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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Taking a firm stand against tobacco use among our youth

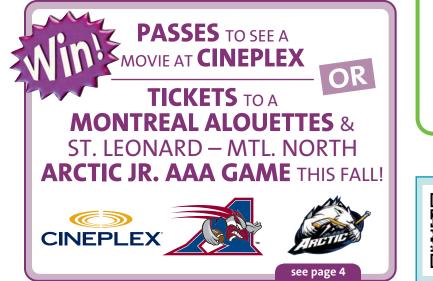


Angela Mancini

Towards the end of the last academic year, the English Montreal School Board, the Youth Coalition Against Smoking (a movement coordinated by the Quebec Council on Tobacco and Health) and the Public Health Director of the CIUSSS du Centre-Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal co-presented an important youth forum on the subject of tobacco use. It took place at St. Pius X Career Centre and included the presence of Grade 10 students from 10 of our high schools.

We plan to hold a number of forums such as this on different health issues, but we felt strongly that this first one should deal with smoking/vaping and the tobacco industry's constant efforts to win youth over as new clients. This all falls into the backdrop of massive cuts in healthcare in Quebec, which will end funding for many programs directly geared towards youth in the area of prevention and promotion. It also coincided with the revision of Bill 112, which governs tobacco use in Quebec, and with the expiration of the Canada Health and Services Act, which governs the parameters and provides the funding for our health services. So it is a time of much movement!

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Bold step towards energy efficiency

The English Montreal School Board is in the midst of its second major initiative aimed at bolstering energy efficiency in school buildings.

This \$24.6 million project with energy efficiency experts Énergère is initially focusing on 17 specific schools and centers. This new project with Énergère includes, among other measures, equipment renewal and modernization using aerothermal technology, replacing 25,300 lights and the addition of automated controls to enhance the comfort of staff and students.

Once the project is completed, the 17 buildings will achieve a 53 percent reduction in energy consumption and 74 percent or 4,070 tons of CO_2 reduction in greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to removing more than 1,270 cars from the road.

See pages 9 to 11 for much more on this project.



Shown above are students from John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel who study energy savings in Science class, along with EMSB Vice Chair Sylvia Lo Bianco, Chairman Angela Mancini, Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change, David Heurtel, Commissioner Agostino Cannavino and Principal Joseph Vitantonio.



Six elementary schools participated in a contest tied to the energy saving project, designing leaves or petals on a large piece of coroplast poster board shaped like a tree with ideas or actions regarding what they can do to protect the environment. Dante Elementary School in St. Léonard was chosen as the winner. Pictured, left to right, are: teacher Franca Mambro, Giovanni Mainella, Adamo Capone, Myreko Montanaro, Gabriella Gagliano, Liane Grise, Matteo Pisano and Principal Daniela Lattanzio.

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Students are directly affected by these issues, yet are too young to vote. The health forum served as a platform for brainstorming, for expressing ideas and for figuring out ways to communicate those ideas for the betterment of their society.

Students were provided with an opportunity to interact with their peers through small group activities as well as plenary sessions designed to give voice to their concerns regarding tobacco use, the industry and public policy. Animators were present to help students find creative ways to address the issues both onsite, and afterwards in their own schools. Students were also encouraged to come up with a collective message to be delivered to Lucie Charlebois, Minister for Rehabilitation, Youth Protection and Public Health. Following the forum, student representatives, along with the Spiritual Community Animator for their school, were asked to facilitate a post-forum lunch-hour activity featuring a "Q&A" card challenge.



As Dr. Richard Massé, director of public health In Montréal, stated: "One in five SecThere is no doubt that his health forum served as an excellent strategy not only to raise

try, but ultimately to empower these students to take a stand in favour of a healthier society and



PICTURE LEFT:

This delegation from Marymount Academy International says "no" to tobacco use.

this activity, notably Assistant Director of Student Services Dora Cesta, Program Development Officer for Healthy Schools David Roger Gagnon and Spiritual, Religious and Moral Education Consultant Frank Lofeodo.

One in five Secondary V students already uses tobacco products and this forum was a call to action to us all...'

ondary V students already uses tobacco products and this forum was a call to action to us all. awareness among youth about the unsavoury marketing strategies used by the tobacco indusinspire their peers to act as well." Congratulations to our administrative team responsible forYou can see the CTV Report here: https://vimeo.com/ 126543154.

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EMSB appoints new Director General

Ann Marie Matheson has been appointed the new Director General of the English Montreal School Board, succeeding Robert Stocker who stepped down last month and now serves as a senior advisor.

Ms. Matheson's connection to the EMSB dates back to the beginning of her 23 year career in education. As a member of the Student Services Department of the former Montreal Catholic School Board (MCSC), she was directly involved with programs meant to reduce absenteeism and increase student success rates in all high schools, including St. Raphael, St Pius X and Paul VI schools. For three years, from 2011 to



Ann Marie Matheson

2014, Ms. Matheson was an EMSB commissioner for Ahuntsic.

Baccalaureate Program Coordinator at Marymount Academy International in its founding years and was on loan-of-service to the Ministry of Education and had responsibility for the École Montréalaise Program in English schools – 19 of which were in the EMSB.

