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Robert Vairo of the Montreal Radio and TV School gives some Career Fair students an audition. Please see page 3.

EMSB Promotes Child Safety

The Missing Children's Network, which is marking its 20th anniversary this year, launched its annual prevention campaign for child safety recently at Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School in Ahuntsic. Grade 6 student **Christopher Vigneux-Rodney** gave an inspiring speech. Again this year, the Network is offering numerous programs, tools and essential safety advice for Quebec families and children with the goal of preventing disappearances. It coincided with Child ID Day at participating McDonald's Restaurants. Representatives of the Montreal and Longueuil police and the RCMP were on hand. Ronald McDonald served as emcee. The Missing Children's Network annual campaign consists of several activities, including workshops on prevention in schools and summer camps in and around Montreal, seminars on prevention for families, educational tools for children and Child ID Day. Animators visited more than two dozen EMSB schools last year.

EMSB High School Open House and Placement Exams: Log on to www.emsb.qc.ca

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The English Montreal School Board adopted its financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2005. Results for the year included an excess of revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$354,966 on total revenues of \$240,470,269. The cumulative position of the Board amounts to a net surplus of \$2,992,020 - which, by government directive, must include funds unspent by schools and centres, which stood cumulatively at \$9,442,424 at June 30, 2005. The audit was conducted by Samson Bélair/Deloitte & Touche, Chartered Accountants.

ENROLMENT REPORT: The EMSB has 25,716 students in its youth sector, a drop of 515 from last year. That includes 14,693 students at the elementary level, 10,600 in high school and 423 in social affairs. The total number of teachers is 1,505.47. Gardenvue is the largest elementary school, with 790 students. At the high school level, Lauren Hill at 1,496 is followed closely by Lester B. Pearson at 1,455.

SCHOOL CALENDARS: The EMSB has adopted school calendars for the youth and adult sectors for 2006-2007. Classes will commence in the youth sector on Aug. 29. Christmas Break will be Dec. 25 to Jan 5 and March Break March 5 to 9.

TOWN HALL: The EMSB's first Town Hall meeting, a project initiated by the Quebec English School Boards Association, was held at the St. Pius X Adult Centre in Ahuntsic and heralded as a huge success. More than 200 people attended. This was the third in a series of such community forums spearheaded by the QESBA. It represented an important opportunity for EMSB commissioners and the QESBA to learn more about the concerns of stakeholders, take

suggestions and hear about success stories regarding English public education in Quebec. The meetings held previously by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Riverside School Board were described as rewarding and stimulating. The QESBA is an umbrella organization representing all nine English public boards in the province. Topics explored were complementary services; the range of education programs; and responding to an increasingly multicultural-multiracial population. President **Marcus Tabachnick**, Vice-President **Frank Verrillo** (EMSB commissioner) and EMSB Chairman **Dominic Spiridigliozzi** gave opening remarks and acted as a moderator. EMSB Director General **Antonio Lacroce** made an impassioned intervention about the benefits of public education.



Town Hall attendees.

Attendees were assigned tables to sit at and given one of three topics to discuss:

Complementary Services: Our schools are experiencing an increase in the percentage of students with special needs. In much of the province, the English community counts its schools as the most identifiable link to complementary services. Some of these services are provided by the education system. Some are provided by the health and social services system. How do we obtain the necessary complementary services for our students and their families? *Complementary services are support services such as: Social work, psychology, speech therapy, nursing,*

occupational therapy, spiritual community animation, etc.)

Range of Education: In light of declining enrolment, the educational programs in our schools might be affected. How can we continue to offer a broad range of educational programs that meet the needs of all students? What educational programs can we offer to all of our students? What kind of educational programs are currently offered in your community? What additional programs do you feel we should consider offering in the future to English Montreal students? What educational programs do you feel should be offered by the English Montreal School Board to attract students from the private sector?

Responding To An Increasingly Multicultural-Multiracial Population: The greater Montreal region has become increasingly more multicultural/multiracial in recent years. How does the school system deal with the challenges of an increasingly multicultural- multiracial population? Are the resources needed for a multicultural-multiracial population different than those of regions with a primarily homogeneous population? Do we have the needed resources in place to address this change of population? If not, what additional resources are needed?

A complete summary of the Town Hall will be posted on the EMSB website when it is completed.

COURTESY TICKETS: On September 29 students from Coronation and the Jewish People's and Peretz Schools (JPPS) joined forces with police officers from Station 25 to increase safety awareness. Students from both schools collaborated in passing out courtesy/awareness tickets to car drivers. Our main goals were to allow our students to experience "real life" authentic learning experiences as well as increase community involvement and safety awareness.



Georges Haligua

NEW BENEFACTOR: The EMSB Marketing Committee unveiled a new strategy it hopes will contribute to increased awareness of the programs it offers. Montreal businessman **Georges Haligua** has agreed to sponsor a \$25,000 advertising campaign for EMSB elementary and high schools. EMSB Chairman **Dominic Spiridigliozi** and Marketing Chair **Sylvia LoBianco** lauded Mr. Haligua's efforts and called on others to follow his lead. "Mr. Haligua is a product of the public school system in Paris and his daughters attended public school in Montreal," said Mr. Spiridigliozi. "Eventhough his daughters are now in university, when he was approached to lend us a hand he did so without hesitation." Ms. LoBianco says her committee will now be approaching others, particularly individuals who did graduate from the public system, to see if they can assist the EMSB. "We have a very limited advertising budget where our youth sector is concerned," said Ms. LoBianco. "The EMSB has so many wonderful programs that we want more people to know about." Initially, the EMSB campaign will include advertisements on radio and daily newspapers. For more on Mr. Haligua, log on to the press release section of www.emsb.qc.ca.

CAREER FAIR: **Isabelle Hudon**, the president and chief executive officer of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, was the keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies of the sixth annual EMSB Career Fair, which took place October 25 to 27 at St. Pius X Adult Centre in Ahuntsic. More than 3,000 Secondary V and VI students will be in attendance over the three days. Ms. Hudon kicked things off on Tuesday morning and then met with students in the kiosk area. Ms. Hudon has worked in the field of publ



Isabelle Hudon

affairs, communications, and strategic positioning for more than 16 years. This year's Career Fair theme was once again "Focus on Tomorrow." The event's principal sponsor was **Jack Dym** of Pipe and Piling Supplies. Mr. Dym, a successful Montreal businessman and philanthropist, is a product of the public system. RBC Royal Bank and **Tony Rucolo** (tony.rucolo@agc.inalco.com) of Industrial Alliance Insurance were also sponsors. The Student Services and Adult Education and Vocational Services Departments of the EMSB coordinate this program, **Tina Stoupakis**, the guidance counselor at Vincent Massey Collegiate, served as chair. The main objective of the Career Fair is to provide Secondary V and senior adult education students with an in-depth exposure to the various educational opportunities

available to them. The final day was devoted to Secondary IV students, providing them with an opportunity to start charting their respective futures two years in advance of graduation.

