very same 450 students, staff and administration that were present and participated in the original time capsule ceremony. At that time, each student was given a toilet paper roll in which to fill with any written messages or tiny objects that had a special meaning to them.

"The time capsule was originally prepared with the theme of 'What Will You Be Doing in 10 Years?' and it will be very interesting to see where the students thought they would be and how accurate their realities are from their dreams," said **Maria Di Perna**, current principal of East Hill Elementary School.

For the past decade, the time capsule has remained untouched in the school's foyer. Following the ceremony, everyone in attendance will have the evening to catch up over a buffet dinner and music.

MAY POLE AT FRASER ACADEMY

Students at Fraser Academy in St. Laurent were welcomed back by learning about the "May Pole" and dancing around it holding multicoloured ribbons. Encouraged by their Principal **Elena Zervas** and Spiritual

Community Animator **Mike Shaw**, all the grades gathered in the assembly room to learn and participate in a "Welcome Back" assembly. Hanging from the 'May Pole' were five metre long ribbons of red, green, yellow and blue representing different qualities in a student. (Red = Love of others, Green = Living life, Blue = Openness to learning and Yellow = Being a person of positive attitudes). With the help of the teachers, students from Grades 1 to 6 were reminded of that as the ribbons twined around the May Pole so each student and teacher had to balance and integrate all these qualities to be a well balanced person. There were a few laughs as students got entangled in the ribbons (and teachers!) but the lesson was well learned.

STUDENTS PAINT

The Leonardo da Vinci Centre in St. Léonard echoed its namesake and played host to 22 aspiring artists last Sunday, inviting students to each paint a piece entitled "Mediterranean Landscapes" which will be auctioned off at a later date. Participating in the event were students representing Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North, Vincent Massey Collegiate in Rosemount, John Paul I and Laurier Macdonald in St. Léonard, Rosemount High School, Lauren Hill Academy in St. Laurent, John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel, Paul VI in Ahuntsic, FACE in Ville Marie, Royal West Academy in Montreal West and John Grant High School in Côte Saint Luc. Principals from each high school were asked to select two students with a strong passion for the arts to participate. The student artists have decided that they would like to give the funds collected to two organizations: Free the Children and Dans la Rue.

Following their completion, each painting will be displayed at a vernissage in the Atrium of the Leonardo da Vinci Centre. During the showcase, the public is invited to view the artwork while the students and the Centre come together to select a cause in which to donate the proceeds from the upcoming auction. Aside from a basic sketch and prior knowledge of the theme, all students had to begin and finish their work on Sunday. Special guest artist Antonio Rado was on hand throughout the event to provide guidance and vision to the students. Photos of the paintings will be posted on the EMSB website soon.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

On September 22, 30 Cycle Three students from Honoré Mercier Elementary School in St. Léonard participated in the Greater Montreal Athletic Association (GMAA) Cross Country Run. Both the boys and girls teams finished first overall and each brought home the GMAA banner. In addition, **Gabriel Folino** finished in first place and Adamo Poliseno finished third place amongst over 200 participants.

Meanwhile, on September 9, the students at Honoré Mercier were treated to a special ice cream and slushie day compliments of the Home and School Association. The students received either vanilla nut free ice cream or frozen slushies directly from an old fashioned musical ice cream truck! The students had a wonderful day and enjoyed their frozen treats while laughing with their friends and teachers.



ROSLYN'S EDDY NOLAN CONTINUES FOX RUN

Eddy Nolan, the charismatic caretaker at Roslyn Elementary School in Westmount, continues his impressive participation in and fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation. In a Montreal Gazette feature story, Nolan, 53, noted that he taken part in every 10-kilometre Terry Fox Run since the now-international fundraiser took foot in 1981. For nine years, he has coordinated a Roslyn event that, in the eyes of its participants, is anything but modest. Since 2002, Roslyn students have raised more than \$150,000 for cancer research. It's a staggering sum, considering this public school includes a great many pupils from several of Montreal's less-privileged neighbourhoods. You can read the full Gazette story [here](#). You can also tune into [this CTV profile](#) on Nolan.

