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JP Dubé strikes a pose with LaurenHill dance students.



**JP Dubé**, the 20-year old sensation who made it as a top 14 finalist in the most recent edition of CTV's So You Think You Can Dance Canada (SYTYCDC), spent some time with more than 300 dance students of LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent recently. JP was given a thunderous ovation when he entered the LaurenHill Auditorium to the So You Think You Can Dance Canada theme music. He was formally welcomed by one of the school's senior dance instructors, **Céline Ranger**, who had a number of her students present a special performance for JP during which he served as judge. JP then did a number with the students, showcased some of his own moves in a solo presentation, answered questions and posed for photos.

The LaurenHill Academy Dance Department was started in 1983 by two teachers in a classroom of the then St. Laurent High School and was meant to be a lunch dance club. Twenty-eight years later it has evolved into a unique program integrated into the regular curriculum. There is also an intensive after school program. LaurenHill has an extraordinary dance program, which is now showcased [on the school website](#).



## EMSB IN THE MEDIA

The EMSB would like to point readers to the media clippings section of our website where we provide links to newspaper articles about our Board or relevant to the local education system. Here are some of the highlights (just click on the links).

Montreal Gazette: [Commissioner Joseph Petraglia retires](#)

The Suburban: [Score with School Program launched at Lauren Hill](#)

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West End Times: [Bancroft teacher honoured](#)

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## EMSB TV GUIDE

Please check out the EMSB Audio Video section, otherwise known as EMSB TV and Radio, by clicking here. Recent highlights include short productions by social media specialist Daniel Smajovits. Click on the links:

Global TV: [Brilliant Marymount grad Abicumaran Uthamacumaran](#)

CTV: [Marymount alum a science prodigy](#)

CTV National News: [Abicumaran Uthamacumaran's exploits highlighted](#)

CTV: [Dance star JP Dubé at Lauren Hill](#)

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Global TV: [Touching return to Roslyn School for Eddy Nolan](#)

EMSB TV: [Surprise good-bye to Commissioner Joseph Petraglia](#)

CBC TV: [Rosemount High School students visit the farm](#)

EMSB TV: [Mark Scherzer returns to Hampstead School, Part I; Part II](#)

## QR CODE READER

The Fielding Focus has introduced a QR code (Quick Response code), a type of matrix barcode, which allows readers to download this publication to their mobile device.

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The EMSB Council of Commissioners have approved the Audited Financial Statements for the 2010-2011 academic year. The EMSB posted revenues of \$261,214,938, expenses of \$286,274,660, and GAAP financing of \$4,984,645 – thus producing a deficit of \$2,075,077 based on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This deficit was primarily caused by underfunding of salary indexation adjustments required to be paid due to the signing of new collective agreements of approximately \$1,540,000, and unforeseen expenses related to new social benefit provisions imposed by the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports as of June 30, 2011 of approximately \$500,000. The deficit also reflects a reduction in school and centre accumulated surpluses of approximately \$616,000 and spending of various corporate surplus initiatives of approximately \$1,766,000. The corporate surplus for the year ending June 30, 2011 will be finalized over the next few weeks. As at June 30, 2011, the EMSB posted financial assets totalling \$111,736,934, non-financial assets totalling \$125,604,147, liabilities totalling \$194,380,183, and an accumulated surplus of \$42,960,898. The summarized financial statements and notes to the financial statements will be posted on the EMSB's website in the next few weeks.

## NEW COMMISSIONER

The EMSB Council of Commissioners held a vote at their October 26 meeting to elect a new commissioner to succeed **Joseph Petraglia** in Ward 12 (Ahuntsic). Mr. Petraglia stepped down last month, having served since the inception of the EMSB. **Ann Marie Matheson** (right), a former EMSB teacher who presently serves as principal of St. Lawrence Academy Junior Campus in LaSalle of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, was the winning candidate among a group of five in consideration. She will be sworn into office within the next few days.



## PARENT COMMISSIONERS

**Patricia Willis** is the new parent commissioner for the elementary sector, succeeding **Gail Giannakis**, while **Angie Bertone** will return to represent the high schools in that capacity. **Linda Perez** was recently re-elected chair of the Central Parents Committee.

## ENROLMENT REPORT

The 2011-12 enrolment report for the EMSB Youth Sector has been announced as 20,963 pupils. That is down 547 from last year. However, this is an improvement over the original forecast of 20,594 students. The EMSB had more than 27,000 students in 2001, but numbers began to erode after the passage a year later of Bill 104. There are more than 13,000 students in the EMSB's Adult Education and Vocational Services sector

## THE POWER OF ONE

On Sunday, October 30 (6 p.m.) and Monday, October 31 (noon), CTV's Power of One will profile Adrian Bercovici of the Generations Foundation. Reporter Kevin Gallagher spent some time with Adrian at St. Gabriel Elementary School in Pointe St. Charles. After it airs, the report will be posted on <http://montreal.ctv.ca/>.

## SCHOOL CHANGE HEARINGS AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Please take note of the following important dates in relation to proposed major school changes:

- Hearings will take place at the EMSB Administration building (6000 Fielding) on Monday, December 5 and Tuesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. Other dates will be added that week if necessary.
- A special board meeting to vote on the proposed major school changes will take place on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 (7 p.m.) at Rosemount High School (373 Beaubien St. E.)

## SINCLAIR LAIRD GETS GRANT

Students at Sinclair Laird Elementary School in Park Extension will be honing their musical talents on brand new instruments very soon as it was recently awarded a \$5,000 "Band-Aid Grant" from the Toronto-based foundation MusiCounts, which is associated with The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) - known as Canada's music education charity. Each year, they offer grants to public schools in need across Canada to purchase musical instruments for their music departments. The grant comes courtesy of the combined efforts of **Joanna Peters**, a mother at Sinclair Laird and music teacher, **Helene Diguer**, whom both came together to apply at the end of the 2010 – 2011 school year. "Receiving this grant gives us so much incentive to explore other means of fundraising and setting new goals in different areas of need for the benefit of our students," said Peters.



[Please see the full press release.](#)

## ROYAL WEST FIELD



Physical Education has become the most anticipated class at Royal West Academy in Montreal West as students have begun using "The Montreal Westward Rotary Field," a completely renovated \$135,000 state-of-the-art field which recently opened for business. The project was funded by the Royal West Academy Home and School Association, the Montreal Westward Rotary, the Montreal West Civic Recreation Association (C.R.A), the Steve and Rob Michelin Hockey Tournament, the EMSB and the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS) through a Schoolyard Beautification Grant. This field will serve the Royal West community as well as the children of Montreal West through various C.R.A. programs. The project was initiated in 2009 by then Principal Mary Reynolds and

completed under the watchful eye of her successor **Tony Pita**. Last summer, the field was completely redone to include natural grass, proper drainage and an automatic sprinkler system. [You can read more in the full press release.](#)

## MP TO RETURN TO SPEAK AT ROYAL WEST

The EMSB will proudly welcome back newly elected NDP Member of Parliament **Laurin Liu** to her former school, Royal West Academy (189 Easton) in Montreal West, on Wednesday November 9 (10 am). Ms. Liu, 20, represents the riding of Rivière des Mille-Îles. She now in fact resides in St. Eustache, which is part of her constituency. When she elected last May as part of the NDP wave she was in her second year of a joint-honours program in history and cultural studies at McGill University. Fluent in Cantonese, English and French, Liu was a contributor and director at McGill's community radio station. She graduated from Royal West Academy in 2006-2007. Joining Ms. Liu at the school will be the new MP for NDG-Lachine **Isabelle Morin**, a teacher by profession. Her riding encompasses Royal West.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

EMSB schools have a wide array of Remembrance Day ceremonies planned over the first two weeks of December, thanks to the hard work done by the team of spiritual and community animators. Read the very detailed press release of what each school is doing [here](#).