Most recently Ms. Matheson has worked for the Lester B. Pearson School Board as a principal at LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School. The parent of two children who have attended EMSB schools, she served on the Region 3 Parents Committee and Central Parents Committee in 2005.



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DATEBOOK 2016

September 8, 2015 National Grandparents' Day World Literacy Day

October 5, 2015 **World Teachers Day**

October 4 - 10, 2015 **Fire Prevention Week** www.afleq.ca

October 12, 2015 Thanksgiving

October 28 - 29, 2015 **Career Fair For High School Students** Hosted by EMSB Student Services Department and Adult Education and Vocational Services St. Pius X Career Centre 9955 Papineau, Ahuntsic

November 2 - 6, 2015 **National Media** Literacy Week www.medialiteracyweek.ca

November 11, 2015 **Remembrance Day**

November 16 - 20, 2015 Professionals in **Education Week**

November 26 - 27, 2015 **Quebec Provincial Teachers** Association (QPAT) Convention Palais des Congrés, Montreal

December 10, 2015 **Human Rights Day**

December 21, 2015 to January 1, 2016 **Christmas Break**

The EMSB council of commissioners meet in public once a month. They convene at 4:30 p.m., only to adopt the agenda, and move in camera. Therefore the session for the public convenes at 7:30 p.m.and is held in the Laurence Patterson Conference Room of the administration building at 6000 Fielding Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please note that occasionally during the year special meetings are called. Parents are urged to bookmark the EMSB website (www.emsb.qc.ca) to access Board meeting agendas and to be advised about special

January 2016 **EMSB** Public School **Education Month**

> January 27, 2016 Family Literacy Day (www.fld-jaf.ca)

February 2016 **Black History Month**

February 1 - 5, 2016 Kindergarten **Registration Week**

February 1 - 5, 2016 **Teacher Appreciation Week** (Quebec)

February 8 - 12, 2016 Teacher Appreciation Week (Canada)

February 15 - 19, 2016 Hooked on School Days

February 29 to March 4, 2016 March Break

March 2016 **EMSB Nutrition Month**

April 10 - 17, 2016 **National Volunteer Week**

April 12, 2016 Terry Fox Day

MEETINGS

- September 21, 2015
- October 28, 2015
- November 25, 2015
- December 16, 2015 • January 27, 2016
- February 24, 2016
- March 23, 2016 April 27, 2016

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meetings. To register for question period please call 483-7200, ext. 7264. The meetings scheduled for this academic year are as follows:

- May 25, 2016
 - June 22, 2016

All meetings can be viewed live on the EMSB website.



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EBS AT ETIQUETTE BOOK LAUNCH

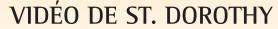
Some students and staff from **Elizabeth Ballantyne Elementary** School in Montreal West participated in the launch of Nancy Kosik's new book Guiding You in the Right Direction: Basic Day-to-Day Etiquette. It took place at Paragraph Bookstore downtown. This Oops! Etiquette Series, published in association with Les Editions LaLucia, is written for children, tweens and teens ages 9 to 14. This series of books is designed to provide tools that will help them develop selfawareness, awareness of others, and responsibility regarding the outcome of their interactions with people of all ages in diverse, realistic, social situations. EBS teacher Suzanne Englebretson, with the support of Principal Otis Delaney, brought Ms. Kosik into her Grade 5 class for a 12-week period to focus on etiquette. Students Aswinii Senathirajah and



Ms. Kosik presents students Aswinii Senathirajah and Qasim Mughal with framed certificates as teacher Suzanne Englebretson and child care worker Colette Holder look on.

Qasim Mughal spoke at the launch, lauding the value of the book and the lessons they learned. Ms.

Kosik has worked at a number of other EMSB schools. Info: www.nkaipe.com.



Le personnel de l'école primaire St. Dorothy, y compris l'animatrice Sherron Anglin, intègre sagement les technologies de l'information et de la communication (TIC) au programme d'études afin d'appuyer, de soutenir et d'améliorer l'apprentissage. Les classes inclusives intégrées TIC offriront une grande variété d'expériences d'apprentissage et assureront que tous les élèves développent les habiletés nécessaires pour valider (ex : choisir, comparer, analyser, discriminer et synthétiser) l'information électronique. Visionnez cette agréable vidéo qu'ils ont produit et constatez l'impeccable bilinguisme : https://vimor.com/ 128278198.

CITOYENNETÉ NUMÉRIQUE

Les Services pédagogiques de la CSENM ont lancé une nouvelle initiative de citoyenneté numérique. Au cours de deux journées pédagogiques consécutives, les enseignant(e)s du primaire et du secondaire et les directions d'école ont eu droit à des présentations pertinentes de la part du conférencier Dr Alec Couros. À la première journée, 700 enseignant(e)s du secondaire étaient présents, suivis le second jour par 900 enseignant(e)s du primaire. Le Dr Couros est professeur de technologie éducative et de médias de la Faculté de l'Éducation de l'Université de Régina. Il œuvre avec des enseignants en formation et en service actif pour les aider à développer les habiletés nécessaires pour devenir et continuer à être des éducateurs innovateurs et connectés. Il a animé mondialement des centaines de présentations sur l'intégration de la technologie éducative, la citoyenneté numérique, l'apprentissage connecté et l'identité numérique. Au cours de sa présentation, le Dr Couros a interagit avec l'auditoire et envoyé des tweets en direct. Vous pourrez revoir tous les tweets des journées pédagogiques à #emsbdc. « La citoyenneté digitale est un concept qui continue à évoluer » a déclaré la directrice adjointe des Services pédagogiques, Athina Galanogeorgos. « Ceci n'est que le début. Nous avons eu la chance que le Dr Couros partage son expertise avec nous tous. Notre rôle d'éducateurs continue à évoluer et l'une de nos plus grandes responsabilités sera de préparer les élèves à naviguer à travers toute cette nouvelle technologie et médias sociaux de façon sécuritaire, intelligente et appropriée. »