Each participating Secondary V high school and adult education student took part in a general session of 30 minutes in the St. Pius X auditorium, during which time presentations included information with respect to CEGEP and vocational educational programs, as well as admission requirements. There were also testimonials from EMSB vocational education students who are presently finishing their programs. The dynamic **Hugh Adams**, former guidance counselor at Lester B. Pearson High School, served as the moderator on stage. Students then had the chance to visit the various exhibition/information booths staffed by representatives from English vocational centres, CEGEPS, universities and the Canadian Armed Forces. Secondary IV students will only be exposed to the latter part of the program, since this is only an introduction for them.

CPC ELECTIONS: **Angie Bertone** is the new chair of the Central Parents Committee. She succeeds **Anne Williams**, who served for two years. The two new parent commissioners are **Liz Leaman** (primary) and **Viky Keller** (secondary). They succeed **Fran McIntyre** and **Gideon Rosenberg**. The regional chairs are **Chiara Panetta** (Region 1), **Teresa Catalozzi-Odracci** (Region 2) and Ms. Bertone (Region 3).

BRAIN TUMOUR AWARENESS: A special launch was held at John Paul I Junior High School recently for Brain Tumour Awareness Month and the new 'Grey Matter' bracelets. The latter are aimed at raising brain tumour awareness through partnership with the Brain Tumour Foundation, the EMSB and the DiBacco-Falcone Family. Children will be selling bilingual bracelets within their

schools and to their families, friends, and neighbours to raise awareness of this devastating disease. All proceeds will be directed to the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada to fund brain tumour research at the Montreal Neurological Institute so we can all 'Imagine a Cure.' World-renowned researcher Dr. **Rolando Del Maestro**, co-founder of the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and Director of the Brain Tumour Research Centre from the Montreal Neurological Institute spoke at the event at John Paul I. The Di Baccoco-Falcone family are the generous funders who quickly brought the bilingual bracelet fundraiser to reality, and they will speak about their vision for this initiative. Members from The Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada were also present to speak about the incredible work being done to 'Imagine a Cure.' EMSB schools will mark a Brain Tumour Awareness Week in March.



The opening faceoff.

ISRAELI HOCKEY: The Israeli Junior National Hockey Team took on the EMSB's LaurenHill Lynx in a high profile exhibition game at the Samuel Moskovitch Arena in Côte Saint-Luc. Israel won the game 8-1. Congratulations to LaurenHill coach **Kosta Papoulias**, who met Israeli Ice Hockey Federation President **Alan Maislin** at a sports breakfast last spring and convinced him to let the Lynx be part of the game.

MEGA-BIKE EXCURSION: The LaurenHill Academy Home and School Association organized and obtained sponsorship from the merchants of Place Vertu and other parts of St. Laurent for a Mega-Bike excursion on Sept. 30. Some \$7,000 was raised towards upgrading the computer facilities of both the Junior and Senior Campus.

SAY NO TO DRUGS: **Alvin Powell**, of the Saving Station Foundation, spoke to a gym full of almost 700 Secondary I and II LaurenHill Academy Junior Campus students. All eyes were riveted on him as he spoke of his upbringing, his development into an NFL gridiron performer, and his eventual demise as a pro athlete due to drug addiction. He spoke from experience and from the heart as he admonished the students of the appeal of illegal drugs, and how the dangers far outweighed any benefit. Alvin won over the kids and left them with a strong message that was appreciated by teachers and administration. Meanwhile, the Junior Campus celebrated the first annual Quebec Sports and Activity Day on October 7 by holding early morning activities, including a tug-of-war and an Earth Ball session. Global Television was in attendance, having several staff and students interviewed live. "We then went on to tough out a neighbourhood jog/walk, which turned quite soggy part-way through," said Vice-Principal **Solly Glicksman**.

HORRORS OF TOBACCO: The CHEST Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP), will present its Lung Lessons program to Grade 4 and 5 students at the Plateau's Bancroft Elementary School (4563 St. Urbain) on Mon. Oct. 31. It will all be kicked off with a school assembly at 10 a.m. at which time children will show off their Halloween costumes and sing an antitobacco song regarding the "Horrors of Tobacco" written by the music teacher. The ACCP is

hosting its annual meeting in Montreal from Oct. 29 to Nov. 3. Through interactive, small group sessions, ambassadors of The CHEST Foundation and members of the ACCP will teach students about lung health and the dangers of tobacco, using its national Lung Lessons curriculum.

MUSIC AWARDS: **Theodora Stathopoulos**, director and founder of the FACE Symphony Orchestra, won the Christopher Gledhill Award for Orchestra presented by the Canadian Music Educators' Association. Since its inception in 1998, the FACE Symphony Orchestra has brought together more than 50 musicians, 70 of which are regular members, some as young as 10 years old. This Montreal ensemble is frequently heard in some of the city's most prestigious venues such as Place des Arts and Notre Dame Basilica, featuring such guest musicians and conductors as **Alain Trudel**, **Iwan Edwards** and **Yuli Turovsky**.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY: The EMSB has introduced, as a pilot project, occupational therapy (OT) services to 15 elementary schools for the 2005-2006 academic year, via a contractual arrangement with Jewish Family Services (JFS). As a result of ongoing feedback over the years from Student Services Department professionals, parents, and administrators regarding the importance of OT services in EMSB schools, a decision was taken to implement a pilot project regarding the engagement of two full-time occupational therapists, **Claudia De Luca** and **Ann Zilberbrant**. This is an initiative supported by the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS). The EMSB has had an ongoing partnership with JFS with respect to the B.E.A.T. (Building Educational Assets Together) Program involving 33 schools and the Winning Combination Gambling Prevention Program, currently being offered in three high schools.

According to EMSB Director of Student Services **Lew Lewis**, the provision of OT services is widespread within school districts in the United States wherein they are deemed essential, particularly at the elementary level. The goal of occupational therapy is to improve the student's performance on tasks and in activities important for successful school functioning. School-based OTs are implicated in domains such as gross-motor skills, fine-motor skills, sensory-motor skills, cognitive perceptual skills, social/emotional development, and life skills. In view of the fact that early intervention has proven to be important in minimizing the secondary behavioral, emotional, physical, and psychiatric problems that can result from students experiencing challenges in their lives, this pilot project will target students in pre-kindergarten to Grade 1 and possibly Grade 2 (depending on time availability). Interventions and/or consultations with students in non-targeted grades may be possible depending on school priorities, workload issues and time availability. The 15 schools are: Dalkeith, Dante, Edward Murphy, Gerald McShane, Michelangelo, Bancroft, Cedarcrest, Nesbitt, Parkdale, Sinclair Laird, Coronation, Hampstead, Roslyn, St. Gabriel, Westmount Park. Each of these schools will be serviced for one day every two weeks, with the exception of Parkdale which will be serviced one day a week.