## EXTRAORDINARY MARYMOUNT GRAD

Only four months removed from Marymount Academy, teenage savant **Abicumaran Uthamacumaran**, who is now enrolled at McGill University in Pre-Med and continues to double as a student and an internationally recognized scientist, was honoured by his alma-mater in N.D.G on October 13. After graduating with his class in June, Uthamacumaran made the unprecedented leap from high school to university and is currently enrolled in the B.Sc. program for Biology/BioMed/Life Sciences - what he considers to be Pre-Med at the McGill University Faculty of Medicine. He took the time to address students about his experience at Marymount Academy as well as touched on his innovative cancer research.



Abi has been mentored by staff at the Goodman Cancer Research Centre of McGill. Dr. Phil Gold, one of the country's foremost cancer experts, was on hand at Marymount to congratulate a young man being described as a modern-day Doogie Howser, a teenage doctor working in a hospital portrayed on TV by actor Neil Patrick Harris. [Please read all of the details in our press release.](#)

## McGILL STUDENT TEACHERS REACH MID-WAY POINT

The McGill student teachers in **David Dillon's** program, who started in a number of EMSB elementary schools at the very beginning of the academic year, have reached the mid-point of their fall semester and are progressing well in their development as teachers, thanks in large part to the efforts of their cooperating teachers and participating schools. The start of the school year has been demystified for them and they feel that they are prepared to start the school year in their own classrooms. They have been gradually stepping into the shoes of their cooperating teachers by taking on increased teaching responsibilities, first with support and guidance from their teacher and then more and more independently—just as children are supported in learning to ride a bike with adult help for a while and then independence. Most students have assumed 50 to 75 percent of their teacher's responsibilities by now. They report that the biggest challenges they face in their professional development are behaviour management and differentiation of instruction—for both coded children and the normal range of ability levels in their classrooms.

## JUSTIN TRUDEAU AND PAUL MARTIN TO VISIT OPTIONS I

This year's new teaching team at Options I Alternative High School (1741 de Biencourt) in Ville Émard is on fire! Head teacher **Lidia Wozniak**, along with her colleagues **Jake Roberts** and **Michael Sweet**, have not stopped since classes began on September 8. The school started the year off with a motivational speech from **Gabriel Bran Lopez**, founder of Montreal-based Youth Fusion. This was followed by an apple picking excursion to Quinn Farm on Île-Perrot on October 7. A visit from Member of Parliament **Justin Trudeau** is set for October 28 (10 a.m.). November promises to be a big month also. Former Prime Minister of Canada **Paul Martin** will visit the school (Options I has also invited Options II to join them in this very special event on November 4 (10 a.m.). During this same week the national publication Canadian Teacher Magazine will release a special feature written by Options I students on how they feel we should 'fix' public schooling in Canada. Not only will this article go to all schools, colleges and universities across Canada, but CBC's radio host **Bernie St. Laurent** has also invited some of the students to go live on CBC Radio One to read from their work. That show will air on

November 14 during Radio Noon. "We're a great team, we love working together," notes Mr. Sweet, "and we're just getting started!"

## ST. JOHN BOSCO 50<sup>th</sup> KICKOFF

From California to Calgary to Ville-Émard, over 180 people descended upon St. John Bosco Elementary School in Ville-Émard for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Kick-off celebration and to celebrate the elementary school, its rich history, and its service to the community. The sold out event saw former students, teachers, administrators, and staff, as well as current teachers and staff, sharing stories about the "good old days," and celebrating the "passing of the torch" to the current team of teachers, professionals and support staff. On hand to emcee the evening was SRC/CBC journalist, comedian and musician **Christopher Hall**, who led the crowd through laughs over the many memories that were shared during the wonderful festival which was planned by former students **Roma Ali Bocas**, **Janet Weddell** and **Maria Barbato**. "It is a wonderful celebration that shows how much the community cares for this school!" said **Rita Della Rocchetta** and **Laura Agnessi**, parents of former students, long time school volunteers, and lead members of the organizing committee. Their own, now adult, children served the buffet and helped host the event. [The full press release is here.](#)



## ROSEMOUNT HIGH ON THE FARM

Through a project called the Eco-Karma Exchange, Rosemount High School and approximately 30 students went "old school" for a period of eight weeks, working on a local farm. Each Tuesday, the school's Spiritual Community Advisor **Katie Leggitt** took groups of three to four students out to Senneville and La Ferme du Zéphyr. Students picked fruits and vegetables and performed other farming duties. Students harvested all sorts of produce, including carrots, potatoes, squash and garlic, learning all about the food that they consume. CBC News Montreal's **Catherine Cullen** came along for the ride on Oct. 18 and filed an uplifting story for the 6 p.m. news that night. CBC Radio also took an interest in the Rosemount student outing and another local media outlet plans on picking up the activity this week!



## STAND UP FOR YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

Éducaloi is excited to launch the second edition of its *Stand Up for Youth* essay contest for Quebec high schools. The first edition saw 600 entries from across the province. This contest is built around the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*. Adopted by the United Nations in 1989, it is the most widely-accepted treaty in history. Contest participants are invited to step into the lives of other teenagers through lifelike scenarios, and discover how the *Convention* protects children around the world. "More and more, Quebec teenagers are citizens of the world," said Geneviève Fortin, Éducaloi's Interim Executive Director. "This contest helps them learn how their daily challenges are sometimes different from those of their peers, both here and in other countries." Please read the [press release](#) and [the flyer](#) for full details.

## RETIREES DINNER

About 180 people attended the annual retirees' dinner, which took place on October 18 at the Omni Mont-Royal Hotel in downtown Montreal. The evening honoured 93 retiring employees of the EMSB who worked as educators, administrators, professionals and support staff, and whose combined years of service to the Board added up to 2,570 years. EMSB Chair **Angela Mancini**, along with EMSB Director General **Robert Stocker**, Deputy Director General **Roma Medwid**, Region 2 Director **Claude Dansereau**, several EMSB commissioners, and senior administrators from Adult Education and Vocational Services and Financial Services, presented each retiree with a special thank-you gift of a Forestville desk clock from Mosel. One of the longest serving employees honoured that evening was **Adoree Silva-Darwood**, a former teacher at St. Gabriel School in Pointe-Saint-Charles, who retired after 43 years of service to the board. Pictured above, former East Hill Elementary School Principal Maria Di Perna, accompanied by **Angela Mancini** and **Roma Medwid**.