- 2 What is the name of the company the EMSB hired to carry out this project?
- 8 Who was the 2015 EMSB Volunteer of Distinction?

4 How many elected EMSB commissioners are there?

When is March Break this school year?

HISTORY OF THE SOUTH WEST



Canadiens General Manager Marc Bergevin with students and faculty during his visit to James Lyng High School.

James Lyng High School in St. Henri has launched an exciting cross curricular (history, ethics, English and French) project focusing on the history of the South West sector of Montreal. The latter encompasses St Henri, Little Burgundy, Pointe St Charles, Ville Émard. As an Urban Arts School, a focus undertaken in partnership with McGill University, the staff and students at James Lyng have posted a large scale wheatepaste mural on the exterior wall of the school featuring prominent figures from the South West. This includes jazz legend Oliver Jones, Montreal Canadiens General Manager Marc Bergevin, actor and

- 6 What date is Royal West Academy's Open House?
- 7 What is the name of the student singing star who attended Laurier Macdonald High School last year and performed at Volunteer Appreciation Evening?
- 8 Which insurance company advertises in the EMSB Express and sponsors our Volunteer Night?
- What day of the week do EMSB Council of Commissioners meetings typically fall on? 9

What is the EMSB Twitter address? 10

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The deadline is September 30, 2015.

Please cut out this form and bring it to the office of your school and ask that it be sent to Room 109 of the EMSB Head Office at 6000 Fielding via the internal mail system.

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this issue.

You can also access the form at www.emsb.qc.ca.

playwright Vittorio Rossi, and many more.

OVERDRIVE

The EMSB Pedagogical Services Department has launched a new service called OverDrive, offering free eBooks to all students and staff at high schools. This digital collection is available 24/7 and all one needs to get started is an internet connection and an EMSB email address. A wide variety of popular fiction and non-fiction materials for high school students is available, as well as content in French, Chinese and Spanish. Digital books are compatible with computers, smart phones, tablets and eReaders. For more information log on to: http://emsb.lib.overdrive.com, or http://www.emsb.gc.ca/virtuallibrary.

2015-2016 YOUTH SECTOR CALENDAR



To view the EMSB Youth Sector Calendar for 2015-2016 please go to this link http://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb_en/ on Main Menu go to Schools and then scroll down to "Calendars."

Annual EMSB Volunteer Appreciation Evening honours those for "Making a Difference"

by STUART NULMAN

Over 500 school volunteers and administrators, as well as senior management and commissioners, attended the 14th annual English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Volunteer Appreciation Evening last April 14 at the Plaza Volare of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ville St. Laurent. The event was held in conjunction with National Volunteer Week under the theme "Making A Difference."

Time and space did not allow the EMSB to honour all of its nearly 1,500 volunteers in person. Therefore, with those individuals who have volunteered for more than five years were in attendance. Volunteers with 15 or more years of service received a special EMSB Somerset candy jar as a special thank you gift. Several thousand copies of a commemorative program book were distributed to each school. La Capitale Financial Services was once again the title sponsor for this event.

The emcees for the evening were Global Evening News anchor Jamie Orchard and EMSB Communications and Marketing Specialist Michael Cohen.

"Making a difference is more than just a theme or a phrase that maybe taken for granted. However, when you see the multitude of our volunteers perform the duties they are called upon to do in a dedicated, rather selfless manner, then you witness vivid examples of what making a difference is all about," said EMSB Chairman Angela Mancini. She also credited the continuous hard work and dedication of the volunteers as a contributing factor towards the EMSB's amazing 87.8% success rate.

This year's Volunteer of Distinction was Mona Vaudry from St. Gabriel Elementary School in Pointe St. Charles. She began volunteering at St. Gabriel back in 1980 and 35 years later, still volunteers at the school every day from 6:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and does everything from decorating the school for special events, to preparing snacks for the students, to being involved with the school's Lunch Program and the Home and School Committee. 'Mona is a major contributor to the life and survival of St. Gabriel School. No matter what we ask of Mona, she is there for principal Jim us," said

Daskalakis. "To everyone at St. Gabriel, Mona Vaudry is like the Mona Lisa ... priceless!"