SHIREL ATTAR MEMORIAL

Students and staff gathered in the cafeteria of Marymount Academy in N.D.G. September 22 to hold a solemn memorial for Shirel Attar, a former student who was tragically murdered on August 9 at her home in Côte Saint Luc.



Students sing in the memory of Shirel.

The late Attar, who was only 14 years old, was honoured through moving renditions of songs like "Tears in Heaven" and "You Raise Me Up" by the Marymount Choir, as well as choice poetry, a candle lighting, solemn words by friends at the school who knew her best and a moment of silence.

Darragh Kilkenny-Mondoux, a student representative from Leave Out Violence (LOVE) read out a poem she wrote for Shirel. The ceremony concluded with the dedication of a memorial tree and the reading of Mary Elizabeth Frye's *Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep* by Marymount Academy's Spiritual and Community Animator **Erico Santos**.

Shirel's mother, sister and aunt were on hand. So was Debra Michael, the vice-principal of Jewish People's and Peretz Schools (JPPS) where Shirel attended elementary school. [You Can Read the full press release here.](#)

JOHN CABOTO

On September 21, under the guidance of Principal **Lucy Buscemi** and the collaboration of Spiritual Animator **Frank Lofeodo**, the John Caboto Elementary School community set their students up for success by participating in a fun and interactive workshop. **Joel Hilchey**, the guest presenter for the day, presented workshops designed to connect John Caboto's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* program with the actions of students, staff and parents as well as the actions of a school community. Students, staff members and parents explored and discussed tools and techniques to help students take control of their lives, set and achieve goals, work well with others and contribute to their community. It was a positive beginning to the school year.

ADMINISTRATORS WORKSHOP

In case you forgot to pick up your Latin book over the summer, *Per Aspera Ad Astra* doubles as *Through hardships to the stars* in English and also served as the name and theme of the EMSB's Administration Workshop prior to the start of classes. The workshop invited two powerful keynote speakers: **Shelia Evans-Tranumn** and **Danièle Sauvageau**. Both invitees brought forth unique professional experiences which were truly inspiring and served as the perfect platform to begin the 2010-2011 school year.

The speakers touched on vital issues for the administrators. Evans-Tranumn brought her vast international and public expertise to the conference. As a former educational advisor to President **George W. Bush** and to Taiwan, China, American Samoa, Egypt, Czech Republic, Australia, Sweden and Denmark, she spoke on her distinguished career as well as her 16 year effort as an Associate Commissioner who led the United States in turning around low performing schools. **Sauvageau** is a 24-year veteran of the RCMP and Montreal Police Department as well as a six-time Olympian in women's hockey. Drawing on her know-how in human resources management, coaching, leadership, situation assessment, communication and the formation of winning teams, Sauvageau spoke to the administrators on various topics related to performance and how she turned around a team's fear of losing into an absolute desire for victory.

Other topics included a session by **Maureen Baron** on social networking, where she explained its role in society and how it can have both a positive and negative impact. Wrapping up the retreat were other discussions such as Legal Services' **Benoît Duhême** and **Lucie Roy** on conflict resolution, the integration of SMART board technology to increase production amongst administrators by Pedagogical Consultant **Paul Laplante** and Civil

Liability/Risk Management at school by **Guy Regimbal** from the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire of Montreal.