## NESBITT KIDS GO CAMPING

Thanks to the generosity and partnership of Sun Youth Organization with Nesbitt Elementary School in Rosemount, students from Grade 6 (English Core) were offered an incredible opportunity. They spent two days recently at Sun Youth Camp in the Laurentians for an overnight leadership retreat. The students participated in a number of team-building and leadership-developing activities as a way of promoting cohesion, autonomy, responsibility and respect. Activities were organized and run by Nesbitt staff and Sun Youth employees. Students had an opportunity to go kayaking, fishing, and roast marshmallows by the campfire. Students prepared and served their own meals and had a great time being together in a beautiful camp setting. Many wonderful memories were created! This trip was part of a larger ongoing project for Grade Nesbitt students to promote leadership and community.

## SHAVE FOR THE CAUSE

Four daring adults at Westmount Park Elementary School (15 Park Place) will have a run in with a razor on Friday, October 28 at 1 p.m., holding up their end of the bargain as students exceeded their set goal of raising \$2,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. While in the past, Westmount Park Elementary School looked to their students to simply fill out a pledge, this year, Grade 6 teacher Noah Trister, Grade 5 teacher **Rick Gasperini**, Physical Education teacher **Don McCarthy** and Lunch Monitor/Classroom helper **Darlene Staines**, put their hair on the line to spark more donations.

## BANCROFT TEACHER HONOURED



The sun was shining in the Plateau on Tuesday, October 4, when Bancroft Elementary School's **Nacera Krim** (pictured) was selected as a winner of Grand & Toy's "A Day Made Better" contest. Nominated by Principal **Dorothy Ostrowicz** in June for her uncanny dedication to her students and Bancroft Elementary School, Krim, the only Montreal teacher to win the award and one of 17 across Canada, was surprised with a new ergonomic chair and \$1,500 worth of essential classroom supplies which was donated by Grand & Toy and Learning for a Sustainable Future. "She gives so much to the Bancroft community. She's an excellent teacher, a passionate and compassionate person who loves and cares for the children. Her passion and compassion really comes through in her classroom," said Ms. Ostrowicz. You can read the full press release [here](#).

## WALK TO SCHOOL

In an effort to encourage students at the EMSB to pursue healthy and physically active lifestyles, **Norman Katz**, a Physical Education teacher from Royal Vale School in N.D.G. once again headed the local edition of International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5. Entering its fifth year, students and parents from three EMSB elementary schools: Royal Vale and St. Monica in N.D.G. and St. John Bosco in Ville-Émard walked to school with their parents or were dropped off at a local park to walk as part of a school "team." Joining EMSB students were nearly 60 children from Lower Canada College. In all, nearly 300 students met at three parks and engaged in this fun and healthy way to begin the school day.

## BOOK LAUNCH

A book called Mapping Memories by **Michelle Luchs**, a MELS consultant, will be launched on November 4 at the LaurenHill Junior Campus in conjunction with CBC. The event will feature refugee youth speakers in the form of an assembly in the Agora.

## SPIRIT OF GIVING

In preparation for the holidays, the EMSB is teaming up with CTV and the Canadian Armed Forces to take on its annual "Spirit of Giving" campaign, which brings much needed assistance to the less fortunate throughout Montreal. The EMSB Spiritual Community Animation Service and Communications and Marketing Division are coordinating the program this year. From early to mid-December, non-perishable food, toys and



miscellaneous items such as soap and cleaning supplies will be collected, sorted and donated to Dans la Rue, Share the Warmth, West Island Assistance Fund, Multicaf, N.D.G. Bank and the Park Extension Share Store. In all, the combined efforts of the EMSB, its schools and facilities will hopefully generate over 600 boxes of non-perishable food, and over 40,000 toys and miscellaneous items. As an aside, the EMSB and CTV are encouraging members of the community to drop off new or lightly used items of clothing at one of the many Renaissance

bins located across the city. St. Henri's James Lyng High School, working with the collaboration of the James Lyng Adult Education Centre, will serve as the main hub for the collection. **Angela Vaudry**, the principal of the school, is thrilled to have her facility assume the role that Laurier Macdonald High School in St. Léonard undertook over the last few years. Pictured above, James Lyng staff and students welcome CTV reporter **Caroline Van Vlaardingen** and promotions coordinator **Jason Devine** who stopped by to discuss the campaign.

## GLEE SHOWDOWN

Teams from the LaurenHill Academy Junior Campus in St. Laurent and Royal Vale High School in NDG will compete in the Just For Kids Foundation (JFK) Glee Showdown on Sunday, November 13 (2 p.m.) at the Eric MacLean S. J. Centre for the Performing Arts Loyola Campus. Tickets are \$15. More than 750 screaming Gleeks will be in the audience. JFK was created in 1987 by a small group of parents who saw the need to raise funds to purchase urgently needed medical equipment for The Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH). JFK representatives have been showing up at participating schools with flashmobs.

## GREEN PLAN WEBSITE

The EMSB Green Plan Committee is pleased to announce the recent launch of their Green Plan website accessible from the EMSB's homepage. Co-designed with **Victoria Dobbin**, the website contains information on the latest EMSB activities that are in line with our recent Green Policy (see [http://www.emsb.qc.ca/en/governance\\_en/pages/boardpolicies\\_en.asp](http://www.emsb.qc.ca/en/governance_en/pages/boardpolicies_en.asp) under *General Directorate Policies*). Information includes: a list of Central Office and school-based initiatives, awards, and Green Committees, Teaching Resources, and a Student Page. Information on the website will continue to grow over the coming weeks. Tell us about your school's efforts in support of education for sustainable development by contacting [greenplan@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:greenplan@emsb.qc.ca). The EMSB has adopted a Green Plan. Stay tuned for more information about this initiative in next month's Focus.

## DAYCARE GREEN INITIATIVE

Saint Monica Elementary School Daycare students were so eager to reduce their waste that they embarked on a new green initiative. On Tuesday, October 4, the daycare students performed a waste audit of the entire school during lunch time. The students collected trash and recycling in clear plastic bags, which they then examined with Daycare Green Initiative Advisor, **Maddie Guerlain**, during afterschool daycare. Miss Maddie and the students weighed the clear plastic bags. There were 5 kg of trash and 3.75 kg of recyclables. The group discussed different ways on how they improve their garbage and recycling habits.

NDG Eco-Quartier paid a visit that same day to teach the daycare children an ecological way of dealing with their organic waste. Environment Education Animator **Giulietta Di Mambro** gave the students a vermicomposting workshop. The students are responsible to feed the Red Wiggler worms fruit and veggie lunch leftovers every day. Saint Monica Science teacher **Fernand Deschamps** helps the kids collect food to feed the worms.

## PEDAGOGICAL SERVICES: SPOTLIGHT ON BALANCED LITERACY

September 2011 marked the launch of a new balanced literacy initiative at 20 EMSB high schools. The heart of this initiative, building on the early literacy plan in all EMSB elementary schools, involves the creation of literacy facilitators in each school who come together each month for literacy network meetings. These meetings, led by Pedagogical Services consultants **Anne Beamish** and **Paul Kettner**, provide professional development and the opportunity to share expertise and best practices.

