



# MUSTANG NEWS DECEMBER EDITION

## GMAA CROSS COUNTRY RUN

After tabulating all their times,  
the Grade 6 Girls Team  
finished in 3rd place!  
Congratulations Ladies  
#goHMgo



BE KIND  
BE BRAVE  
BE SILLY  
BE HONEST  
BE HAPPY  
BE YOU

## CAUGHT YOU BEING KIND

Did you know that Nov. 13th was World Kindness Day and our virtue for the month of November is kindness?

Our spiritual animator Ms. Mary has started the "Caught You Being Kind" contest. Teachers fill out coupons when students showcase random acts of #kindness.

Once a week, a random winner is picked & gets a prize 🏆 ✨

Yay to being #KIND !





# KIND TIME & VIRTUE ASSEMBLY

What does kindness mean to you?



A question our student reporter for the day asked fellow classmates on November 17th at our Kindness Virtue Assembly. This report was a collaboration video for "Kind Time" an online series created by our very own Media Personality, Ms. Pamela! Since 2020, she reports on kind news in Montreal & beyond.

You can catch the positive-filled report on ours + @pamela\_pagano's Instagram & FB pages!

Here are the winners for Gratitude; October's virtue. We are very proud of all of them





## GIFT CARD & FOOD DRIVE

Traditionally, at this time of the year, Honoré Mercier School holds a Christmas Basket food drive for needy families living in our community.

This year, we also collected gift cards for St-Brendan's Church, who will distribute these grocery gift cards to families in need. This collection ended in November.

We will be accepting Non-perishable food items until December 11th! We kindly ask that you check the expiry dates of the foods prior to sending them to school!

## YOGA FUNDRAISER

Drop-in Weekly Sessions for Parents & Teens  
Wednesdays / HM gym  
7 - 8 p.m. \$10 per session

Nov 29 & Dec 6, 13 20  
February 7, 14, 21, 28  
March 13, 20, 27  
April 3, 10, 17, 24  
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Taught by Nadia Ramundo  
Certified Yogafit instructor  
All funds raised go toward grade 6 activities.





## SOX IN A BOX FUNDRAISER

Honore Mercier is excited to announce that we will be participating in the 10th annual "Sox in a Box" campaign. Over the past 9 years, over 110,000 pairs of socks have been donated to those living in various shelters in our community.

Throughout the week of December 4th - 7th kindly send one, two or more pairs of new socks for either men, women, or children to school with your child.

Thank you for your support in helping those in need during the cold winter months in Montreal.



## HOME AND SCHOOL

We would like to thank the whole HM Community in making the annual Book Fair a huge success! A shoutout to the wonderful parent volunteers who gave up their time to volunteer at this event.

The Grade 6 Bake Sale was a successful and yummy event! Thank you to the bakers, sellers and buyers of this event.

Reminder next H&S meeting will be on Monday, December 4th, 2023 at 6pm followed by the Grade 6 graduation committee meeting.





# Holiday Concert

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As the Holiday Season approaches, we would like to warmly extend an invitation to our Holiday Concert on Wednesday December 20th, 2023 from 8:30 - 10:00 am or 1:00-2:30 pm. As in the past, the 20th will be a dress down day. Please wear holiday colours! Remember that hats are allowed, but reindeer antlers are not!

Seats are first come, first served and limited to four seats per family. There will not be any tickets given out this year. In lieu of an admission fee, we are requesting a voluntary donation that will go towards equipment for the music program.

Attending the concert will be a great opportunity to support your children and give them an occasion to showcase a finalized version of what they have been working towards in class. To practice the concert pieces, the students should go to their respective Google Classrooms.

Happy Holiday Season,  
Ms. Veronica 🎵





# BAND



Band is going very well!  
Our new students have learnt the first five notes and are excited to start their holiday piece!



## L'ORCHESTRE SYMPHONIQUE DE MONTREAL

Grades 3 & 4 had a wonderful time at the OSM. They enjoyed the wonderful sounds of the symphony and the spooky story that accompanied the music.





# GMAA VOLLEYBALL PLAYDATE

It was a truly fantastic day watching the students apply the skills that they have learnt during Phys. Ed. class and improved on during their lunch time activities. They competed and played with such vigor and excitement, fun was had by all!

Thank you to the students and parents who took the time during a Ped. Day to make this day successful.





## CHESS & CHECKERS

Students come down with great enthusiasm and are helping each other learn the game. They are also challenging themselves by playing against many opponents of various grade levels, which creates new friendships.



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## STORYTIME

We've been concentrating on Robert Munsch books as the students greatly enjoy them. They have many questions and comments after our reading sessions.