EARLY LITERACY: The Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance (CSLP) at Concordia University, partnered with the students and teachers at Sinclair Laird Elementary School in Park Extension on a software development research project. The CSLP is in the process of researching, designing and developing ABRACADABRA, Internet-based software that can be used for beginning readers to help them build strong reading skills. Between the months of last February and April, research assistants worked with small groups

of Cycle 1/Year 1 students on various activities in the software. Children took turns at the computer, working on activities such as letter-sounds, rhyming, and blending words. The students also accessed and read a number of digital stories and worked on activities that helped them with their comprehension skills. This invaluable experience, helped the CSLP researchers gain a better understanding of the usability and effectiveness of the software, and it will help them refine further development. It also helped the Sinclair Laird students with their Language Development.

PAKISTAN TRAGEDY: On October 14 Sinclair Laird Elementary School in Park Extension had a Spiritual Assembly for the families, friends and individuals affected by the earthquake that shook Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. Consul General of Pakistan, Mr. **Saifulla Chaghta** was present and spoke eloquently about the tragedy and in honor of the family and friends of those who perished. Also present were Commissioner **George Vogas** and Regional Director **Angeline Roumeliotis**. The principal, **Viola Vathilakis**, led the remembrance lighting of 3 candles which represented each country. Two students shared their stories of family members who had died in the tragedy. The students showed their support by sharing their prayers, poetry and song (in Muslim, Hindu, Christian and in Tamil). To further ensure that the future would be bright, Spiritual Animator **Puynung Choy** and the students used their imagination dropping many tokens of wishes in the rubbles, and rebuilding the affected cities, literally brick by brick.

ROYAL VALE SUKKAH: The PELO (Heritage Languages) program at Royal Vale School once again put up a sukkah outside of the school for all the students to enjoy. On October 20, the Grade 4 PELO students along with special guests, **Rabbi Baruch Plaskow**, **Elyon Shemesh** and **Ariel**

Vediker from K.T.M., (a volunteer educational organization from Israel) learned about the historical and cultural significance of this festival through storytelling, song and dance.



Royal Vale students celebrate in their Sukkah.

YOUNG WRITERS: John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel captured first prize in the 2005 National Short Story Competition for Young Writers Aged 12 to 18. This prize is awarded to the school sending in the best overall group of entries. JFK received \$250 and a commemorative certificate.

TWINNING: Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School in Rosemount has been twinned with Kahare School in the Kahare Pangu region of Nepal. The school's Governing Board, staff, and children endorsed this project in the spring of 2005. Kahare School is a rural school in the Himalayas. There are 97 children and three teachers there. Pierre Elliott Trudeau School and Kahare School will exchange information (letters, booklets, pictures) throughout the academic year. Several months ago a box full of old books from Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sent to Nepal. They presently form part of a travelling library which goes from school to school in the region. In the coming months, the students at Pierre Elliott Trudeau School will hear guest speakers, prepare a showcase and

bulletin board, write letters and booklets to students in Kahare School and learn a few words and some songs in Nepali. Students will locate Nepal on the globe and will do research projects. In math children will compare the altitude of the Island of Montreal, Mount Royal, with Kathmandou, Mount Everest, etc. Popcorn sales will be held in order to help the twin school, Kahare. Log on <http://www.secourstiersmonde.org>.

CPR PROGRAM: The ACT Foundation is inviting EMSB staff, parents and students to join its High School CPR program. It is available to all public high schools free of charge and is now endorsed by the Minister of Health and Social Services, **Philippe Couillard**. On the average, implementing the program for one given school will require 30 CPR mannequins, initial training for the phys-ed teachers (two days) and training manuals (available in print or electronic format depending on the sponsor). Teachers will then give four hours of training to their students during the course of the academic year. Your school must commit to making this course mandatory to all students at one grade level. To date ACT has brought its award winning program to more than 700 high schools across the country. Over 700,000 youth from large to small communities in Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Nunavut, Manitoba and Nova Scotia have been trained. In Québec, 50 high schools are currently enrolled in the ACT Foundation's CPR program. If your school is interested, please send the "Information request form" and fax it to Carole Nadeau at (450) 928-3435. You can also request more information by sending an e-mail to cnadeau@actfoundation.ca or visit their website at www.actfoundation.ca.

OLYMPIC LAUNCH: The Canadian Olympic School Program was launched on Oct. 6 at Honoré Mercier Elementary School in St. Léonard to coincide with the Quebec Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport's

Journée nationale du sport et de l'activité physique, which is aimed at encouraging Quebec residents of all ages to become more physically active and to adopt a healthier lifestyle. Over 250 Grade 4 to 6 students assembled in the school gymnasium for the event, where two-time Canadian Olympic freestyle skier **Jeff Bean** spoke about his experiences at the 1998 and 2002 Winter Olympics. Afterwards, Bean and the students participated in a fun interactive physical activity session in the schoolyard.



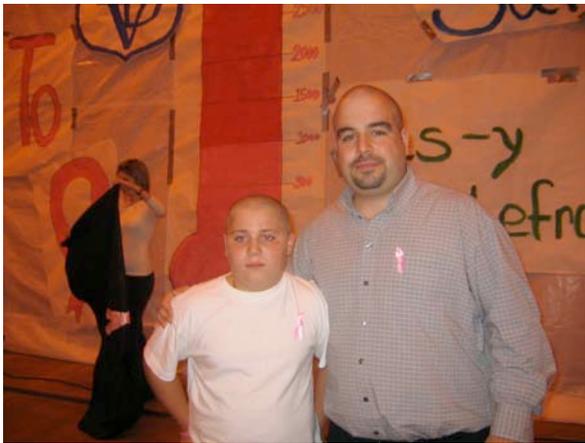
Olympian Jeff Bean leads the way.

“The Canadian Olympic School Program is a great way to get kids involved in the Olympic Games while teaching students to be healthy and active,” said Bean. “If my experiences in sport and in life can motivate kids and help them do the best they can, then I’m giving something back to the community that has supported me for the last 10 years. That feels pretty good.”

“We chose to launch the Olympic School Program at Honoré Mercier School because of its ongoing commitment to promoting health and fitness to its students over the last five years,” said **Marc Gélinas**, Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) director of Athlete and Community Relations.