Schools were provided with a wide selection of engaging reading resources that will help teachers work with grade seven students at their own instructional level. The goals of the literacy plan are to ensure that students are spending more time engaged in reading, more time working independently on reading and writing, and more time working directly with their teacher, in short, to make students stronger, more engaged readers and writers.

## PERSPECTIVES OF INVISIBLE CHILDREN

On Oct. 3 the spiritual and community animator at Perspectives Alternative High School in St. Michel invited the American based organization, Invisible Children, for a social justice presentation that included **Juliette Aber**, a teacher from Uganda. Ms. Aber had everyone's attention as she spoke about the suffering and poverty of children living in Central Africa and her passion to end the crisis of Ugandan children being forced to become soldiers.

## SCORE WITH SCHOOL HOCKEY GAME

The EMSB will have some 1,300 students at the special Ontario University Athletics (OUA) regular season game between the McGill Redmen and Royal Military College on Friday, December 2 (10:30 a.m.) at the Verdun Auditorium. This unique field trip is intended to send the message that one can play elite sports and get a university degree at the same time. A case in point is Montreal Canadiens forward **Mathieu Darche**, a former star player for the Redmen, was on hand for the press conference. **Martin Routhier**, a former Redmen captain, is

reviving the Score with School Program he introduced while serving as president of the Montreal Juniors. In the coming weeks, McGill players will visit local schools to illustrate the importance of focusing on education and striving for a university degree. Students from eight schools will be attending : Lauren Hill Junior Campus and Parkdale Elementary School in St. Laurent, Marymount Academy in NDG, John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel, Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School in St. Léonard, Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North and Nesbitt Elementary School in Rosemount.

## EAST END STUDENTS MASTERING ART OF YOGA

General Vanier Elementary along with Dante Elementary are exposing their students (Kindergarten to Grade Six) to the beautiful practice and culture of Yoga. The program is overseen by **Mr. Vince Lacroce**, Spiritual Community Animator, and **Mr. Sacha Mathew**, the teacher at Shantidas Yoga. The goals of the yoga presentations are to educate young students about the importance of developing their physical qualities (Strength, Flexibility, and Coordination) as well as the mental and emotional benefits (Improve concentration, Confidence, and Self-control) that Yoga provides. In addition, the workshops will touch upon the importance of having a balanced life-style with healthy eating habits, mediation, and staying active.

## TERRY FOX RUN

Many EMSB schools participated in the annual Terry Fox Run, an innovative and volunteer-led event, all-inclusive, non-competitive, with no corporate sponsorship, incentives or fundraising minimums. It has become a fall tradition in Canada to gather classmates, friends and family, lace on your shoes, bring out pledge sheets and attend your favourite Terry Fox Run site. Roslyn Elementary School in Westmount welcomed back their Terry Fox Run champ, caretaker **Eddy Nolan**. He has helped raise countless thousands of dollars for the cause. Sadly, he is now fighting cancer himself. That did not stop him from stepping up this year and helping the school raise a record \$40,000.



**Pictured here at the Merton Elementary School run are: Elena Trigiani, Terry Fox Foundation representative; Vanessa Di Lullo, Jordan Harte, Ashley Scappaticci and Spiritual Community Animator David Gagnon.**

## MEDIA LITERACY WEEK- FACEBOOK CONTEST

As part of Media Literacy Week (November 7 to 11), which this year is focusing on digital citizenship, the EMSB is launching a contest to engage more students via Facebook. The EMSB launched its Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/emsb1](http://www.facebook.com/emsb1)) two years ago and has close to 1,500 "likes", originally known as "fans". It has been a successful method of communicating with students, parents and staff. The EMSB also has a Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/#!/emsb109>) and both YouTube ([www.youtube.com/emsbtv](http://www.youtube.com/emsbtv)) and Vimeo channels ([www.vimeo.com/emsb](http://www.vimeo.com/emsb)). Beginning November 1, the EMSB will step up efforts to get more "likes" via a contest. All new "likes" to the EMSB page will be eligible to win gift cards from Chapters/Indigo and a number of other items. Anyone who previously does not "like" the EMSB on Facebook can log onto [www.facebook.com/emsb1](http://www.facebook.com/emsb1) and click "like". All of these entries throughout the month will be tallied and entered into a drawing in which the winners will be chosen at random. Gift cards to Chapters/Indigo were purchased as prizes in order to encourage students to visit the book store in person or online at [www.chapters.indigo.ca](http://www.chapters.indigo.ca) and select from thousands of engaging titles which will persuade them to continue reading.

## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Media Awareness Network (MNet) and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) has unveiled the theme for this year's annual Media Literacy Week– *Digital Citizenship* – calling on Canadians to encourage young people to reflect on their online lives, and their rights and responsibilities as they navigate the digital world. "Through digital media, young people have a platform for communication and engagement that was nonexistent a generation ago. Adults have a huge role to play in ensuring youth also have the critical thinking skills to use this technology wisely and responsibly," said **Cathy Wing**, MNet's Co-Executive Director. "With this year's theme we want to encourage youth to use digital media for positive activities – for advocacy, creative expression and civic engagement." **Maureen Baron** of EMSB Pedagogical Services will be giving workshops to different schools on this theme, something which has been an ongoing activity of hers for a number of years.

## CAREER FAIR 2011

The 12th annual EMSB Career Fair will take place November 2 and 3 at St. Pius X Adult Centre in Ahuntsic (9955 Papineau) for Secondary V students. Official opening ceremonies will take place on November 2 at 9:30 a.m., with the event also promoting Media Literacy Week. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on November 2, the



Career Fair will be open to the community-at-large. Organizers note that this is a good opportunity for parents to attend with their children as they look towards post-secondary education options. Noted veejay and motivational speaker **Malik Shaheed**, a graduate of Westmount High School, will be back as the emcee. **Susan Freed**, a guidance counsellor at LaurenHill 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. All students will take part in a brief general information session in the St. Pius X auditorium. Students will then have the chance to visit the various exhibition/information booths. Guest speakers will include RBC sponsored athletes **Caroline Ouellette** (Olympic gold medal winning hockey player) and **Christine Robinson** (waterpolo) on November 2 and **Benoit St-Amand** (sledge hockey) on November 3. **Cat Spencer** and **Sarah Bartok** (pictured) from 92.5 The Beat FM will be on hand at 10:30 a.m. on November 2 to talk to students. Other on

air personalities, **Claudia Marques**, **Shaun McMahon** and **AJ Reynolds**, will stop by. The Beat will also have a booth to provide information to students about broadcasting opportunities. [See the flyer for the open house.](#)

## THE MAN WHO CONQUERED EVEREST

With the encouragement of Principal **Joseph Marra**, Vice Principal **Joseph Vitantonio**, the co-ordination of Spiritual Animator **Frank Lofeodo** and the help of faculty, staff and students were welcomed back to a new school year on September 28. **Manuel Pizarro**, the first Canadian to have reached the summit of Mount Everest solo and the first Quebecer to have reached the summit of Mount Everest twice, brought his incredible life story and positive message of determination to the students of John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel for a second time. He encouraged students to find their inner strength, overcome their fears and become an everyday hero. He told them that they can live out their passions and be part of a strong team.