Guests at this year's Volunteer Appreciation Evening were treated to two special performances by a current EMSB student and an EMSB administrator. Angelike Falbo, a Secondary V student at Laurier Macdonald High School in St. Leonard, who appeared as a contestant on La Voix-TVA's version of The Voice - brought down the house with her extraordinary singing talent, which proved why she finished among the top four on the show, which had a viewership of 2.5 million people. Angelike also attended John Paul I, Gerald Mc-Shane and Frederick Banting. Her kindergarten teacher was East Hill Principal Myriane Lusignan, and the two had an emotional reunion at Volunteer Night. Joe Cacchione, a vice-principal at Galileo Adult Centre in Montreal North, entertained the guests with a brief stand-up comedy set in which he talked about what it's like to be an Italian in Montreal, and even gave non-Italian speakers a quick lesson on how to speak Italian.

The 2015 EMSB Volunteer Appreciation Evening was proud to have the following companies as its major sponsors: title sponsor La Capital Financial Services (www.lacapitale.com), which offers a wide range of products and services -- such as savings, investments and funds, individual life and health insurance, and group insurance -- that are designed to simplify financial choices for members working in the public and parapublic sectors in over 900 public and parapublic institutions across the province; Steve's Music Store (www.stevesmusic.com), which has evolved into a world renowned music store and a major force in the Canadian music industry since 1965. Steve's caters to all kinds of musical needs: acoustic, electric and bass guitarists, drummers and percussionists, keyboard players, pianists, brass and wind players, composers, public address systems, rentals and sheet music; Energère (www.energere.com) is a leading Quebec-based energy service company that provides innovative solutions to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and reduce their operating and maintenance expenses, and are currently partnered with the EMSB in an am-



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(1) CPC Vice-Chair and Parent Commissioner Andrew Ross. (2) Theodora Dafniotis, a volunteer at Carlyle Elementary School in TMR for more than 25 years, is congratulated by Chairman Angela Mancini. (3) EMSB Communications and Marketing Specialist Michael J. Cohen served as co-emcee. (4) Wali Muhammed, an EMSB caretaker by day, brought his musical group Ultimate Destinie to perform. (5) Joe Cacchione, principal of the EMSB's Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North, did an outstanding stand up comedy routine. (6) Angelike Falbo, the Laurier Macdonald High School student who also attended John Paul I Junior High School and Gerald McShane Elementary School, brought the house down when she sang only days after performing on the final episode of TVA's La Voix (The Voice) seen by more than 2.5 million viewers. (7) Angelike was reunited with her former Kindergarten teacher Myrianne Lusignan, presently the principal of East Hill Elementary School in RDP. (8) Global TV's Jamie Orchard was the co-emcee. (8) The Welcoming Committee, left to right: Mona Kamel, Yibing Shen, Carmelina Ridenti, Sabrina Mendaglio, Domenica Mendecino, Enza Caruso and Viky Keller. (10) Jean-Paul Apréa and Olivier Monmarte from event title sponsors La Capitale. (11) 2015 Volunteer of Distinction Mona Vaudry (far right) is congratulated by Commissioner Julien Feldman, Chairman Angela Mancini, St. Gabriel Elementary School Principal Jim Daskalakis and former Director General Robert Stocker. (12) The Funkins booth. (13) Mary De Santis and Ana Paula Ferreira from Locker Shelf Solutions.









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bitious energy efficiency project with 17 of its schools and centres; Loft Uniforms (www.loftuniforms.com), which sells a large selection of school uniforms for public and private schools, at both elementary and secondary levels. They outfit students in complete uniform or dress code in schools throughout Quebec and Ontario; Green Apple Studio (www. greenapplestudio.ca), is a photography studio that serves schools and daycare centres, and uses award-winning background replacement technology, which gives more flexibility and choices when it comes to student portrait photos. They also offer the "Portrait Book," in which a student's school portrait is presented in a high quality, durable book format. Green Apple Studio was also the official photographer for Volunteer Appreciation Night for the third consecutive year; The Big Blue Hug (www.thebigbluehug .com) deems itself as a "celebration of life in glass paint." They offer schools unique, gorgeous recognition gifts and custom awards; Learning Associates of Montreal (www.learnmtl.org) is a non-profit organization that has empowered children with learning disabilities since 1970 by helping them discover their strengths, overcome their challenges and thrive in life; Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (www.batshaw.qc.ca) is committed to the protection, safety and development of the child, as well as strengthening the role of parents and the family unit, by providing psychosocial, rehabilitation and social integration services to residents of the island of Montreal in English or French; Global Montreal (www.globalnews.ca) a longtime supporter of the EMSB and Volunteer Appreciation Evening; The Suburban Newspaper (www.thesuburban.com) established in 1963, is Quebec's largest weekly English newspaper, and recently launched



Jason Goldsmith from the Big Blue Hug. (20) Fran Goldenberg and Shalini Dowlani from the Canada Homestay Network. (21) Wendy Singer from Inspirations Newspaper. (22) The Learning Associates of Montreal. (23) Former commissioner Anne Williams, still very much an EMSB volunteer, with Commissioner Joseph Lalla. (24) Mario Marrazza, a longtime EMSB professional in the Adult Education and Vocational Services Department and a volunteer for decades as well, with Angela Mancini. (25) The booth from Quebec-based company Énergère.