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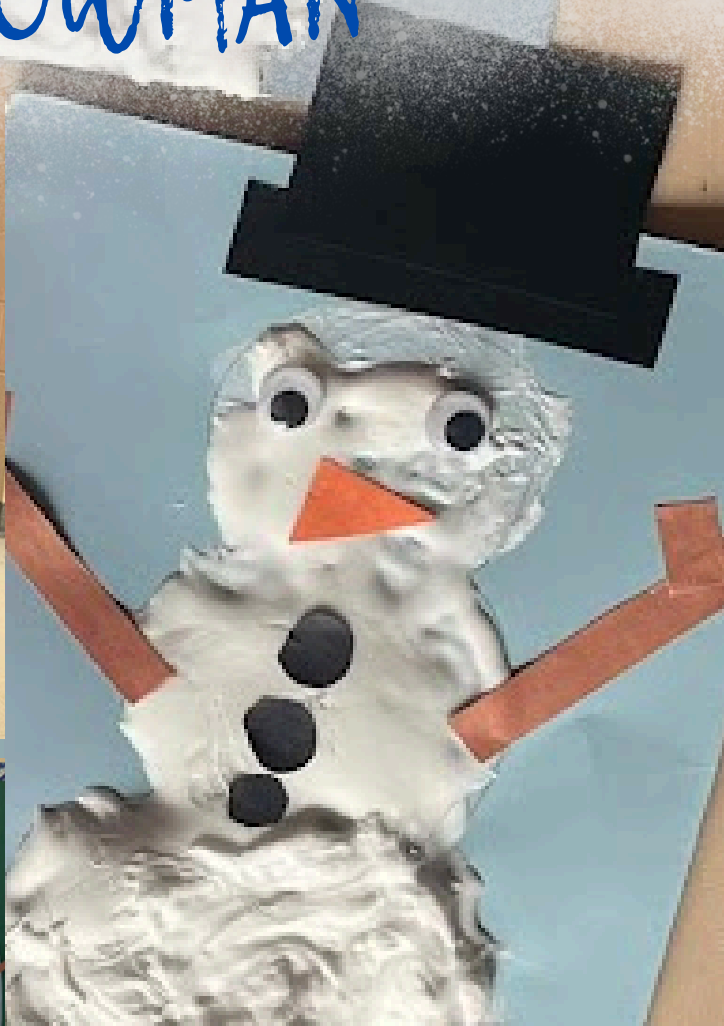




# SNOWMAN, SNOWMAN



## PUFFY SNOWMAN



### CRÈME À RASSER

Les élèves de la maternelle (K4) ont créé des bonhommes de neige en 3D, en explorant les textures en art.







**BLUE BOTS**

Le codage a commencé à la maternelle (K5)!  
Coding teaches students how to think creatively, think logically, problem solve and work collaboratively with peers.





# HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Holidays Around the World: With the holidays arriving soon, 1A/1B will be learning about different holidays that are celebrated in different countries and their traditions. While learning about the different holidays, they will each receive a stamp in their passport showing that they have completed the learning for that country. Stay tuned to see which countries they visit!

Elf Application: The North Pole sent Alfie the Elf to class 1A/1B with a panic note. In the note it explains that The North Pole is short-staffed, and they need help with very important jobs! The students in 1A/1B will apply for the job they think would be best for them. The choices are Gift wrapper, toy maker and baker. Alfie the Elf will be watching to make sure that they are right for the job. They will even come up with their own Elf name!! Stay tuned to see if they were hired!







Bo's Magical New Friend

Rebecca Elliott

## DIGITAL BOOK REPORTS

After reading a novel of their choice, the grade 4 students were taught how to use Google Slides to make a digital book report. They learned how to add text and change its font and size, as well as how to add an image and put color throughout their work. Their book reports were not only informative, but also beautiful!



Nancy Drew's friends get invited to a wedding and she decides to tag along.

One of the important events is when Nancy Drew saves the wedding and catches the bad guy.

Another important event is when Nancy Drew and her friends go to investigate the history of the grey fox inn.

The problem is that a mystery ghost is haunting the guests and someone is sabotaging the wedding.