Pizarro, over the course of one hour, shared with students and staff his trek through life, culminating with a riveting story which led him to the top of the world's highest mountain, accomplishing a lifelong dream. That dream propelled Pizarro to the summit of Mt. Everest spending 24 hours with no food, equipment or oxygen at the summit of the world's highest mountain. His time at the summit was highlighted by his marriage proposal to his fiancé. He kept his audience spellbound with his accounts of his early life and how he found his passion for mountain climbing. The presentation was followed by a "Welcome Back Corn Roast and the day ended with a sock hop dance. It was an opportunity to welcome all the John F. Kennedy team back for an exciting year.

## JFK ORIENTATION AND RELIEF COLLECTION

JFK HS welcomed Secondary 1 students and their families to the community on September 23. There were a



number of events and activities which were designed to develop school spirit and build a strong Secondary 1 "Team." It was also an opportunity for these first year high school students and their families to get to know the support staff, teachers and schoolmates. Events led by Sec II and V leadership students included day long co-operative games, introductions to and discussion with staff while in the evening there was teambuilding, a family barbeque and a dance.

Meanwhile the school mounted a relief collection for the drought stricken people of Africa. Students were made aware of the extent of the human tragedy. Students have been emptying their pockets and donating to the people of Africa. From September 12 to 15 during lunch period, staff and students manned an information station and donation

table and showed images of the human cost. Funds continued to be raised through classroom collections and a Dress Down Day on September 16. The JFK Community dug deep and raised \$1,240 in just one day. There was a humanitarian response but also a spiritual response as students are being challenged to put themselves in the place of those affected by participating a fast from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. with one meal at noon. The meal will be the daily portion of those affected by the famine in Africa.

## CBC STORY CONTEST

Its time for the CBC's annual children's story contest, which is open to kids in Grades 1 to 6. They need to write a story about their best winter holiday ever. The story must be true, no longer than one minute and twenty seconds when read aloud and hand written. Submissions should be sent to CBC Radio Homerun. Attention Nathalie Walther, room B 62-31, 1400 René Lévesque Est, Montreal, Quebec H2L 2M2 The Deadline is Friday, November 11. Winners will be called in to CBC to record the stories for airplay Questions: [nathalie.walther@cbc.ca](mailto:nathalie.walther@cbc.ca) or 514 597 4467.

## LESTER B. PEARSON HS STUDENT ON TV

This past summer, **Louivannah Levasseur**, a Secondary III student at Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North, represented her school and Montreal when she was a challenger on the hit series "In Real Life" on YTV. Over the last two seasons, challengers on the show have been put through some of the most difficult, but memorable challenges of their lives such as fighting fires, wrestling sheep, and saving a sinking ship! In every episode, each challenger is in a race to the finish line to try and escape elimination. At the end of each challenge, a prize awaits for the winning team, with the final grand prize for the winner being a \$10,000 RESP and an all inclusive trip for four to Mexico's Riviera Maya. The show officially aired on Oct 3. To vote for Louivanna, please visit [www.ytv.com/inreallife](http://www.ytv.com/inreallife). After the show's finale, the two challengers with the most points in the online and new mobile game "Race to Finish" will come back for a final webisode and compete for a special prize. The top 50 fans on the online leader board will be contacted by YTV to be a part of the webisode.



## CAP SUR LES ÉTOILES

For an estimated 6,000 high school students, *Cap sur les Étoiles* (The Star Odyssey) is set to provide them with a wild adventure that will open their eyes to the Final Frontier. Running from January 27 to 29, 2012 at the Pierre-Charbonneau Centre (300 Rue Viau) in Montreal, the three day exhibition will provide students with an opportunity to learn about stars, meteorites and everything orbiting in between. For students who might be interested in a career in the industry, various industry experts will also be present to display the tools currently used by astronauts and individuals on the ground and truly provide a sneak peek into the latest in aerospace technology.

Special presentations are set to include: an interactive workshop presented by Josée Péroquin, the Executive director of Cap Sur Les Étoiles highlighting jobs and careers in the Aerospace industry; a presentation by Caroline Boisvert, from the Communications and Recruitment Department of the "École polytechnique de Montréal" on the courses offered in aerospace engineering at École polytechnique; and various sessions organized by the Planetarium. For more information on how to register your school and to attend Cap Sur Les Étoiles, contact Michel Cadieux at: 514-373-1943 or [m-cad@live.ca](mailto:m-cad@live.ca).

## LA CAPITALE SPONSORS VOLUNTEER EVENING

The EMSB will hold its annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Plaza Antique (6086 Sherbrooke St. East). La Capitale Financial Group is once again the official sponsor. This year La Capitale will be announcing special discount offers to EMSB staff for home and automobile insurance. For more details, go to [www.lacapitale.com](http://www.lacapitale.com).

## WILLINGDON OPPORTUNITY CLASS

Seventy years following the inaugural "Opportunity Class" at Willingdon Elementary School in N.D.G., graduates are being invited to participate in a reunion on the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup> to retrace their steps and see how the experimental class benefited them and their development as individuals and citizens of the world.

The weekend will begin with an evening reunion on October 29 (6 p.m. to 11 p.m.) at Restaurant Antico Martini (6450 Somerled) in N.D.G. and continue the following day with a private brunch. In all, 40 people, including 25 graduates are expected to attend. Only 80 to 90 students were selected to participate during the life of the Opportunity Class.

Willingdon's Opportunity Class began in 1940 when the Montreal's Protestant School Commissioners decided to create "experimental classes" at the elementary school level for intellectually gifted children. Dubbed "Opportunity Classes," two of these opened up at Willingdon to an initial enrolment of some 40 students. In an effort to encourage students at the EMSB to pursue healthy and physically active lifestyles, Norman Katz, a Physical Education teacher from Royal Vale School in N.D.G. once again spearheaded the local edition of International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5. See the press release.

## CENTRAIDE CAMPAIGN

These days, under such stressful economic circumstances, more and more people are turning towards community organizations and social service agencies to give them a hand when times are tough. This is where Centraide comes in. This year, its more than 360 agencies and organizations across the Greater Montreal area are reaching out to people who are enduring the sting of poverty (over 500,000 residents in the Greater Montreal area live below the poverty line), as well as dealing with other urgent concerns such as domestic violence, child abuse, and improving the quality of life of our growing senior population. Until November 18, the EMSB will conduct its annual Centraide campaign.

Last year, the EMSB raised over \$4,200 for Centraide (which brought in an overall total of \$55,150,000 in 2010), and our objective this year is to increase our employee participation rate. The money that is raised benefits

such local agencies and organizations as Moisson Montreal, the Volunteer Bureau of Montreal, the NDG Food Depot, the Park Extension Youth Organization, Centre des femmes de Verdun, and seven neighbourhood YMCAs across the island of Montreal.