the Suburban Card, a new membership/rewards card program; Funkins Inc. (www.funkins.ca) a leading source and supplier of customized products for all occasions and companies, offering items for employee incentives, new product launches, charities and events, and corporate gifts; Baratanga (www. baratanga.com) a company engaged in the creation, production and presentation of percussionbased workshops and performances for schools, festivals and corporations; Locker Shelf Solutions (www.lockershelfsolutions .com) which is the ultimate locker organizer that offers three sizes of adjustable, easy to set up kits made of recycled plastic that helps make a school locker become better organized, and improves the chances of student success; The Canada Homestay Network (www. canadahomestaynetwork.ca) has helped tens of thousands of students from 70 countries find a home away from home in over 20 communities across Canada since 1995; LaRonde (www.laronde. com), a Six Flags theme park, is Quebec's largest amusement park that attracts over 1.2 million visitors a year. It has 40 rides, including 10 roller coasters such as the Boomerang, the Cobra and Le Monstre. It is also the site of the annual Loto Quebec international fireworks festival

Most of the sponsors set up their own booths in an area of the ballroom, and every guest got the opportunity to visit each booth and find out about their respective services and/or products.

The evening concluded with a series of door prize drawings, which included Montreal Impact merchandise, books, gift baskets, jewelry, tickets to an EMSB Chorale concert, Locker Shelf Solutions sets, tickets to a Montreal Alouettes game, as well as a gift basket courtesy of La Capitale, five Selfie Sticks courtesy of Funkins, six glass paintings from the Big Blue Hug, an acoustic guitar and case from Steve's Music Store, a \$100 Best Buy gift card from Green Apple Studio, a clothing ensemble courtesy of Loft Uniforms, and a duffel bag, mink blanket and three-piece luggage set that were donated by Mega Design International.

Sponsorship Opportunities for 2016

Each year the EMSB is fortunate enough to receive many offers for sponsorship at Volunteer Appreciation Evening. The moment you sign on with us, we begin promoting your business in our newsletters, press releases and on our website. On the evening of the event you get an advertisement in our program book and more importantly a kiosk that will be visited by hundreds of parents who play important roles in the management of their respective schools.

VOLUNTEERS WITH ONE TO FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

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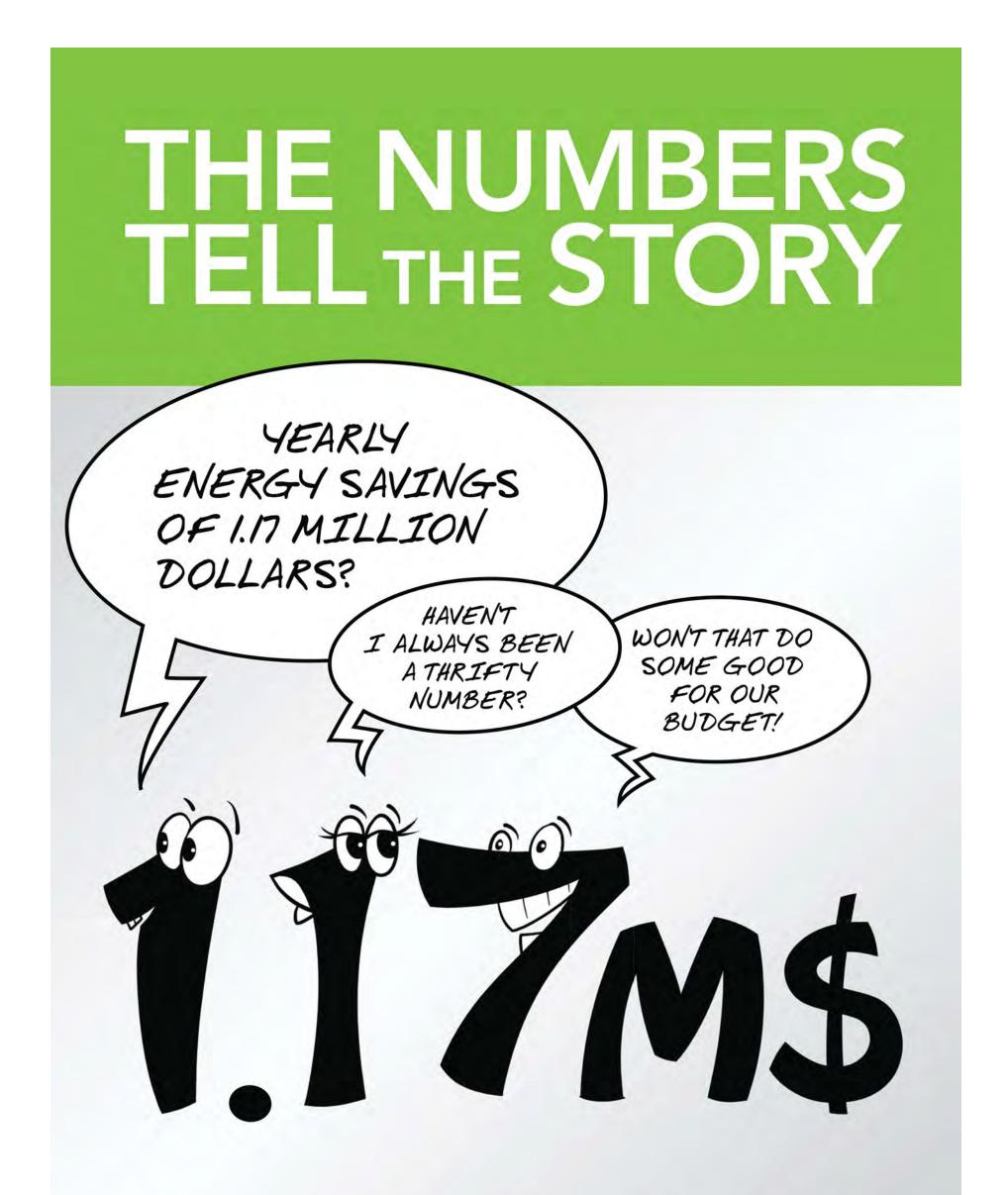
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This new project with Énergère includes, among other measures, equipment renewal and modernization using aerothermal technology, replacing 25,300 lights and the addition of automated controls to enhance the comfort of staff and students. Once the project is completed, the 17 buildings will achieve a 53 percent reduction in energy consumption and 74 percent or 4,070 tons of CO2 reduction in greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to removing more than 1,270 cars from the road.