NON-VIOLENT CRISIS INTERVENTION

Forty people recently participated in an intensive two-day training program on non-violent crisis intervention. The session, created by The Crisis Prevention Institute in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, brought together an enthusiastic group which included three principals: **Roland Desloges** (John Grant High School and Paul VI), **Jacques Monfette** (Outreach Schools, as well as Mountainview and Elizabeth High School) and **Harold Penn** (St. Raphael Centre, Montreal Children's Hospital and Sir Mortimer B. Davis), 16 teachers and 13 school-based special education technicians from St. Raphael's Centre, the social affairs and outreach schools and John Grant. Joining them were also three members of the Project Harbour team, two members of the Autism Spectrum Disorder support team, two psychologists from St. Raphael's Centre and the Violence Prevention Consultant. The objective of the training workshop, which was organized by the Student Services Department, was to equip participants with the necessary tools and strategies designed to de-escalate aggressive and non-compliant student behavior in order to prevent physical outbursts and attacks. Safe, non-confrontational restraint techniques were taught, should they be needed as a last resort. **Nancy Little**, the professional instructor, taught and demonstrated a variety of verbal, gestural and postural techniques over the two-day period. She was extremely well-received and the group not only soaked up all she had to offer, but had fun doing so.

NUTRITION MEASURES

A total of \$268,578 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: Coronation, Sinclair Laird, St. Gabriel, Westmount Park, St. Dorothy and St. John Bosco) for a duration of 129 days. Milk is also being offered to pupils from all other schools for a duration of 95 days. A total of \$109,000 has been allocated by the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSM) for additional snack programs and nutrition education at St. Gabriel, Sinclair Laird, Westmount Park, St. John Bosco, St. Dorothy, Coronation, St. Monica, Carlyle and Parkdale. The money will also be used for an extension of the milk program.

The EMSB has been allocated \$341,890 from the MELS for Special Nutrition Measures. For 2010-2011, 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, , Options I, Venture, Perspectives I and Vezina.

For the MELS Campaign Against Poverty a total of \$1,068,258 has been allocated to provide nutritional support to needy students in 29 high schools (mainstream, alternative and social affairs) identified by the MELS. These schools will be able to offer nutrition education programs in view of improving dietary habits of high school students and make nutritious, complete meals available to more students.

STUDENT AND PEDAGOGICAL SERVICES MIXER



In the spirit of fostering cooperation and working to provide the best possible support for teachers and students, the staff members of the Pedagogical and Student Services departments came together earlier this week. The directors of these departments, **Sandra Furfaro** and **Lew Lewis**, acknowledged that this event was the first of its kind and that it was the beginning of a collegial relationship between the two services. Everyone involved was thankful to be able to meet up with their counterparts and have the chance to learn about the services offered by both groups. The goal was to initiate more networking and collaborative

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opportunities between the departments.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Entertainment Book is selling for \$30 at the EMSB Student Services Department. When you buy an Entertainment Book you are supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation <http://www.jdrf.ca>. This year the book includes five bonus cards, for a total of \$25 in extra savings. Examples include

\$5.00 off at: Cinemas Guzzo

Domino's Pizza

Barbie's

Ben & Florentine

Mount Saint Sauveur Parc Aquatique

You will also receive \$1,000 in savings from coupons that can be used for: Dining out - Casual and Family Dining - Fast Food and Carryout - Entertainment and Sports - Travel and Hotels - Retail and Services. To purchase an Entertainment Book, send an e-mail to tpercio@emsb.qc.ca.

DVD LAUNCH

Mark down Thursday November 11 (changed from Wed. Nov. 11). On that evening, the Central Parents Committee will host the official launch of **Carolyn Melmed's** new DVD: Unleashing Your Child's Potential. A teacher and founding member of the Lansdowne Centre, Ms. Melmed knows that success in school requires good study habits and that a strong relationship between students, parents, and teachers is essential to effective learning. Unleashing Your Child's Potential is a comprehensive instructional guide that focuses on how parents can become good coaches, motivate their children and provide them with learning methods, a sense of discipline and effective communication skills. Parents will learn how to help their children evolve from being dependent on parents and teachers, to becoming independent learners, and ultimately to achieve higher grades and become more successful students. Parents can learn how to set up a good learning environment at home, an effective homework routine and how to prepare for parent/teacher interviews.

"I believe that learning is a shared responsibility and that parents must work together with their children to optimize their learning potential and academic performance," says Ms. Melmed. "I was compelled to produce this DVD because of the lack of resources for parents, despite their being indispensable in the learning process."