Within the next two weeks, all EMSB schools and centres, and the administration building, will be receiving an assortment of Centraide campaign posters and literature, as well as personalized donation cards to distribute to every employee. We encourage you to discuss your Centraide objectives with your staff at your next staff/department meeting, or mention it in a staff memo. Donations can be made as either one lump sum, or through payroll deductions beginning in January 2012. Employees are also encouraged to stage their own fundraisers to benefit Centraide. All completed donation cards must be sent to Centraide Coordinator **Stuart Nulman**, in Room 109 of the Administration Building, by no later than Friday, November 18. For more information, please contact him at ext. 7429, or [snulman@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:snulman@emsb.qc.ca).

## ACTION SPORT PHYSIO PARTNERSHIP

Action Sport Physio Montreal-West and Downtown has announced that it is once again Royal Vale School's official physiotherapy and sports medicine clinic. Their team of physiotherapists, massotherapists and sports medicine physicians are here to get you back on track to an active and pain free life! Whether you have aches and pain or you are experiencing a sports related injury, you can still count on our team to get you back to life! For the 2011 – 2012 academic year, Action Physio is introducing free workshops on site at Royal Vale. [See the flyer.](#)

## MAB- MACKAY LOW VISION CLINIC

The official inauguration of the **C. Elizabeth Tate Low Vision Clinic** of the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre took place recently. This project was made possible through a generous gift from brothers **Peter** and **Paul Ash** to the MAB-Mackay Foundation, allowing for the modernization of what was the first specialized low vision clinic of its kind in Canada when it first opened in 1979. The clinic will carry the name of Miss C. Elizabeth Tate, as a tribute to a high-school teacher whose dedication, determination and generosity had a profound impact on the lives of Peter and Paul Ash, two brothers living with a visual impairment. Without Betty – as she was known to her friends – the two successful businessmen maintain they would not have achieved the level of success they enjoy today in their personal and professional lives. The new state-of-the-art clinic will centralize all activities related to the low vision services and provide a truly dynamic environment for a thorough and comprehensive assessment, intervention and follow-up between MAB-Mackay professionals and their clients. Please visit our website at [www.mabmackay.ca](http://www.mabmackay.ca) for further information.

## CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Students and staff from Edward Murphy Elementary School in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve took part in a citizenship ceremony organized by Spiritual Animator **Rocco Speranza**, where 30 new Canadians humbly took their oath. The singing of *This is Your Land* by **Sandra Greco's** Grade 2 class and *Mon Pays* by **Domique Jodoin's** Grade 5 class aided in setting the joyful mood for the occasion. Regional Director **Marzia Michielli** and Principal **Nancy Richer** reminded many of the journey towards becoming a Canadian Citizen. Inspiring Speeches by Citizenship Judge **Gilles Duguay**, Mr. Speranza and Pointe-de-l'île Member of Parliament **Eve Peplet** aided in reflection, honouring and celebrating what it means to be Canadian- not only by title but by actions and belief.

## LIGHT HOUSE OF MONTREAL NORTH

Students from John Paul I Junior High School in St. Léonard accompanied by Mr. Speranza spent their time in October volunteering and aiding members in their community. They aided with the food distribution at the non-profit organization Light House of Montreal North. On October 5 and 18 they volunteered at a local Pre K, promoting literacy and the love of nature among the three and four year olds. Finally on October 20, a group

accompanied by their teacher **Nicole Simon** and Mr. Speranza visited residents at Ste. Anne's Hospital. Students made cards and presented resident with flowers that brightened their time. The school choir provided star quality entertainment from signing to drum solosé Students were treated to surprise performances by two residents

## FIELDING FOCUS BULLETIN BOARD

**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.

### FUNDRAISING IDEA FOR MOMS

If you are interested in learning more about the Mummy Card Fundraiser Program, you can access the flyer [by clicking on this link](#).

### SOCIAL THINKING

On Thursday November 3, **Michelle Garcia Winner**, MA, CCC, will be presenting a workshop entitled, "Social Thinking: Exploring the Spectrum of Perspective Taking and Teaching with Social Thinking Vocabulary." This workshop will discuss the different levels of social functioning challenges, treatment approaches, as well as how reading comprehension and written expression are impacted by weak perspective taking skills. The lessons that will be described can be used for people with autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, social learning challenges, and for all children. The target audience includes: educators, professionals, teachers, school staff, community workers and parents. The workshop will take place at Collège Montmorency in Laval. Further information and online registration can be found at [www.goldlearningcentre.com](http://www.goldlearningcentre.com). This workshop is proudly presented by: EMSB, Centre Gold, ATEDM, Giant Steps Resource and Training Centre, LBPSB, FQATED, Comité Interordres and Services régionaux de soutien et d'expertise, région de Montreal

### SURVEY FOR ANGLOS AGED 45 PLUS

English-speaking persons in the Greater Montreal Area aged 45 and older are being sought to participate in a survey that will identify this age group's specific employment needs and barriers. According to the 2006 Census, a significant portion, nearly 40%, of Montreal's English-speaking population is over 45 years of age. Through a recent survey targeting this age group in the City of Montreal, CEDEC learned that this group has a wide range of skills needed to integrate into the work force; however, there are key trends and barriers affecting their employment situation. [You can read all about the program here.](#)  
emailmarianna.balakhnina@cedec.ca

### 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](mailto:sheilastoryteller@hotmail.com).

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The EMSB is once again selling the Entertainment Book, which offers major discounts on restaurants, movies, travel and much more. You can contact Tania Percio in Student Services at 514-483-7200 ext. See the flyer on our website.

# ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES

## CHINESE DELEGATION

A high-level delegation consisting of representatives from the Hainan Vocational School and Hainan Middle School visited the EMSB Administration Building, accompanied by several Ministry of Education Leisure and Sports (MELS) officials. The group was received by the EMSB Director General, Deputy Director General and representatives from the Adult Education and Vocational Services Department (AEVS) and the youth sector. The purpose of the visit was to work towards building a collaborative relationship that will enable various groups of students to complete Secondary IV and V at the EMSB, and potentially facilitate the recruitment of vocational training students. The delegation enjoyed a fabulous meal prepared by the St. Pius X Culinary Institute. The students took the liberty to describe all of the food they were serving to the guests in Mandarin. "The day was a huge success and we look forward to a long relationship between our organization and the students in the Hainan community in both the Vocational and Youth sector," commented Cosmo Della Rocca, assistant director of AEVS.

## CALENDAR

### November 2 & 3, 2011

EMS B Career Fair  
St. Pius X

### November 9, 2011

NDP MP Lauren Liu visits Royal West Academy

### November 11, 2011

Remembrance Day

### November 13, 2011

High School Glee Showdown  
Loyola High School

### November 24 & 25, 2011

QPAT Convention  
Palais des Congrès

### December 2, 2011

Score with School Field Trip  
McGill vs, Royal Military College  
Verdun Auditorium  
10:30 am.

**December 5, 6 (7,8 if necessary)**

Major School Change hearings  
6000 Fielding Ave.

**December 14, 2011**

EMSB Board Meeting  
6000 Fielding Ave,  
7:30 p.m.

**December 26, 2011 to January 6, 2012**

Holiday Break

**January 11, 2011**

Special Board Meeting  
Major School Change  
Rosemount High School  
7 p.m.