Important Savings To Be Realized

All lighting fixtures will be converted from fluorescent to the latest in LED technology, which will save energy, last longer, and simplify maintenance while maintaining or enhancing lighting levels. This measure alone will account for \$9 million of the budget. Savings are projected to amount to more than \$1.17 million per year once all measures are in place. The initial investment is expected to be covered in 14 years, taking into account \$9.9 million in grants from Hydro-Québec, Gaz Métro, Bureau de l'efficacité et de l'innovation énergétiques (BEIE) and the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS).

The EMSB received proposals from three firms for this project, of which Energère's was deemed to be the best. The company



EMSB students like these are committed to recycling.

presented the EMSB Council of Commissioners with a detailed study which confirmed the results projected by their original proposal.

"The process to choose a firm was rigorous and we followed it very precisely," said EMSB Chairman Angela Mancini. "The proposal we retained met and surpassed the goals we set and when completed and paid, will provide the EMSB with important savings that will allow us to increase and improve services to students across the Board."

Énergère guarantees the project on three levels: costs, incentives, and energy savings. It is a win-win, turnkey project that fits well with the objectives of the EMSB Green Plan and will benefit the community at large.

Added Daniel Hogue, EMSB Director of Material Resources: "The project provides us with leading-edge energy technology, more control points that will ensure greater comfort for students and staff while offering the EMSB greater control over maintenance and associated operational costs."

Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change David Heurtel, the MNA for the riding of Viau, has applauded the initiative.

'The Quebec government will invest \$3 billion to fight against climate change through 2020," he remarked. "We want the word to get out that things need to change, and show that people can work together in the fight against climate change, and for a cleaner environment not only for today, but for tomorrow as well."

Work began last February and will be completed by this December.

Carbon Neutral Certified

"The project will put the EMSB in line or ahead of the targets for energy efficiency set by the government and we will be leaders in terms of environmental awareness and concrete actions that show our level of commitment," stated Ms. Mancini. "When the project is fully implemented at least 11 of the 17 schools will qualify to be certified carbon-neutral. That is something of which our entire Board can be rightly proud."

The 17 schools and centres are: Rosemount High School and Technology Centre and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School in Rosemount; Gerald McShane Elementary School in Montreal

North; Dante Elementary School in St. Léonard; Royal West Academy in Montreal West; Leonardo Da Vinci Academy, Michelangelo International and East Hill Elementary Schools in Rivière des Prairies; St. Gabriel Elementary School in Pointe St.-Charles; John F. Kennedy High School and Adult Education Centre in St.-Michel; High School of Montreal Adult Education Centre in the Plateau; Marymount Academy International in NDG; Laurier Macdonald High School and Vocational Centre and John Paul I Junior High School in St. Léonard; St. Pius X Career Centre in Ahuntsic: Shadd Business and Health Centre in NDG; Roslyn Elementary School in Westmount.

Jour de la Terre Québec

Énergère and the EMSB also announced a partnership with Jour de la Terre Québec, which conducted workshops at schools during the week of Earth Day last April. They made presentations on energy efficiency and offer solutions to help protect the environment.

"It should be pointed out that 2015 has been proclaimed as the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies," commented Jean-Philippe Hardy, assistant director of engineering for Energère. "Our publicity campaign is a good way to get this message out."

Nathalie Cloutier, a science teacher at John F. Kennedy High School, explained that her Grade 10 students already study energy conservation as part of the curriculum she puts forward.

The six elementary schools that participated were Pierre Elliott Trudeau, St. Gabriel, Gerald McShane, Dante, East Hill and Michelangelo.

First Phase Followup

Énergère's project follows up the first phase which occurred in 2009 when another company outfitted six schools with technology that cut their energy bills by 47 percent. This amounted to an annual reduction of 2,480 tons of greenhouse gases and greatly reduced the EMSB's carbon footprint, equivalent to removing 765 cars from the road. The company optimized the heating network and ventilation, installed more efficient hot water boilers, efficient lighting and heat recovery equipment which included geothermal heating and heat pump systems. This investment of \$8.4 million had an 11 year payback plan.