An initiative of the COC and RBC Financial Group (RBC), the Canadian Olympic

Program was developed in cooperation with teachers from across Canada and designed to promote the Olympic Values and the importance of health and physical activity. The program (www.olympicschool.ca) is a free online teacher resource that offers information about the Olympic Games and Canadian athletes as a tool to educate, motivate and inspire students. The Canadian Olympic School Program links stories about Canadian athletes from athletics, freestyle skiing, hockey and snowboarding into lesson plans and adaptable classroom-ready activities in the areas of language, mathematics, health and physical education for students in Grades 4 to 6. The program encourages children to embrace Olympic themes while generating excitement for the upcoming Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy. Since it began in 1987, hundreds of thousands of children have participated. Currently the program reaches more than 9,000 elementary schools across Canada.



Sal De Santis-Gualtieri and teacher Daniel Lefrançois.

SHAVE TO SAVE: We take our hats off to the students and teachers of Leonardo da Vinci Elementary School in RDP who organized a “Shave to Save” event on October 20. This group of kindergarten to sixth grade students raised \$9,352 with more to come! They also bought 700 pink silicone bracelets for the cause. **Sal De Santis-Gualtieri**, a Grade 6 student and his family

initiated then campaign for the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation with MIX 96. Sal challenged teachers at LDV to participate. At the special event **Sal** and a teacher, **Daniel Lefrançois** had their heads shaven in the presence of Mix 96, CTV News, the Suburban and L’Informateur.

THANKSGIVING: Multi-faith Thanksgiving Harvest Celebrations were held at **East Hill, Edward Murphy** and **McLearn Elementary Schools** during the week of October 3, 2005. Local guitarist and vocalist **Wendy Farha** joined students and staff for the celebrations. Her songs, *Amazed*, *and God's Got His Eye on You*, and *Animal Crackers* really complemented the spiritual reflections and poems that were read. Her songs were intended to increase the students’ understanding and that importance of being thankful for our environment, animals and nature.

During the month of September, the students of cycles 2 and 3 at **Gerald McShane Elementary School** in Montreal North learned about the virtues of thankfulness and joyfulness, reports **Spiritual Community Animator Carole Lavoie**. Discussion revolved around the importance of developing an "Attitude of Gratitude" and the fact that a thankful heart is a happy heart. Children reflected upon their many blessings and all the things they have to be grateful for. They were also reminded that many people in our world, in fact in our own city, are not as fortunate. The themes of thankfulness and joyfulness culminated in a "Spiritual Celebration of Thanksgiving" which took place in the school's gymnasium on Oct. 6. The children shared prayers from different faith traditions and sang songs of thanks and joy. During the first week of October, **Lester B. Pearson High School** students in Montreal North celebrated the Thanksgiving season by sharing a breakfast feast. Both staff and students were treated to croissants, bagels, fruits and cheeses to mark the occasion.

FIRE PREVENTION: October 9 to 15 was Fire Prevention Week across Canada. Students from East Hill, Edward Murphy and McLearn received 25-minute workshops on Fire Safety and Home Alone Safety. The students enjoy the interactive workshops very much. It is important to continue to review the basic safety rules with the students. Children are reminded how to recognize and react appropriately to potentially doubtful and dangerous situations

NUTRITION ACTIVITIES: The Nutrition Education Department of the EMSB has planned a series of eight activities for its elementary and secondary schools during the 2005-2006 academic year. These programs will help fulfill the department's mandate of educating and providing dietary strategies to maintain an adequate nutritional status; increasing nutritional knowledge on the importance of sound eating habits and supporting nutritional initiatives that promote healthy eating habits in schools. They include Read What You Eat, a hands-on activity dealing with nutritional labelling for elementary schools, Cycles 1-3. The program is divided into two sections. The fruit juice activity will focus on reading the labels on fruit juice packaging, identifying their ingredients and determining which are the "real juices" and the "imposter juices." The breakfast cereal activity deals with identifying the ingredients that are labelled on cereal boxes and determining which cereals are refined or whole grain, as well as evaluate the sugar and fibre content of various cereals.

An educational package for all elementary schools will be developed and implemented for Nutrition Month in March of 2006. Nutrition education kits, which are being produced in collaboration with the Dairy Producers of Canada, will be distributed to teachers from kindergarten to cycle 3 through in-school workshops. Four monthly

newsletters will be distributed to parents of all elementary school students, and will address topics relating to children's eating habits. "Nutri-Smart Corner," a series of four monthly newsletters dealing with eating habits, will be distributed to all high schools.

The "Food: Fuel for Life" nutrition education program will have an EMSB dietitian deliver a series of three in-class sessions to students in secondary 1 or 2. The topics that will be addressed are body image, disordered eating behaviours, dieting and healthy eating. The Nutrition Policy Quality Monitoring Program will monitor the quality and safety of the food that's being served to students. It will affect schools that use outside food suppliers and employees of EMSB cafeterias, who will undergo a food safety training program.

KATRINA UPDATE: It is with great hope and a deep desire to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina that the students at St-Gabriel have decided to fundraise for this cause. Recently, the students had a bake sale to raise money for the Canadian Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. Meanwhile, at James Lyng High School in St. Henri three students – **Ashley MacDonald, Melanie Blumer** and **Jessica Bortnick**- approached their phys ed teacher Deborah Fairchild for help in organizing a home room challenge which proved very successful. At Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North, students were asked to help those who became the tragic victims of Hurricane Katrina. An envelope was passed in each classroom during the first period of the day to enable the students to make a "free-will" donation. The end result was that students and staff raised a total of \$1832, reports Carole Lavoie.

KOOKIES FOR KATRINA: Some schools are beginning to participate in the Kookies for Katrina program. The Cantor's Bakery factory in St. Michel, along with Smuckers, is providing pre-packaged cookies free of

charge to schools that make such a request via an order form provided by the Communications and Marketing Division. Schools determine their own sale price for the cookies. Money can be directed to the charity of their choice. The EMSB began this program with victims from Hurricane Katrina in mind. Hurricanes Rita and Wilma have since been added to the list, as well as earthquake victims in Pakistan. Cantor's will make the cookie program available all year for different charitable endeavors that schools wish to explore.