# Pleins Feux Sur Fielding

## SINCLAIR LAIRD REÇOIT UNE SUBVENTION

Les élèves de l'école Sinclair Laird de Parc Extension affûteront très bientôt leurs talents musicaux sur de nouveaux instruments car ils ont reçu une subvention de 5 000 \$ « *Band-Aid Grant* » de la fondation Musicounts de Toronto, qui est associée à l'Académie canadienne des arts et des sciences de l'enseignement (CARAS). Chaque année, elle offre des subventions aux écoles publiques à travers le Canada, qui ont besoin d'acheter des instruments pour leurs départements de musique. La subvention est due aux efforts combinés de **Joanna Peters**, une mère de Sinclair Laird et de l'enseignante de musique **Helene Diguier** qui en ont fait la demande à la fin de l'année scolaire 2010-2011. « La réception de cette subvention nous motive à explorer d'autres moyens de levées de fonds et à fixer de nouveaux objectifs au profit de nos élèves » déclare Peters.

## AUDIENCES DE CHANGEMENTS MAJEURS ET RÉUNION EXTRAORDINAIRE DU CONSEIL DES COMMISSAIRES

Veuillez prendre note des dates importantes suivantes relatives aux propositions de changements majeurs pouvant affecter les écoles :

- Des audiences auront lieu au centre administratif de la CSEM (6000 avenue Fielding) le lundi 5 décembre et le mardi 6 décembre à 18 h. D'autres dates seront ajoutées, si nécessaire.
- Une réunion extraordinaire du conseil des commissaires aura lieu le mercredi 11 janvier 2012 (19 h) à l'école secondaire Rosemont (373 est, rue Beaubien) pour le vote sur les propositions de changements majeurs.

## 50<sup>e</sup> ANNIVERSAIRE DE ST. JOHN BOSCO

De la Californie à Calgary, à Ville-Émard, plus de 180 personnes se sont retrouvées à l'école primaire St. John Bosco de Ville Émard pour le lancement des célébrations du 50<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de l'école, de sa riche histoire et de son service à la communauté. L'évènement à guichets fermés a réuni d'anciens élèves, enseignant(e)s, directeurs/directrices d'école ainsi que le personnel et les enseignant(e)s actuels qui ont partagé des histoires

au sujet du « bon vieux temps » et célébré le « passage de la flamme » à l'équipe actuelle d'enseignant(e)s, de professionnels et de personnel de soutien. **Christopher Hall**, journaliste de SRC/CBC, comédien et musicien, a été le maître de cérémonies de ce merveilleux festival qui a été organisé par les anciennes élèves **Roma Ali Bocas**, **Janet Weddell** et **Maria Barbato**. « C'est une merveilleuse célébration qui est la preuve de l'attachement de la communauté à l'école » ont déclaré Rita Della Rocchetta et Laura Agnessi, parentes d'anciens élèves, bénévoles de longue date et membres du comité organisateur.

## RÉCEPTION DES RETRAITÉ(E) S

Près de 180 personnes ont assisté à la réception annuelle des retraité(e)s qui a eu lieu le 18 octobre à l'hôtel Omni Mont-Royal du centre-ville de Montréal. La soirée a honoré 93 employé(e)s retraité(e)s de la CSEM qui ont œuvré à titre d'éducateurs, d'administrateurs, de personnel de soutien et dont les années combinées de service auprès de la Commission se sont élevées à 2 570. **Angela Mancini**, présidente de la CSEM, le directeur général **Robert Stocker**, la directrice générale adjointe **Roma Medwid**, le directeur de la Région 2, **Claude Dansereau**, plusieurs commissaires de la CSEM et des cadres supérieurs du Service de l'éducation des adultes et de la formation professionnelle et des Services financiers ont présenté à chaque retraité(e) une horloge de bureau Forestville de Mosel. L'une des plus anciennes employées honorée a été **Adoree Silva-Darwood**, ancienne enseignante à l'école St. Gabriel de Rivière-des-Prairies qui a pris sa retraite après 43 années de service.

## CAMPING POUR LES ÉLÈVES DE NESBITT

Grâce à la générosité et le partenariat de l'Organisme Jeunesse au Soleil avec l'école primaire Nesbitt de Rosemont, une occasion incroyable a été offerte aux élèves de 6<sup>e</sup> année (programme anglais). Ils ont récemment passé deux jours au camp de Jeunesse au Soleil dans les Laurentides pour une retraite de leadership. Les élèves ont participé à plusieurs activités de création d'équipes et de développement de leadership comme moyens de promouvoir la cohésion, l'autonomie, la responsabilité et le respect. Les activités ont été organisées et animées par le personnel de Nesbitt et de Jeunesse au Soleil. Les élèves ont eu l'occasion de faire du kayak, de pêcher et de rôtir des guimauves autour d'un feu de camp. Ils ont préparé et servi leurs propres repas et ils ont passé des moments très agréables ensemble.

## SE RASER POUR UNE CAUSE

Quatre adultes courageux de l'école primaire Westmount Park (15 Park Place) auront une rencontre avec le rasoir le 28 octobre à 13 h alors que les élèves ont surpassé l'objectif de lever 2 000 \$ pour la Fondation Terry Fox. Par le passé, l'école Westmount Park s'était contentée de voir ses élèves faire une promesse de don. Cette année, l'enseignant de 6<sup>e</sup> année Noah Trister, l'enseignant de 5<sup>e</sup> année Rick Gasperini, l'enseignant d'éducation physique Don McCarthy et la surveillante du repas de midi Darlene Staines ont sacrifié leurs cheveux afin d'encourager plus de dons.

## MARCHONS VERS L'ÉCOLE

Afin d'encourager les élèves de la Commission scolaire English-Montréal d'adopter des modes de vie actifs et sains, Norman Katz, enseignant d'éducation physique à l'école Royal Vale de NDG, a, à nouveau, pris la tête de l'édition locale de la Journée internationale « Marchons vers l'école », le mercredi 5 octobre. Pour la cinquième année, des élèves et des parents de trois écoles primaires de la CSEM : Royal Vale et St. Monica de NDG, St John Bosco de Ville-Émard ont marché vers l'école ou ont été déposés à un parc avoisinant pour marcher avec l'équipe de l'école. Près de 60 élèves du *Lower Canada College* se sont joints aux élèves de la CSEM et, au total, près de 300 élèves se sont rencontrés dans trois parcs pour entamer cette journée d'école, saine et divertissante.

## SITE WEB DU COMITÉ VERT

Le Comité vert de la CSEM a le plaisir d'annoncer le récent lancement de son site web du Plan vert, accessible à partir de la page d'accueil du site de la CSEM. Conçu avec la collaboration de **Victoria Dobbin**, le site contient des informations sur les dernières activités de la CSEM conformes à notre récente Politique verte (voir [http://www.emsb.qc.ca/en/governance\\_en/pages/boardpolicies.en.asp](http://www.emsb.qc.ca/en/governance_en/pages/boardpolicies.en.asp)). Les informations données incluent une liste des initiatives du centre administratif et des écoles, des prix, des comités verts et des ressources pour enseignant(e)s ainsi qu'une page pour élèves. Ces informations continueront de croître au cours des prochaines semaines. Parlez-nous des efforts de votre école visant à appuyer l'enseignement du développement durable en communiquant avec [greenplan@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:greenplan@emsb.qc.ca).