WAITING FOR SUPERMAN

From the makers of *An Inconvenient Truth* comes another hard hitting documentary, this time about the US public education system. *Waiting for Superman* reviews the education system to understand why the United States is regularly ranked at the bottom of education polls of developed nations and explores innovative approaches taken by charter schools and education reformers to provide quality education to their students. Paramount Canada has invited the EMSB to send some representatives to the official Montreal premiere at the AMC Forum 22. You can go to the Paramount Canada website [here](#) for a look at a Canadian angle to the story.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WELCOMING A STUDENT TO YOUR WORKPLACE?

The Career Exploration Program gives Secondary IV and V students the opportunity to learn about a profession or trade of their choice through *observation, discussion* and sometimes *practical work*.

DATE: Visits are scheduled between December 2010 to April 2011

DURATION: half or a full day

If you are interested in participating, please send the following information to tpercio@emsb.qc.ca and I will schedule a visit for our student(s):

- Your name – Your occupation
- Company name – Company telephone # – Company address
- Date of visit (weekdays only) – Time of visit (7am to 5pm)
- # of students – Important information to communicate to students

We are always looking for contacts and I welcome your e-mails throughout the 2010-2011 school years. If you have any questions call 514-483-7200 ext. 7479.

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.

IMPROV FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

While Toronto and Chicago enjoy renowned organizations like The Second City, Montreal can now be added to the list with the Grand Opening of the Montreal Improv Theatre, a school for sketch and improvised (or 'improv') comedy. Most people are familiar with sketch comedy from shows like "Kids in the Hall" or "Saturday Night Live" while improv is the art of theatre without a script. Both sketch and improv have been the launching pad for many comedians such as Mike Meyers and Tina Fey.

The new Montreal Improv Theatre is in the heart of Montreal at 3713 St. Laurent (2nd Floor, south of des Pins Ave). The non-profit organization began by simply teaching classes but has grown to the point where a new home has become a necessity. Run by **Kirsten Rasmussen, Marc Rowland, Bryan Walsh** and **François Vincent**, Montreal Improv wants to expand the comedy on offer year round. They also have a program just for high schools. Go to www.montrealimprov.com or www.highschoolimprov.com or call **François Vincent** at (514) 568-0328, francois@montrealimprov.com

CELLFIELD INTERVENTION

The Montreal based Stepping Up Resource Centre Inc. is the first and only Canadian licensee to date to offer the revolutionary Cellfield Intervention (Cellfield) educational program and treatment designed to help with reading, comprehension, concentration, attention and retention difficulties, tiredness and/or discomfort induced by reading. Cellfield is a natural continuum to the educational programs offered by the Stepping Up Resource Centre, such as preparing students for high school entrance exams, evaluation sessions, and specialized tutoring groups. Ingrid Poupart, president and founder of the Stepping Up Resource Centre, has devoted many years professionally and personally to overcoming challenges with reading and comprehension. In the mid 1980's, Ingrid started working at Edinburgh Elementary School in Montreal West, and, within five years, she became the Director of the After School Programs. Under her guidance, the program grew from 60 to over 220 students. Ingrid observed that some kids in the After School Programs could benefit from extra help - so she introduced a highly successful tutoring program that was affordable and accessible to all. Ingrid became a certified Davis Facilitator based on a program for reading and dyslexia founded by Ronald Davis. Ingrid implemented the 'Davis Learning Strategies' into Edinburgh Elementary School. Click [here](#) for more details.

SHEILA THE STORYTELLER

Sheila Pinsky is a storyteller/puppeteer, who animates exciting and dramatic stories with handmade "green" puppets and props. The children from pre k to Grade 3 are fascinated by her creativity and amazing variety of voices. She covers many themes and situations, which come to life with the puppets. This would be a wonderful addition to your literacy week, or just about any time. Perhaps you have participated in her QPAT workshops on storytelling. You are in for a treat, and lots of creative ideas. Please phone Sheila at 514 484 2730 or email at sheilastoryteller@hotmail.com.