Concours d'art dans six écoles primaires de la Commission scolaire English-Montréal

Trudeau, Gerald McShane, Michelangelo, East Hill, St. Gabriel et Dante ont démontré un réel engouement pour le concours avec la participation de 1 055 élèves ! Chaque école participante a reçu un panneau d'affichage sur lequel était dessiné un arbre dénudé. Entre le 22 avril et le 8 mai 2015, les élèves devaient créer une feuille d'arbre ou une pétale de fleur et écrire leurs idées ou gestes qu'ils posent au quotidien pour protéger l'environnement. En habillant l'arbre de feuilles et de messages, les œuvres de chacun ont construit une véritable œuvre d'art collective, « l'Arbre des idées vertes ».

de sensibilisation commencée en avril beauté des dessins ainsi que par les messages été surpris par la finesse artistique, le souci du en partenariat avec le Jour de la des élèves, soucieux de la santé de notre détail et la réflexion menée autour de l'arbre. Terre. Les écoles Pierre Elliot planète. Pour chaque école, le jury a Sous la direction artistique du professeur d'art récompensé les six meilleures idées évaluées selon l'originalité, la beauté du dessin et le respect du thème. Voici quelques exemples : In the future I will build a robot that will recucle. Christopher Ramroop; Quand mon linge ne fait plus, je le donne à mon frère, Andy Zimmerman; J'éteins les lumières avant de partir à l'école, Teo Hemingway-Lalonde; Je viens à l'école avec ma bicyclette, Alejandro Sandoval: Utilise l'énergie solaire, Massimo Indelicato; I will save water from the rain and use it to water the plants, Marika Alessia Neri. A l'issue des visites, les membres du jury ont choisi l'arbre gagnant qui prendra place au centre administratif de la commission scolaire. Félicitations à l'école primaire Dante pour la création du plus bel arbre! Nos juges ont

plastique, Mlle Franca Mambro, cet arbre a un impact visuel immédiat, un véritable régal pour les yeux et les sens. Rehaussé par son fond bleu ciel, cet arbre représente les quatre saisons, des branches d'arbre enneigées aux feuilles orangées automnales jusqu'au vert vibrant de l'été. En utilisant des textures et des techniques différentes, le réalisme de chaque feuille est impressionnant. Des éléments créatifs ont été ajoutés comprenant un nichoir, un nid d'oiseau, un seau à sirop d'érable, des oiseaux. des papillons, des escargots, un ver de terre et une enseigne de l'école Dante. Félicitations aux élèves de l'école Dante et l'Association d'Art qui ont proposé une très belle réflexion, qui ont passé du temps et transmis leur amour de l'environnement !

écoles primaires ont participé à un concours, organisé par la Commission scolaire English-Montréal et Energère, afin de promouvoir l'efficacité énergétique et la protection de l'environnement. Ce concours coïncide avec l'annonce du projet

d'efficacité énergétique de 24,6 M\$ dans 17 écoles de la CSEM et poursuit la campagne

Trois juges ont visité les six établissements participants et ont été impressionnés par la

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Six elementary schools produce outstanding 'tree' posters

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By Wendy Singer

Six elementary schools participated in a contest sponsored by the English Montreal School Board and Montreal-based energy efficiency solutions company Energère to help promote and raise awareness of energy efficiency and protecting the planet. This contest coincided with the recent announcement of an ambitious \$24.6 million project, in which 17 EMSB schools and centres were chosen to help bolster energy efficiency by modernizing and renewing their equipment, so that they could significantly reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

Each participating school received a drawing of a tree on an eight-foot by eight-foot piece of coroplast poster board. Each participating student then designed a leaf or petal from a piece of paper, wrote their own idea or action on it regarding what they can do to protect the environment, and pasted it on the tree. Together, these messages created a uniquelooking landscape.

The six elementary schools that participated in this contest, and are also part of the energy efficiency project, were Pierre Elliott Trudeau School in Rosemount; St. Gabriel School in Pointe St. Charles; Gerald McShane School in Montreal North; Dante School in St. Leonard; and East Hill School and Michelangelo International in Riviere des Prairies.

Énergère Communications and Marketing Coordinator Laëtitia Jouanlau and blogger Zoe Bennett joined me as judges. We were mandated to choose winning leaves in each school. The criteria for judging included the leaf or petal's originality, beauty, and respect for the theme of energy efficiency and protecting the planet. Prizes included a soccer ball, passes to Parc Safari, The Biodome, The Science Centre, and Bateau Mouche, and a gift card to Sports Experts.

Judges were impressed by the thought that students put into their energy saving ideas and the design of their leaves. They clearly saw that students understand the importance of conserving energy and taking care of our planet, and are prepared to take a proactive stance. Ideas were as specific as turning off the water when brushing teeth, and as creative as building a robot in the future that will recycle. All in all, the message was clear: Recycle, Reuse, Reduce.





Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School



creative guidance of Art Teacher Franca Mambro, this tree has an immediate visual impact, and is a veritable feast for the eyes and senses. Its impact continues as one takes the time to examine all that grows within this work of art. Seeing Dante's tree for the first time is a veritable feast for the eyes.