PEACE TALKS: In conjunction with the recent International World Peace Day, students at Marymount Academy in N.D.G. made sure their voices would be heard, reports Arts teacher **Gwynneth Gorman**. Over 250 students in Secondary I, II and III, participated in the Pinwheels for "whirled" Peace project. This project is the brainchild of **Ann Ayers** and **Ellen McMillan**, two Art teachers from Florida whose goal has been to make this an international effort involving over 915 locations around the world. Students made pinwheels upon which their thoughts concerning peace were expressed through words and images. In particular students were encouraged to reflect on the types of intolerance and conflict which affect them in their everyday lives, and how they can individually take steps towards creating peace within their own bodies, minds, and immediate social influences (family, school, community). Marymount Academy puts Montreal on the international map as just one more location in this growing global annual project. You may find this website at: www.pinwheelsforpeace.com.

EAST HILL FIT: At East Hill Elementary School in RDO students participated in the Quebec National Day "du sport et de l'activité physique" on Oct. 7. Levels K to 6 students were overjoyed to take part in a two hour aerobic session held in the gymnasium. They danced, ran, and moved with rhythm

and beat to the theme "Go Ahead, Do It for You!" when the melodies of *I feel like a Woman*, *La Chupetta*, *Hakuna Matata*, *La danse des canards*, etc... resonated throughout the school. Meanwhile, East Hill level 6 students are working on a current events. This project sensitizes our students to the daily happenings which shape our lives. In teams, the students read, review, reflect, analyze and discuss newspaper articles, to help them develop a critical view of today's current themes and issues. This project allows students not only to practice reading, but also to develop their ability to problem solve. It also gives them an opportunity to speak French.

NOLAN SHINES: Roslyn Elementary School in Westmount caretaker **Eddy Nolan** is pleased to report that students met his challenge of raising \$25,000 for 25 years of Terry Fox Runs. In fact, they surpassed his goal. On Oct. 12 Roslyn handed a cheque to the representative of the Terry Fox Foundation for \$30,000. As an incentive for the students to meet this challenge, five donated mountain bikes were raffled off to at this ceremony. In the four years that Roslyn has been hosting Terry Fox Runs they have raised \$79,000.

RESOURCE GUIDE: The Quebec Federation of Home and Schools Association (QFHSA) launched its innovative new *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* that features a wide range of tried-and-true, to leading edge, learning activities for children of all ages, infants to teenagers. This occurred at its fall conference at Royal West Academy when **Marion Daigle**, QFHSA Literacy Resource and 2003 Woman of the Year (Montreal Council of Women), addressed the challenges facing today's parents, educators and community workers in preparing our children to be literate, successful and responsible citizens. Each conference participant received a complimentary copy, produced with funding from Heritage Canada.

From Mother Goose to Rap, Finger Play to Video Games; ABC's to Critical Thinking, the user-friendly, 124 pull-out pages, Guide is filled with a wide range of stimulating interactive and fun activities for children and youth. Many successful projects already in place in Quebec and beyond are showcased; topics of discussion for parents, teachers and community organizers help to cement the importance of everybody's involvement in helping children grow and develop as literate citizens.

PREVENTION OF GAMBLING: A colloque on the topic of Prevention of Gambling was held recently at the Hilton Bonaventure. Some 200 participants from various research, health and community organizations gathered to present and learn more about this risk behavior, which has captured the attention not only of seasoned gamblers, but also more recently of our youth. The EMSB was the only school board from either the francophone or anglophone sectors to participate and present a most dynamic workshop with an information kiosk in the Westmount Room of the Hilton. **Dora Cesta**, assistant director of Student Services facilitated a well-received powerpoint presentation, which included sound effects to dramatize the effects of the risk behavior of gambling among youth. The theme of the EMSB presentation was the *B.E.A.T (Building Educational Assets Together Winning Combination program* which highlighted the various steps and issues, which were encountered in the EMSB pilot project which included the participation of three schools: Laurier Macdonald High School in St. Léonard, LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent and Marymount Academy in N.D.G. The EMSB pilot project was funded in the amount of \$135,000 (\$115,000 for schools and \$20,000 for evaluation process), by the Agence de développement de réseaux locaux de services de santé et de services sociaux, with the partnership of Jewish Family Services (School services).

The project was intended to prevent the occurrence of risk behaviors among youth by attempting to build support systems that bring together the winning combination of protective factors to inoculate youth against risk behaviors in particular, gambling. The following school support systems were introduced in the pilot schools: parlor meetings with parents, pro-social activities, social skill building programs, education programs on gambling. The evaluation process for this pilot project is under the direction of McGill University, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, and the results should be available to us shortly. What is evident from the experience of the project is the need for more funding at the local level where the actual risk to youth is paramount. The school setting is ideal for prevention programs with youth, and it was agreed by most participants at the colloque that this is where a large portion of funding should be channeled in future endeavors for prevention of gambling.

ART EXHIBIT: The annual Salon d'art organized by TRAM was held recently, featuring work by students from Dunrae Gardens Elementary School in TMR. This year the Mont Royal Heritage committee joined forces and the artists had to exhibit images inspired by familiar places around TMR. Local school children were invited to participate and share their ideas about history and art. Dunrae Gardens students from cycle 2 and 3 worked hard and showed their artist talents.

CAP CONFERENCE: The Association of Administrators of English Schools of Quebec (AAESQ) will host the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Principals (CAP) in Quebec City May 11-13, 2006. Keynote speakers will include Major General Lewis MacKenzie, Dr. Pawliw-Frye, June Callwood and Dr. Brian Little. St. Monica Elementary School Principal Maria DiPerna

is co-chairing the event along with Laird Bracken of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. For more details, log on to www.cap2006.ca.



Judge Barbara Seal greets some new citizens.

CITIZENSHIP: Parkdale Elementary School in St. Laurent hosted a Canadian citizenship ceremony recently, presided over by Judge **Barbara Seal**. Decorations were provided by the Grade 5 and 6 students, with flags of each of the 13 countries represented on display.



Dominic Spiridigliozzi congratulates Greg Lang at retirement party.

RETIREES: Over 200 people attended the annual EMSB retirees' dinner, which took place on October 20 at the Omni Mont-Royal Hotel in downtown Montreal. The evening honored 96 retiring employees of the EMSB who worked as educators, administrators,

professionals and support staff, and whose years of service to the Board ranged between 10 and 42 years. EMSB Chairman **Dominic Spiridigliozzi**, along with the senior administrators from each region, Adult Education and Vocational Services, Buildings and Grounds, Community Services and Pedagogical Services presented each retiree with a special thank-you gift of a framed painting by Quebec artist **Paul-Michel Gagnon**. For all of the photos taken that evening please see the EMSB website.

PEOPLE: **Sandra Furfaro** has been appointed director of Pedagogical Services for the EMSB. She succeeds **John Ryan**, who retired last year ...



Sandra Furfaro

The Council of Commissioners paid tribute to the late **Allan Butler**, former chairman of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM), who passed away earlier this month. He served as a PSBGM commissioner for 24 years, including 17 years as chair.

ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES

MARYMOUNT LAUNCH: The Marymount Adult Centre officially opened the doors of its new home, the former premises of Wagar High School in Côte St. Luc, on October 14. With this newly

expanded facility, the Centre will be able to continue its primary commitment to its students, by fostering the pursuit of knowledge and facilitating the achievement of students' short term and long term goals by providing a positive learning environment. At the ceremony, the Wagar Foyer and Wagar Field were formally unveiled by Centre Director **Nick Furfaro** as a way to pay tribute to the former high school. The Centre previously shared space with Marymount Academy on Côte Saint-Luc Road in N.D.G. Governing Board Chair **Rosalia Fata** noted that the Centre now has room to grow. Mr. Furfaro reports that while enrolment is down slightly for day classes, evening courses have increased by five. "The Montreal Transit Commission added special buses from the Villa Maria Metro station so access here for our students is excellent," he said. "We are in a state-of-the-art facility which everyone just loves. I know for our next session which begins in January we will see significantly higher numbers."



Cutting the ribbon at the new Marymount.

EMSB Commissioners **Syd Wise** and **Marvin Helfenbaum**, Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services **Rosario Ortona**, Côte Saint-Luc City Manager **David Johnstone** and Recreation Department Official **Harold Cammy** were also in attendance. Wagar High School closed last June, 42 years after its birth. Afterwards, students and guests were invited to a nice

lunch from Solly the Caterer. See the web for more details on the Centre.



Shave to Save.

SHAVE TO SAVE: Once again this year the Laurier Macdonald Career Centre participated in the Mix 96 "Shave to Save" campaign, in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness month. On October 5, seven students and one teacher in Auto-Mechanics happily volunteered to have their heads shaved for this worthwhile fundraiser. By the end of the campaign, LMAC hopes to raise close to \$2,500 for the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation.



St. Laurent Adult Centre Bake Sale.

ST. LAURENT BAKING: The St. Laurent Adult Centre moved up the date of its annual Bake Sale in order to benefit victims of the earthquake in Pakistan. It took place Oct. 25, with all proceeds (\$1,500) going to Vision Mondial. The current reports of disasters all

over the world made it difficult for the St. Laurent Adult Centre population to decide where the money should be sent, but the promise of the Canadian government to double the contribution to Vision Mondial made the decision a little easier.

RTC LIVE: Since 1972 C & D Aerospace has offered airplane interiors to international aircraft manufacturers and airlines. C & D is now the innovative leader in its industry, providing completely integrated interiors for business interiors. C & D has now been in the province of Quebec for the last four years and has been part of our Business Advisory committee since then. The company regularly accepts students on stage and hires graduates from both the RTC Furniture Finishing and Cabinetmaking Programs. Students are expected to do quality, high precision work in the private jet division of the organization. There are approximately 30 former RTC graduates working at C& D Aerospace. On Nov. 4, Global TV will be on hand live to cover RTC graduates on the job there.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 17, 18, 2005

Quebec Provincial Teachers Association (QPAT) Convention

MAY 11-13, 2006

Canadian Association of Principals Conference
Quebec City
www.cap2006.ca

May 30, 2006

In-School Administrators Fashion Show

June 28, 2006

EMSB Golf Tournament

PLEINS FEUX SUR FIELDING

ASSEMBLÉE PUBLIQUE GÉNÉRALE:

La première assemblée générale publique de la CSEM, un projet lancé par l'Association des commissions scolaires anglophones du Québec, a été tenue au Centre d'éducation des adultes St. Pius X d'Ahuntsic et a remporté un très grand succès. Plus de 200 personnes ont assisté à cet événement qui était le troisième d'une série de forums communautaires lancés par l'ACSAQ. Cette réunion a donné l'occasion aux commissaires de la CSEM et à l'ACSAQ d'être mis au courant des préoccupations des parties prenantes, d'écouter leurs suggestions et d'entendre parler des succès de l'éducation publique anglaise au Québec. Les assemblées déjà tenues par la Commission scolaire Wilfrid Laurier et la Commission scolaire Riverside ont été décrites comme enrichissantes et stimulantes. L'ACSAQ est un organisme d'encadrement qui représente les neuf commissions scolaires anglophones du Québec. Les sujets explorés ont été les services complémentaires, la portée des programmes d'études et comment répondre aux besoins d'une population multiculturelle/multiraciale croissante. Le président, **Marcus Tabachnick**, le vice-président, **Frank Verillo**, commissaire de la CSEM et le président de la CSEM, **Dominic Spiridigliozzi** ont prononcé les allocutions d'ouverture et ont modéré les débats. Le directeur général de la CSEM, **Antonio Lacroce**, a prononcé un discours passionné sur les avantages de l'éducation publique.

Des tables ont été affectées aux participants qui ont eu à discuter de l'un des trois sujets suivants :

Services complémentaires : Nos écoles constatent une augmentation du pourcentage d'élèves à besoins particuliers. La communauté anglophone du Québec compte sur les écoles pour la plupart des services complémentaires, dont quelques uns sont

dispensés par le réseau d'éducation et d'autres par le réseau des services sociaux et de santé. Comment pouvons-nous obtenir les services complémentaires dont ont besoin nos élèves et leurs familles? *Les services complémentaires sont des services de soutien, tels que : les interventions sociales, la psychologie, l'orthophonie, l'ergothérapie, les services d'infirmier, l'animation spirituelle et l'engagement communautaire, etc.)*

Portée des programmes d'études : Les programmes d'études dans nos écoles pourraient être affectés par la diminution des effectifs scolaires. Comment pouvons-nous continuer à offrir une vaste gamme de programmes d'études qui peuvent satisfaire les besoins de tous les élèves? Quels programmes d'études pouvons-nous offrir à tous nos élèves? Quels types de programmes d'études sont actuellement offerts dans notre communauté? Quels programmes supplémentaires pensons-nous devoir offrir à l'avenir aux élèves anglophones de Montréal? Quels programmes d'études croyez-vous que la Commission scolaire English-Montréal devrait offrir pour attirer les élèves du secteur privé?

Répondre aux besoins d'une population multiculturelle/multiraciale croissante : Au cours des dernières années, la population de la région du Grand Montréal est de plus en plus multiculturelle/multiraciale. Comment le réseau d'écoles fait face aux défis posés par cette croissance? Est-ce que les ressources requises pour un effectif scolaire multiculturel/multiracial sont différentes de celles des régions à population principalement homogène? Disposons-nous des ressources nécessaires pour faire face à ce changement d'effectif? Si non, quelles sont les ressources additionnelles dont nous avons besoin?