SEEKING CHILDREN'S ARTWORK

To kick-off the first Mainstage production in the 2010-2011 season themed "Celebrating Art", [Geordie Productions](#) is calling for submissions of children's artwork to be included in an Opening Night Exhibition at Centaur Theatre on November 5. One Grand Prize winner's artwork will be selected to appear as part of the set of *For Art's Sake*, which runs from November 5- 14 at the Centaur Theatre. Deadline for entries is October 1, 2010. [Click here to access all of the details.](#)

The Grand Prize winner will be selected from a jury that includes the director (Amanda Kellock), Geordie's Artistic Director (Dean Patrick Fleming), designers from the show (James Lavoie, Sarah Yaffe) among others. As part of the set designed by James Lavoie, the winner's artwork will be seen on stage by up to 4,000 audience members.

CBC BOOK CLUB

Once again CBC Radio is partnering up with the TD Bank and the Canadian Children's Book Centre to host a CBC Kids Book Club in a participating school. The school that wins this year's competition will receive a visit from children's book author **Arthur Slade**, along with 40 copies of his award-nominated book, *The Hunchback Assignment* - a steampunk thriller set in the alleyways and underground of Victorian London. It is one of five books on the shortlist for this year's **TD Canadian Children's Literature Awards** (winner to be announced November 9). This is open to all Grade 6 classes. Parkdale Elementary School in St. Laurent is a past winner.

If your class wins, CBC will fly Arthur Slade to Montreal to record the Book Club at your school in early November. It can be held in your classroom and will start with a demonstration on how radio is recorded. Then CBC Radio's **Jeanette Kelly** will moderate a discussion between the author and the students. The interaction should last approximately one hour, and highlights will be broadcast on CBC Radio's *Homerun*.

CBC is asking classes to collectively write a story or a poem convincing them why they should bring the Book Club to your school. Tell them why your class is special when it comes to books and reading. The written piece should be no longer than 150 words. All of the information on how to enter is available by clicking [here](#). To speak to someone at CBC, contact **Christopher DiRaddo** at 514-597-4489 or christopher.diraddo@cbc.ca.

CALENDAR

October 6, 2010

International Walk to School Day, 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

Stephanie Castagnier of The Apprentice at Vincent Massey Collegiate, 10:30 a.m.

Focus meeting on possible new high school In Cote Saint-Luc, 7:30 p.m.,.

October 11, 2010

Thanksgiving Monday

October 15, 2010

East Hill Elementary Time Capsule Event

Le Chateaubriand

6:30 p.m.

November 3 and 4, 2010

EMSB Career Fair

St. Pius X Adult Centre

9955 Papineau

November 11, 2010

Remembrance Day

November 25 and 26, 2010

QPAT Convention, Palais des Congrès

PLEINS FEUX SUR FIELDING

DIRECTEUR RÉGIONAL PAR INTÉRIM

Claude Dansereau, directeur de l'Académie LaurenHill a été nommé directeur par intérim de la Région 2 de la CSEM. M. Dansereau comblera le poste laissé vacant par Roma Medwid, nouvelle directrice générale adjointe de la CSEM. Avant d'être affecté à LaurenHill, M. Dansereau a occupé le poste de directeur de l'école secondaire Westmount et des écoles des Affaires sociales de la CSEM. La nouvelle directrice par intérim de LaurenHill est **Pelagia Nickoletopoulos**, actuellement directrice adjointe. **Jimmy Giannacopoulos**, enseignant à LaurenHill, a été nommé directeur adjoint par intérim.

VISITE DE LA MINISTRE DE L'ÉDUCATION

Mme Line Beauchamp, ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), a visité l'école primaire Gerald McShane située dans sa circonscription de Montréal-Nord, le premier jour des classes. Elle a été reçue par la présidente de la CSEM, Angela Mancini, la vice-présidente, Sylvia Lo Bianco, le directeur général, Robert Stocker, la directrice générale adjointe, Roma Medwid et la directrice régionale Marzia Michelli, le personnel et les élèves.