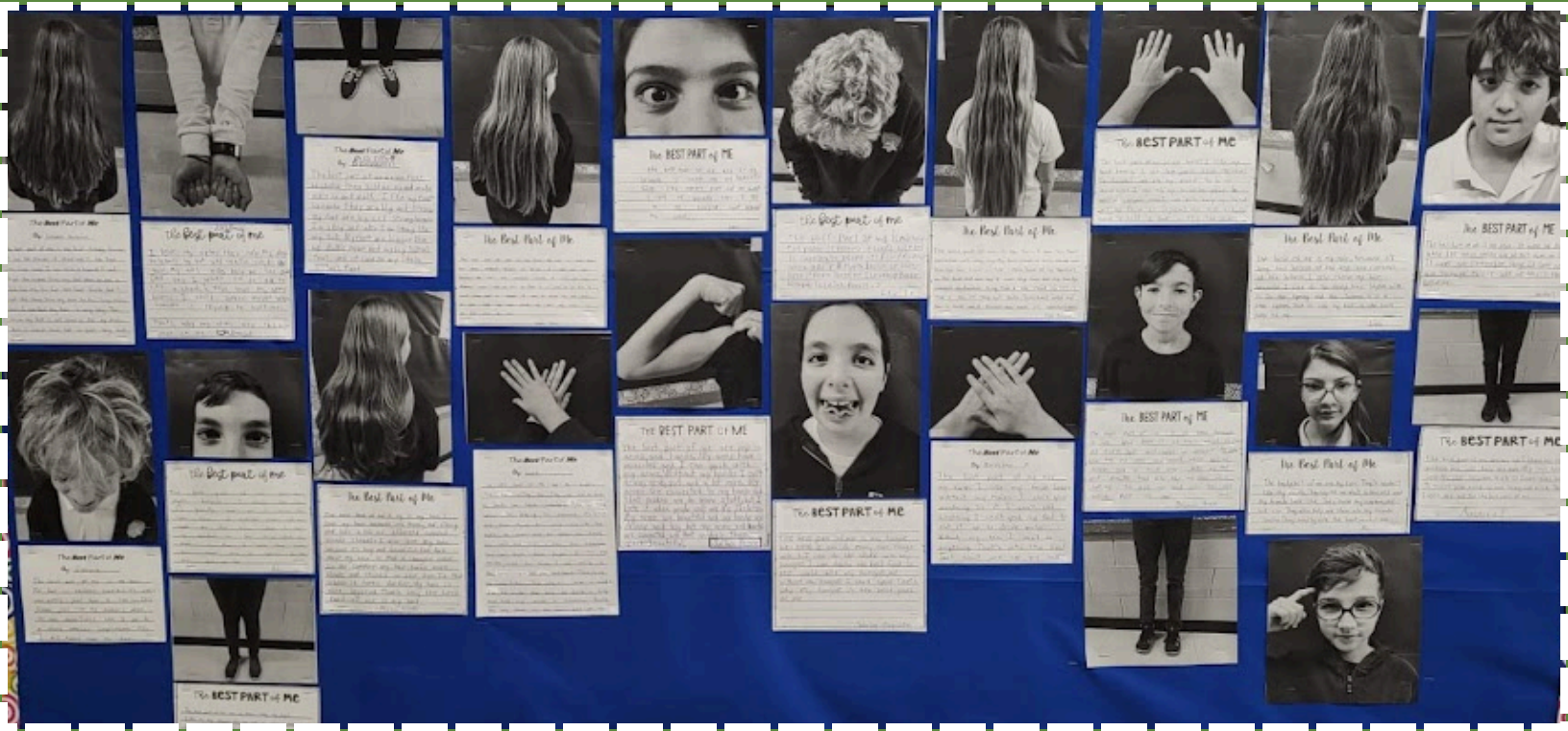
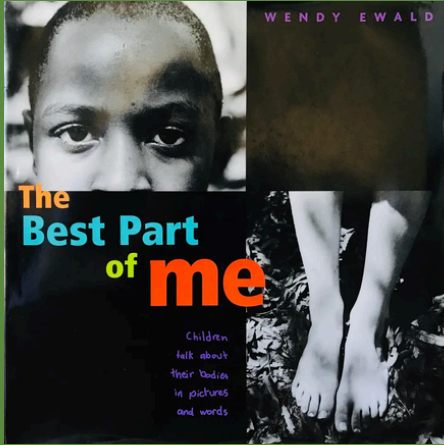
Another important event is when they go to dinner and Charlet found a knife in her drink.





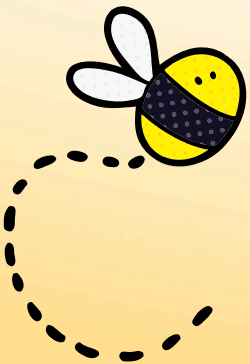
# THE BEST PART OF ME

Grade 5 students were inspired to write about themselves after being introduced to the book "The Best Part of Me" by Wendy Ewald.





# Gr. 5 & Alvéole





## KINDNESS IN CLASS

À travers différents ateliers et discussions, les élèves de la 6e année travaillent à développer des habitudes quotidiennes de gentillesse et d'entraide envers leurs camarades de classe, le personnel de l'école ainsi que les membres de leur famille.

In English class, students have written their own Gifts of Kindness poems allowing them to think a little deeper about the meaning of being kind.

### GIFTS OF KINDNESS

I am kind to animals when I give them treats.  
I am kind to my friends when I listen to them  
when they're speaking.

I am kind to my teacher when I show respect,  
don't talk while they are teaching.

I am kind to the earth when I do not throw my  
trash on the ground.

I am kind to my family when I help them  
around the house.

I am kind to myself when I believe in myself.  
I will be kind to my classmates by being calm,  
and being friendly.

These are my gifts of kindness.

-Sara Arcuri





*Happy  
Holidays*