Un résumé complet de l'Assemblée générale publique sera disponible au site Web de la CSEM, aussitôt qu'il sera complété.

ÉLECTIONS AU CCP : **Angie Bertone** est la nouvelle présidente du Comité central de parents. Elle succède à **Anne Williams** qui a occupé le poste pendant deux ans. Les deux nouvelles commissaires représentantes de parents sont **Liz Leaman** (primaire) et **Viky Keller** (secondaire) et elles ont succédé à **Fran McIntyre** et **Gideon Rosenberg**. Les présidentes des comités régionaux sont : **Chiara Panetta** (Région 1), **Teresa Catalozzi-Odracci** (Région 2) et **Mme Bertone** (Région 3).

HOCKEY ISRAÉLIEN : L'équipe nationale israélienne junior de hockey s'est mesurée à l'équipe des Lynx de Lauren Hill lors d'un match amical qui a eu lieu à l'aréna Samuel Moskovitch de Côte-Saint-Luc. Félicitations à l'entraîneur de Lauren Hill, **Kosta Papoulias**, qui a rencontré le président de la Fédération israélienne de hockey sur glace, **Alan Maislin**, l'an dernier, lors d'un petit-déjeuner sportif et qui l'a convaincu de faire participer l'équipe des Lynx à ce match.

MEGA EXCURSION EN BICYCLETTE : L'association parents-élèves de l'Académie Lauren Hill a organisé et obtenu la commandite des commerçants de Place Vertu et d'autres organisations de l'arrondissement de Saint-Laurent pour une mega-excursion en bicyclette, qui a eu lieu le 30 septembre. Près de 7 000 \$ ont été recueillis et ils serviront à moderniser les locaux d'informatique aux campus du premier et du deuxième cycle.

DIRE NON AUX DROGUES : **Alvin Powell**, de la Fondation *Saving Station*, s'est adressé à un auditoire de près de 700 élèves du Secondaire I et II de l'école secondaire du premier cycle Lauren Hill. Tous les yeux étaient rivés sur lui pendant qu'il parlait de son éducation, de son début de carrière prometteuse dans la LNF et de sa perte de statut d'athlète professionnel due à une

dépendance aux drogues. Il a parlé de l'expérience qu'il avait vécue et il a mis en garde les élèves de l'attrait des drogues illégales et de comment les dangers peuvent contrebalancer tout avantage. Alvin a touché les élèves et il leur a laissé un message qui a été fort apprécié par le personnel enseignant et la direction de l'école. Par contre, le campus du premier cycle a célébré la première Journée annuelle de sport et d'activités du Québec, le 7 octobre, en organisant des activités sportives qui ont eu lieu au début de la journée. *Global Television* était sur place et plusieurs membres du personnel et élèves ont été interviewés en direct. « Nous avons ensuite participé à une marche/jogging qui s'est avérée être en partie assez trempée » a déclaré le directeur adjoint **Solly Gliksman**.

B.E.A.T. : Dora Cesta, directrice adjointe des Services aux élèves, a présenté le programme B.E.A.T. (*Building Educational Assets Together*) le 13 octobre dernier au cours d'un symposium sur les jeux de hasard. B.E.A.T., un programme de la CSEM qui est offert dans les écoles, en collaboration avec les Services d'aide à la famille juive, traite de la prévention de la toxicomanie et des jeux de hasard. Mme Cesta a été interviewée par le réseau TVA.

HORREURS DU TABAC : La Fondation *CHEST*, une branche philanthropique de l'*American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP)*, présentera, le lundi 31 octobre, son programme de leçons sur les poumons, aux élèves de 4^e et de 5^e année de l'école primaire Bancroft du Plateau (4653 rue Saint-Urbain). Le programme sera lancé par une assemblée de l'école à 10 h au cours de laquelle les élèves présenteront leurs déguisements de l'Halloween et chanteront une chanson antitabac, composée par l'enseignant de musique. L'ACCP tiendra sa réunion annuelle à Montréal du 29 octobre au 3 novembre. Par le biais de sessions interactives en petits groupes, les représentants de la Fondation *CHEST* et les membres de l'ACCP parleront aux élèves de

la santé des poumons et des dangers du tabagisme.

ALPHABÉTISATION PRÉCOCE : Le Centre d'études sur l'apprentissage et la performance (CEAP) de l'Université Concordia a conclu un partenariat avec les élèves et le personnel enseignant de l'école primaire Sinclair Laird de Parc Extension pour un projet de recherche sur le développement de logiciels. Le CEAP est en voie de faire des recherches, de concevoir et de développer un logiciel d'Internet, *ABRACADABRA*, qui peut être utilisé par les lecteurs débutants pour les aider à acquérir de fortes habiletés de lecture. Entre les mois de février et d'avril dernier, les chercheurs ont travaillé avec de petits groupes d'élèves de la première année du Cycle I à diverses activités du logiciel. Les élèves se sont relayés à l'ordinateur et ont travaillé à des activités telles que les lettres-sons, l'identification du phonème, les rimes et l'incorporation de mots. Les élèves ont aussi eu accès et ont lu plusieurs histoires digitales et ont pris part à des activités qui les ont aidé à développer leurs habiletés de compréhension. Cette expérience inestimable a aidé les chercheurs du CEAP à acquérir une meilleure compréhension de l'usage et de l'efficacité du logiciel et elle les aidera à élaborer de futurs développements. Elle a aussi aidé au développement du langage des élèves de Sinclair Laird.

JUMELAGE : L'école primaire Pierre Elliott Trudeau de Rosemont a été jumelée à l'école Kahare de la région Kahare Pangu du Népal. Le conseil d'établissement de l'école, le personnel et les élèves ont endossé ce projet au printemps de 2005. L'école Kahare est un établissement rural situé dans la région de l'Himalaya et elle compte 97 élèves et trois enseignants. L'école Pierre Elliott Trudeau et l'école Kahare échangeront des informations (lettres, brochures, photos) tout au long de l'année scolaire. Il y a de cela plusieurs mois, un colis de livres usagés a été envoyé au Népal par l'école Pierre Elliott Trudeau et ces livres font maintenant partie

d'une bibliothèque itinérante qui se déplace d'école à école dans la région. Au cours des mois à venir, les élèves de l'école Pierre Elliott Trudeau entendront des conférenciers invités, prépareront un dossier de présentation et un tableau d'affichage, écriront des lettres et feront parvenir des brochures aux élèves de l'école Kahare et apprendront quelques mots et chansons en népalais. En mathématiques, les élèves compareront l'altitude de l'île de Montréal, du Mont-Royal avec celle de Katmandou, du Mont Everest, etc. Des ventes de maïs soufflé auront lieu dans le but de venir en aide à l'école jumelle, Kahare <http://www.secourstiersmonde.org>.