MÉMOIRE SUR LA LOI 103

La CSEM a présenté un mémoire officiel au sujet de la Loi 103, le 22 septembre dernier, à un comité de l'Assemblée Nationale du Québec. « En tant que la plus importante commission scolaire publique anglophone du Québec, la CSEM a la responsabilité de protéger la langue anglaise et de défendre les parents qui désirent envoyer leurs enfants à une école publique anglaise » a déclaré la présidente de la CSEM, **Angela Mancini**. « La Commission est convaincue que la Loi 103 aurait sans aucun doute un effet dévastateur sur l'avenir de l'éducation en anglais au Québec. ».

« La CSEM a toujours été proactive dans ses efforts de préserver la langue française et d'assurer que ses écoles diplômement avec fierté, annuellement, des milliers d'élèves bilingues » poursuit Mme Mancini qui a présenté le mémoire à Québec, en compagnie de la vice-présidente **Sylvia Lo Bianco**, de la commissaire **Patricia Lattanzio** et du directeur général **Robert Stocker**.

Dans son mémoire, la CSEM demande que le gouvernement du Québec respecte la majorité des québécois et l'avenir de la langue anglaise en retirant entièrement la Loi 103 et en proposant une nouvelle loi qui ne restreindra pas, directement ou indirectement, les droits des québécois à l'accès aux écoles publiques anglaises. Cliquez [ici](#) pour lire le mémoire en entier.

Mme Mancini a, en outre, fait une présentation au comité permanent des langues officielles du Sénat, qui a été coordonnée par l'Association des commissions scolaires anglophones du Québec.

FOIRE DE L'ÉDUCATION

La CSEM a été l'hôtesse de la première Foire de l'éducation du journal *The Suburban* le 15 septembre dernier au Campus Junior de l'Académie LaurenHill. Ric Peterson de CJAD a diffusé l'évènement en direct. La CSEM avait plusieurs kiosques représentant les secteurs des jeunes et des adultes. Un grand nombre d'écoles ont participé à la Foire. Une équipe de conseillers de français des Services pédagogiques, dont **Tania Piperni**, conseillère en troubles envahissants de comportement, **Maureen Baron**, conseillère Portail et experte en cyber intimidation, **Lori Rubin**, conseillère en gestion du comportement et **Susan Freed**, conseillère en orientation, a répondu à un grand nombre de questions. Les commissions scolaires Lester-B.-Pearson, Nouvelles Frontières et Riverside, ainsi que quelques écoles privées et centres d'activités étaient représentés. **Andrea Di Tomaso**, webmestre de la CSEM et en médias numériques de la division du marketing et des communications a coordonné l'évènement avec **David Solomon** du *Suburban*. Un grand merci à la direction de l'Académie LaurenHill, particulièrement à Mme Nickoletopoulos et à M. Dansereau.

TRICOT À VINCENT MASSEY

Les enseignantes Jessica Rickhaus et Julie Etheridge ont fondé un Club de tricot à Vincent Massey. L'objectif a été de créer des carrés en tricot qui seraient envoyés à l'organisation *Knit-A-Square* en Afrique du Sud. L'organisation, qui est dirigée par des religieuses, tricote les carrés pour créer des couvertures pour *Aid Orphans*. Vingt élèves du secondaire III (incluant plusieurs garçons), plusieurs enseignantes et membres du personnel ont participé au projet. Les élèves n'avaient pas d'expérience en tricotage et ils ont été très fiers de leur travail. Ils ont été capables de créer deux grandes couvertures en 3 mois. Cette année, l'objectif du Club est de tricoter plusieurs chapeaux pour des enfants qui vivent en Afrique du Sud.

DES ÉLÈVES DE ST. GABRIEL PATINENT GRÂCE À UN COMMANDITAIRE

Lorsque la technicienne en adaptation scolaire, Stephanie Gliksman, a travaillé à l'école primaire en milieu défavorisés St. Gabriel, elle a remarqué que plusieurs élèves n'avaient pas l'occasion de jouer au hockey organisé à cause du coût élevé de l'équipement.