## DES ÉLÈVES MAÎTRISENT L'ART DU YOGA

L'école primaire Général Vanier ainsi que l'école primaire Dante exposent leurs élèves (maternelle à la sixième année) à la pratique et la culture du yoga. Le programme est supervisé par **Vince Lacroce**, animateur de vie spirituelle et d'engagement communautaire, et **Sacha Matthew**, enseignant à Shantidas Yoga. Les objectifs de ce programme de yoga sont d'éduquer les élèves à l'importance du développement de leurs qualités physiques (force, flexibilité et coordination) ainsi que les avantages mentaux et émotionnels qu'offre le Yoga (amélioration de la concentration, confiance, contrôle de soi). En outre, le programme abordera l'importance d'avoir un mode de vie équilibré avec de saines habitudes alimentaires, la médiation et l'activité physique.

## COURSE TERRY FOX

Plusieurs écoles de la CSEM ont participé à la course annuelle Terry Fox, un événement innovateur et animé par des bénévoles, sans commandites corporatives, ou minimum de levées de fonds. Cet événement est devenu une tradition d'automne au Canada, qui réunit des camarades de classe, des amis, et les familles. L'école primaire Roslyn de Westmount a accueilli son champion de la course Terry Fox, le concierge Eddy Nolan qui a aidé à recueillir des milliers de dollars pour la cause. Malheureusement, il est atteint du cancer mais cela ne l'a pas empêché de participer cette année.

## SEMAINE ÉDUCATION AUX MÉDIAS-CONCOURS FACEBOOK

Dans le cadre de la Semaine Éducation aux médias (7 au 11 novembre), dont le thème cette année est la citoyenneté numérique, la Commission scolaire English-Montréal lance un concours visant à engager plus d'élèves par le biais de Facebook. La CSEM a lancé sa page Facebook ([www.facebook.com/emsb1](http://www.facebook.com/emsb1)) il y a deux ans et elle a près de 1 500 « likes » connus à l'origine sous le nom de « partisans ». Cette initiative a été une méthode de communication avec les parents, les élèves et le personnel, couronnée de succès. La CSEM a aussi un lien Twitter <https://twitter.com/#!/emsb109> ainsi que YouTube ([www.youtube.com/emsbtv](http://www.youtube.com/emsbtv)) et Vimeo ([www.vimeo.com/emsb](http://www.vimeo.com/emsb)). À compter du 1er novembre, la CSEM multipliera ses efforts pour attirer plus de « likes » par le biais d'un concours. Tous les nouveaux « likes » de la page CSEM seront admissibles à gagner des certificats cadeaux de Chapters/Indigo et plusieurs autres prix. Toute personne qui n'était pas connectée à la CSEM sur Facebook peut aller à [www.facebook.com/emsb1](http://www.facebook.com/emsb1) et cliquer « like ». Toutes ces inscriptions seront compilées au cours du mois et inscrites à un tirage dont les gagnants seront choisis au hasard. Des certificats cadeaux de Chapters/Indigo ont été achetés comme prix afin d'encourager les élèves à visiter la librairie en personne ou en ligne à [www.chapters.indigo.ca](http://www.chapters.indigo.ca) et à choisir parmi les milliers de titres intéressants qui les encourageront à continuer à lire.

## ORIENTATION À JFK ET LEVÉE DE FONDS

Le 23 septembre, l'école secondaire John F. Kennedy a accueilli les élèves du secondaire I et leurs familles. Il y a eu plusieurs événements et activités qui étaient conçues pour développer l'esprit d'école et créer une forte

« Équipe » du secondaire I. Ce fut aussi une occasion pour ces élèves de première année du secondaire et leurs familles de faire connaissance du personnel de soutien, des enseignant(e)s et de leurs camarades. Les événements animés par les élèves de leadership du secondaire II et V ont inclus des jeux coopératifs tout au long de la journée, des présentations et une discussion avec le personnel, tandis que la soirée a été consacrée à la création d'équipes, d'un barbecue familial et d'une danse.

L'école a lancé une cueillette de fonds pour les personnes touchées par la sécheresse en Afrique et les élèves ont été mis au courant de l'étendue de cette tragédie humaine. Du 12 au 15 septembre, durant la période du repas de midi, les élèves et le personnel ont monté un poste d'information et une table de dons et ont montré les images de cette tragédie. Les fonds ont continué à être levés dans les classes lors d'une journée décontractée le 16 septembre. La communauté de JFK a recueilli 1 240 \$ en une seule journée et cette réaction humanitaire a été accompagnée d'une réaction spirituelle quand les élèves ont été mis au défi de se mettre à la place des personnes affectées, en participant à un jeûne de 7 h à 23 h, avec un seul repas à midi. Ce repas est la portion journalière de nourriture des personnes affectées par la famine en Afrique

## CAP SUR LES ÉTOILES

Pour près de 6 000 élèves du secondaire, Cap sur les Étoiles est une aventure qui leur feront découvrir la Frontière finale. Du 27 au 29 janvier 2012, au Centre Pierre-Charbonneau (300 rue Viau) à Montréal, cette exposition de trois jours donnera aux élèves l'occasion d'acquérir des connaissances au sujet des étoiles et des météorites. Pour les élèves qui seraient intéressés à une carrière, divers experts seront aussi présents pour exposer les outils actuellement utilisés par les astronautes et ils auront ainsi un aperçu des dernières technologies aérospatiales.

Les présentations spéciales incluront : un atelier interactif présenté par Josée Péloquin, directrice générale de Cap sur les Étoiles, qui présentera les emplois et les carrières dans l'industrie aérospatiale; une présentation par Caroline Boisvert, du Service des communications et de recrutement de l'École polytechnique de Montréal, sur les cours offerts à l'école Polytechnique et diverses sessions organisées par le Planétarium. Pour plus de renseignements sur la façon d'inscrire votre école, communiquez avec Michel Cadieux au 514-373-1943 ou à [m-cad@live.ca](mailto:m-cad@live.ca).

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## DÉLÉGATION CHINOISE

Une délégation de représentants de l'école de formation professionnelle de Hainan et de l'école secondaire de Hainan a visité le centre administratif de la CSEM en compagnie de plusieurs fonctionnaires du ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). Le groupe a été reçu par la directrice générale adjointe et des représentants du Service de l'éducation des adultes et de la formation professionnelle (SEAFP) et du secteur des jeunes. Le but de la visite était d'entamer une relation de collaboration qui permettrait à divers groupes d'élèves de compléter le secondaire IV et V à la CSEM et, éventuellement, faciliter le recrutement d'élèves de formation professionnelle. La délégation a savouré un excellent repas préparé par l'Institut culinaire St. Pius X et les élèves ont décrit, en mandarin, tous les aliments servis aux invités. « La journée a été un énorme succès et nous espérons entretenir une longue relation avec les élèves de la communauté de Hainan du secteur des jeunes et de celui de la formation professionnelle » a déclaré Cosmo Della Rocca, directeur adjoint du SEAFP.

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