PROGRAMME RCR : La Fondation ACT invite le personnel de la CSEM, les parents et les élèves à se joindre à son programme de RCR au secondaire, qui est disponible gratuitement à toutes les écoles secondaires publiques et endossé par le ministre de la Santé et des Services Sociaux du Québec, **Philippe Couillard**. En moyenne, la mise en place du programme pour une école donnée requière 30 mannequins RCR, une formation initiale des enseignant(e)s d'éducation physique (deux jours) et des manuels de formation (disponibles en format imprimé ou électronique, selon le commanditaire). Les enseignant(e)s donneront à leur tour une formation de quatre heures à leurs élèves au cours de l'année scolaire. Votre école doit s'engager à ce que le cours soit obligatoire pour tous les élèves d'un niveau. À ce jour, ACT a introduit son programme dans près de 700 écoles secondaires à travers le Canada. Plus de 700,000 jeunes de diverses communautés du Québec, de l'Ontario, de la Colombie Britannique, de l'Alberta, de Nunavut, du Manitoba et de la Nouvelle Écosse ont été formés. Au Québec, 50 écoles secondaires sont actuellement inscrites au programme RCR de la Fondation ACT. Si votre école est intéressée, veuillez adresser le formulaire de demande d'informations, envoyez-le par télécopieur à Carole Nadeau au (450) 928-3435. Vous pourrez aussi obtenir

plus de renseignements en adressant un courriel à cnadeau@actfoundation.ca ou en visitant leur site Web à : www.actfoundation.ca.

ACTIVITÉS DE NUTRITION : La Division de l'éducation en nutrition de la CSEM a planifié une série de huit activités pour l'année scolaire 2005-2006 à l'intention des écoles primaires et secondaires. Ces programmes permettront à la Division de réaliser son mandat qui est d'éduquer et d'offrir des stratégies diététiques visant à maintenir un équilibre nutritionnel adéquat; accroître la réalisation de l'importance de saines habitudes alimentaires et d'appuyer les initiatives nutritives qui encouragent des habitudes de saine alimentation dans les écoles. Ces activités incluent « Lisez ce que vous mangez », une activité pratique qui porte sur l'étiquetage des produits pour les Cycles 1 à 3 des écoles primaires. Le programme comporte deux sections. L'activité de jus de fruits consiste à lire les étiquettes des contenants de jus de fruits, d'identifier leurs ingrédients et de déterminer quels sont les « vrais jus » et les « jus imposteurs ». L'activité de céréales de petit-déjeuner traite de l'identification des ingrédients listés sur les boîtes de céréales et de déterminer celles qui sont raffinées ou en grains entier, ainsi que d'évaluer le contenu en sucre et en fibres de diverses céréales.

Une trousse éducative pour toutes les écoles primaires sera élaborée et mise en œuvre au cours du Mois de la nutrition en mars 2006. Ces trousse, qui sont produites en collaboration avec les Producteurs laitiers du Canada, seront distribuées aux enseignant(e)s de la maternelle au Cycle 3, lors d'ateliers tenus à l'école. Quatre bulletins mensuels de nouvelles seront distribués aux parents des élèves du primaire et traiteront de sujets reliés aux habitudes alimentaires des enfants. « *Nutri-Smart Corner* » une série de quatre bulletins mensuels de nouvelles, traitant d'habitudes alimentaires, sera distribuée dans toutes les écoles secondaires.

Dans le cadre du programme d'éducation en nutrition « Aliments : Carburants pour la Vie », une diététicienne de la CSEM donnera une série de trois sessions en classe aux élèves du Secondaire I ou II. Les sujets qui seront traités seront le langage du corps, les comportements d'alimentation malsaine et la diète et l'alimentation saine. Le programme de suivi de qualité de la politique en matière de nutrition suivra la qualité et la sécurité des aliments qui sont servis aux élèves. Il affectera les écoles qui utilisent des fournisseurs externes d'aliments et le personnel des cafétérias de la CSEM qui suivront un programme de formation en sécurité alimentaire.

KATRINA : C'est avec grand espoir et un profond désir d'aider les victimes de l'ouragan Katrina que les élèves de l'école St. Gabriel ont décidé d'organiser une levée de fonds pour cette cause. Récemment, une vente de gâteaux a eu lieu dans le but de recueillir des fonds pour le Fonds d'aide de la Croix Rouge canadienne. À l'école secondaire James Lyng de Saint-Henri, trois élèves – **Ashley Macdonald, Melanie Blumer et Jessica Bortnick** – ont approché leur enseignante d'éducation physique, Deborah Fairchild, pour les aider à organiser un défi de classe-foyer qui a remporté un grand succès.

À l'école secondaire Lester B. Pearson de l'arrondissement de Montréal-Nord, il a été demandé aux élèves d'aider les victimes de l'ouragan Katrina. Une enveloppe a été circulée dans chaque classe durant la première période de la journée afin de permettre aux élèves de faire un don. Carole Lavoie rapporte que les élèves et le personnel ont ainsi recueilli un montant de 1 832 \$.

FORMATION GÉNÉRALE DES ADULTES ET FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE

SHAVE TO SAVE : Le centre de carrières Laurier Macdonald a participé, à nouveau cette année, à la campagne « *Shave to Save* » de Mix 96 dans le cadre du mois de sensibilisation au cancer du sein. Le 5 octobre, sept élèves et un

enseignant de mécanique automobile ont offert gracieusement de se faire raser la tête pour cette cause méritoire. Vers la fin de la campagne, l'école espère recueillir près de 2 500 \$ au profit de la Fondation québécoise du cancer du sein.

VENTE DE GÂTEAUX DE SAINT-LAURENT : Cette année, le Centre d'adultes de Saint-Laurent a décidé d'avancer la date de sa vente annuelle de gâteaux afin de venir en aide aux victimes des ouragans Katrina et Rita et du tremblement de terre au Pakistan. Elle a eu lieu le 25 octobre et le produit de toutes les ventes a été versé à la Croix Rouge canadienne.

DATES IMPORTANTES

17, 18 NOVEMBRE 2005

Congrès de l'Association provinciale des enseignantes et des enseignants du Québec (APEQ)

11-13 MAI 2006

Congrès de l'Association canadienne des directeurs d'école (CAP)
Québec
www.cap2006.ca

30 MAI 2006

Défilé de mode des cadres scolaires

28 JUIN 2006

Tournoi de golf de la CSEM

Submissions for the Fielding Focus should be made to Michael J. Cohen by e-mail (mcohen@emsb.qc.ca), fax (483-7213) or drop it by room 109.