Stéphanie, qui est affectée aux Services aux élèves de la CSEM depuis six ans, a fait part de ce fait à son ami Warren Garfield qui est propriétaire d'une firme de machines distributrices, nommé « Deli-Snack ». Garfield étant un fanatique du sport, sans compter qu'il est joueur de hockey en compétition, a voulu apporter son aide et a décidé de prendre quelques initiatives.

Il a offert de commanditer un élève de St. Gabriel pour qu'il joue au hockey de compétition et a accepté de couvrir les coûts de l'inscription et de l'équipement. Lorsque deux élèves et frères jumeaux, Joseph et Daniel Prouse, une paire de fanatiques du sport ont été désignés, M. Garfield a doublé son offre de commandite et a équipé les deux frères de patins, casques et de tout le reste de l'équipement.

[Vous pouvez lire tout le communiqué de presse en cliquant ici.](#)

Toute personne intéressée à en savoir plus sur la façon de faire un don ou commanditer un enfant peut communiquer avec Stephanie Gliksman à sgliksman@emsb.qc.ca.

ANNIVERSAIRE DE NESBITT

L'école primaire Nesbitt de Rosemont a lancé officiellement son centenaire avec le premier de plusieurs événements soulignant ses 100 années d'existence. L'école a commencé les festivités par une épluchette de blé d'inde qui a précédé une après-midi de célébrations. Les élèves ont formé le chiffre 100 sur le terrain de soccer et cette photo est maintenant le portrait officiel du centenaire. Les élèves du Cycle 1 ont représenté le « 1 » tandis que les deux « 0 » ont été formés par les élèves des Cycles 2 et 3 respectivement.

Après la photo, les élèves ont chanté et 100 ballons ont été relâchés dans les airs. Une myriade d'autres activités seront aussi planifiées tout au long de l'année et elles réuniront les élèves actuels et les anciens élèves de Nesbitt. Les événements comprendront deux galas, dont le premier invitera les amis et leurs familles à admirer les talents artistiques des élèves de Nesbitt, par le biais de plusieurs pièces et concerts. Le second réunira les anciens élèves pour une soirée célébrant le centenaire de l'école. En l'honneur de cet important événement, un site Web, qui a été spécialement conçu pour Nesbitt, sera bientôt disponible et il emportera les navigateurs dans un voyage en ligne qui s'étendra jusqu'en 1911. [Cliquez ici pour voir le reportage de CTV Montréal.](#) Et aussi une prise vidéo par le spécialiste en médias de la CSEM, Daniel Smajovits.

PLANIFICATION DE LA FOIRE DE CARRIÈRES

La 11^e Foire annuelle de carrières de la Commission scolaire English-Montréal (CSEM) aura lieu les 3 et 4 novembre au Centre des adultes St. Pius X, à Ahuntsic (9955 Papineau) pour les élèves du secondaire V.

Les cérémonies officielles d'ouverture auront lieu le 3 novembre à 9 h 0 et l'évènement soulignera aussi la Semaine Éducation médias, dont le thème est Genre et médias. **Chéli Sauv -Castonguay**, vid o-jockey pour [MusiquePlus](#) sera une invit e sp ciale et r pondra aux questions des  l ves.

La station de radio [THE TEAM 990](#) diffusera l' v nement en direct de 10 h   15 h. L' mission sera anim e par Tony Marinaro et Randy Tieman en compagnie d'invit s tr s sp ciaux. Le TEAM lancera aussi son concours

Radio Star où les élèves du secondaire auront l'occasion de passer des auditions pour leurs prestations sur les airs et de gagner différents prix. Ce concours a lieu en collaboration avec le réseau des conseillers d'orientation du secondaire.

Le 3 novembre, de 17 h à 20 h, la Foire de carrières tiendra une session de Portes ouvertes pour tous les élèves et les parents du réseau.