Gerald McShane Elementary School

Under the direction of Art Teacher Hélène Diguer, 220 Gerald McShane students from all cycles created a most decorative tree. Judges were struck by how the pink and green colours of the leaves mingled so beautifully together, and how the sweet hearts that Kindergarten students shared their energy saving messages on, which are placed on the grass

Michelangelo International School

Michelangelo International presented a tree so full of life it virtually jumps out to greet you in every sense. Ida de Laurentiis, International Baccalaureate Coordinator, and Elizabeth Pellicone, Spiritual Community Animator, developed a treescape plan which saw 368 students from all grades create leaves and petals using different materials, and replicate leaves from a variety of Canadian trees. The forethought put into the tree, along with the creativity of the students, resulted magnificently artistic tree.

Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School

Judges were impressed when visiting PET's tree, which 220 students collaborated in creating. Guided by Science Teacher Mona Sevigny, each cycle worked creatively with a different type of leaf, all of which fit together beautifully. The vibrant colours and carefully etched and detailed drawings made each leaf come alive in a celebration of nature.



Gerald McShane Elementary School



East Hill Elementary School

FIRST PLACE: Dante Elementary School

Although all schools created award-winning trees, Dante Elementary School's "treescape" was chosen to be the overall winner, to be displayed at the EMSB head office. Judges were dazzled by the artistic finesse, attention to detail, and thought that went into growing Dante's tree. Under the level, bring charm and vibrancy to the tree.

East Hill Elementary School

East Hill's four Kindergarten classes drew beautiful drawings that shared their thoughts about saving energy and protecting our planet. Out of the 77 leaves and petals, judges chose Samuele Ragusa drawing about closing the faucet when brushing his teeth, Danika Zaffino's lovely and original bird, Siena Tangredi's girl using a recycling bin, and Alissa Perrotta's drawing of a girl protecting a tree. All students were commended for their compassion for the earth and energy conservation.

St. Gabriel Elementary School

All of St. Gabriel's 170 students participated in creating a delightful tree that pops in every way. Using a variety of colours and shapes, it was clear from their efforts and messages that they took pride in their tree. Situated in the Oasis Garden, which is in the middle of a thoroughfare of St. Gabriel School, students walked by with their classes while the



judges read their messages. They were very excited to share which leaves belonged to them; their passion for the environment was evident. Their tree, titled Universal, demonstrated clear messages about the community and nature that resonated deeply with students, teachers and judges.

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Increased Physical Education and Arts; Integrated Science; Advanced Math and Français Langue d'Enseignement (FLE)

www.emsb.qc.ca/johnpauli 8455 Pré-Laurin, St. Léonard 514-328-7171

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT:

OPEN HOUSE: October 8, 2015; 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

IBMYP ENTRANCE EXAM: October 24, 2015; 8 a.m.

LAURIER MACDONALD HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9 to 11)

Acclaimed Media; Education Department; Enriched English, French, Mathematics

www.emsb.qc.ca/lauriermac 7355 Viau, St. Léonard 514-374-6000

OPEN HOUSE: October 8, 2015; 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- Open house will be held at:
- John Paul I: 8455 Pré-Laurin

MARYMOUNT ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL

Technology, Music and Art Studios; Science; Sports Programme

www.emsb.qc.ca/marymount 5100 Côte St. Luc Road, N.D.G. 514-488-8144

OPEN HOUSE: October 1, 2015; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

PLACEMENT EXAMS: November 7th, 2015 at 9:00 am. and April 16th, 2016. A special Wednesday afternoon test can be arranged on parent's request.

IB PLACEMENT TESTS: November 7, 2015 - 9 a.m. and April 16, 2016 - 9 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

Media Arts Program, Athletic Leadership, Enriched English, French, Math, & Advanced Science. Technology Integration, Work Oriented Training Pathways (WOTP), 15+ Derogated Program, Student Support Centre

www.emsb.qc.ca/jfk 3030 Villeray, St. Michel 514-374-1449 OPEN HOUSE: October 29, 2015; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. www.emsb.qc.ca/johngrant 5785 Parkhaven, Côte Saint-Luc 514-484-4161 **OPEN HOUSE:** October 29, 2015; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

LINKS HIGH SCHOOL (EAST END)

http://www.emsb.qc.ca/links 9905 Papineau, Ahuntsic 514-723-2845 OPEN HOUSE: October 27, 2015; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. day! Meet the teachers in the evening! Presentation for new parents at 7 pm. ENTRANCE EXAMS (Secondary One): October 3, 2015; 9 a.m. to Noon

LAURENHILL ACADEMY

Science, Music, Art Studios, Technology, and Sports Programme

www.emsb.qc.ca/laurenhill Junior Campus 2355 Decelles, St. Laurent 514-331-8019

OPEN HOUSE: October 22, 2015; 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. PLACEMENT EXAMS: May 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m -Noon

WESTMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Placement Classes and Examinations in enriched Math, English, French, Environmental Science. Studio Art, Psychology, World History. Music, Woodwork, ECHO (Outdoor Education and Health Living) and Sports Leadership Electives.

www.westmount.koumbit.org/ 4350 Ste. Catherine Street West 514-933-2701

OPEN HOUSE: October 1, 2015; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. PLACEMENT TEST FOR NEW GRADE 7 STUDENTS: June 4, 2016; 8:45 a.m. to Noon





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