Le renommé vidéo-jockey et conférencier spécialiste de la motivation, **Malik Shaheed**, un diplômé de l'école secondaire Westmount, sera à nouveau le maître de cérémonies. La présidence de la Foire est assumée par **Susan Freed**, conseillère d'orientation à l'Académie LaurenHill. Les Services aux élèves et d'éducation des adultes et de la formation professionnelle de la CSEM coordonnent ce programme. Mme Freed souligne que les objectifs principaux de la Foire de carrières sont de donner aux élèves un aperçu en profondeur des diverses occasions d'éducation qui leur sont disponibles.

PIQUE-NIQUE DE SINCLAIR LAIRD

L'école primaire Sinclair Laird de Parc-Extension a récemment tenu son pique-nique annuel de bienvenue. Les enseignant(e)s, les élèves et les parents ont passé une agréable après-midi ensoleillée à partager de la nourriture, des histoires et de la bonne humeur. Le personnel a eu l'occasion de rencontrer les nouveaux parents et les anciens amis. L'organisme de participation de parents a servi des hot dogs *halal*, des jus et des sucettes glacées. Cependant, ceci n'a pas empêché les parents de partager quelques aliments-maison. Cette réunion a donné à tout le monde l'occasion de partager une merveilleuse après-midi avant de faire face aux nouveaux défis et aux expériences d'apprentissage.

CLASSES D'ÉDUCATION À LA SEXUALITÉ À LA CSEM

Bien que les parents soient la source principale de conseils aux jeunes concernant leur comportement et valeurs sexuelles, les écoles sont en mesure de donner aux élèves les connaissances, la compréhension, les habiletés et attitudes dont ils auront besoin pour réfléchir et prendre des décisions qui encouragent leur santé sexuelle.

L'an dernier, une approche innovatrice du ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), Directives d'éducation à la sexualité, a été mise à l'essai dans six écoles secondaires de la Commission scolaire English-Montréal. Le projet a eu lieu dans deux écoles secondaires par région : Lester B. Pearson de Montréal-Nord et le Collège Vincent Massey de Rosemont (Région 1); l'Académie LaurenHill de Saint-Laurent et l'école secondaire de Rosemont (Région 2); l'école secondaire James Lyng de Saint-Henri et l'école secondaire Royal Vale de NDG (Région 3).

Un comité d'éducation à la sexualité a été formé dans chacune des écoles sélectionnées. Le rôle de ce comité était d'évaluer les besoins spécifiques de l'effectif scolaire en termes d'éducation à la sexualité et de planifier une journée de formation pour les enseignant(e)s incluant la présentation du document de directives du MELS, intitulé « Éducation à la sexualité dans le contexte de la réforme de l'éducation ». [Vous pouvez lire tout le communiqué de presse ici.](#)

LANCEMENT DE DVD

Notez la date du jeudi 11 novembre qui marquera le lancement officiel par le Comité central de parents du nouveau DVD de Carolyn Melmed : *Unleashing Your Child's Potential*. Mme Melmed est une éducatrice et membre fondatrice du Centre Lansdowne. Elle sait que la réussite à l'école requière de bonnes habitudes d'étude et qu'une forte relation entre les élèves, les parents et les enseignant(e)s est essentielle à un apprentissage efficace. *Unleashing Your Child's Potential* est un guide général qui se concentre sur la façon dont les parents peuvent être de bons entraîneurs, motiver leurs enfants et leur offrir des méthodes d'apprentissage, un sens de discipline et des habiletés efficaces de communication. Les parents apprendront comment aider leurs enfants à évoluer de la dépendance sur les parents et les enseignant(e)s, pour devenir des élèves indépendants, obtenir des notes plus élevées et réussir. Les parents peuvent apprendre comment établir un bon environnement d'apprentissage à la maison, une routine efficace de devoirs et comment se préparer aux entrevues parents/enseignant(e)s.

« Je crois que l'apprentissage est une responsabilité partagée et que les parents doivent collaborer avec leurs enfants afin d'optimiser leur potentiel d'apprentissage et leur rendement académique » déclare Mme Melmed. « J'ai été poussée à produire ce DVD à cause du manque de ressources pour les parents, malgré leur rôle indispensable dans le processus d'apprentissage.»

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