

## CORONATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### WINTER NEWSLETTER 2024

## CORONATION SCHOOL CELEBRATES

**BLACK**

**HISTORY**

**MONTH**

Greetings to all!

We hope that the new year has started off well for all of you. We are busy with learning and activities every day here at Coronation. We have school-wide assemblies and classroom activities planned for Black History Month and the Lunar New Year. We are also excited to celebrate our staff during Staff Appreciation Week and I thank the PPO in advance for helping us recognize the staff for their invaluable contributions and for going above and beyond to create a nurturing and enriching environment for our students to learn and grow.

I would like to remind you that March Break will take place from March 4 to March 8 and we look forward to seeing your children on **Monday, March 11, 2024**.

Warm regards,

*Ms. Rania Delis*

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**FEBRUARY 12- NO SCHOOL- DAYCARE OPEN**

**FEBRUARY 21- GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AT 6:30PM**

**FEBRUARY 28- NO SCHOOL- DAYCARE OPEN**

**MARCH 1- DRESS DOWN DAY**

**MARCH 4-MARCH 8  
SPRING BREAK**

#### KIDS 4 SOCIAL CHANGE: Food Drive Announcement!

Hey Coronation Community! Did you know that approximately 1 in 10 Quebecers rely on food banks for help?

We need your support! We want to help people in need and if you feel that way too, please donate non-perishable (peanut-free) foods like soup, beans, macaroni, granola bars, popcorn, and pretzels. We are collecting food items until February 14th, and will deliver them to the Côte des Neiges Black Community Center's food bank. Thank you for your kindness!

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

We are celebrating Black History Month with a lineup of inspiring events and classroom activities! From thought-provoking assemblies spotlighting Black trailblazers to engaging book talks exploring the rich tapestry of black literature, or diving into captivating art projects that honor the vibrant contributions of black artists, the month of February will be filled with learning opportunities for everyone!

Here are some examples of what is planned for the month ahead!

- Feb.22 Storyteller Diane Phillips visits Pre-School, Cycle 1 & Cycle 2
- Feb.23 School-wide assembly: Haitian Folkloric dance performance by Mapou Ginen & a play about Rosa Parks written & performed by a few Cycle 3 students
- Feb.26 Dance Artist gives workshops to students in Cycle 3

#### KATHY ROACH LAUREATE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

Our very own, Ms. Kathy Roach (Agent Pivot/ Community Worker, CIUSSS du Centre Ouest de l'île Montréal) received an award as a Laureate for Black History Month 2024 by The Round Table on Black History Month. On Monday, February 5th she was invited to sign the Golden Book at the City of Montreal with Mayor Valerie Plante and her team. We are so very proud of Kathy's accomplishments and most grateful for her time and devotion to our students and to the Coronation community. Congratulations Ms. Kathy!



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### CLASSROOM NEWS

#### Pre-School (K4/K5)

##### Black History Month

The K5 French Immersion class, will be learning about Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to become an Astronaut. The students will do a variety of activities related to space (e.g. Mini books, art and crafts activities (rocket ship with geometric forms, galaxy painting and drawing).

The K4 and K5 classes have been learning about Rosa Parks' bravery and fight for racial justice. We recognized her accomplishments on the buses and streets of Alabama.

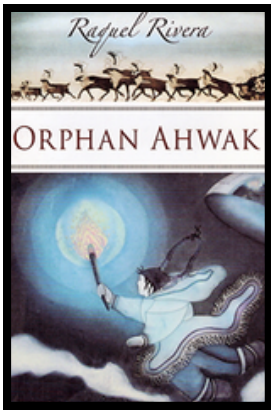
##### Other Exciting Activities

K4/K5 will be designing valentine hearts for their friends in the classroom and will be taking turns handing them out to each other.

Let's not forget, the students are also counting down to the 100th day of school and learning the letter R.



#### Cycle 1



In Cycle 1, the students just completed a 3-session workshop with Quebec writer, artist, performer, and author Raquel Rivera. The children had the opportunity to write and/or draw little stories in steps after learning about non-fiction & personal experiences. It was wonderful to witness the evolution of their abilities over the course of the 3 sessions. Ms. Rivera even left signed copies of her books for our library!

We are also looking forward to celebrating the 100th Day of School on February 21st. The children will be presenting their special projects, which the other cycles will have the opportunity to see that day in the gym. The students are really excited!

#### Cycle 2

##### Learning Opportunities

Grades 4 & ¾ French Immersion (in English class) are working on a biography unit. The students will be researching and writing a biography report of a prominent person of their choice. Students will then present their work using media representation.

##### Exam Time!

Students in Grade 4 are currently working hard on their French End-of-Cycle exams. We are so proud of their effort!

##### Cycle 2 Fab Fridays

Once a month from now to June, students will have a Fab Friday to celebrate their effort and hard work. All four classes will have a variety of choices such as nature walks, board games, and flashlight reading (in the dark)! We are looking forward to having a fabulous time celebrating the Cycle 2 students!



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#### Grade 5/6 in Room 206

##### Art Project with Leila Zelli

On January 17th, the students in room 206 participated in an online workshop. A video conference was organized by La cabane à culture, in association with le Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montréal, allowing hundreds of students across the province to meet with a visual artist from Montreal, Leila Zelli. She spoke to the students about herself and explained how art helped her express and develop her Quebecer identity, as she recently immigrated to Quebec, from Iran. She then showed the students how to use art to promote a cause that is important to us, like protecting the animals and saving the planet. The students created an animated illustration linking art and technology using Canva, to convey a message. What a wonderful project!



#### Rooms 117 and 208 Collaborate

##### Reading Buddies

Ms Coady's Grade 5 students shared their love of reading with Ms Shanna's Grade 1 students. The experience was enjoyed by all and we're already looking forward to the next time!



#### 203 and 210 Team Up Again!

##### Best Buddies

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Maimone's students are once again teaming up to spend the day at the Arboretum to experience an exciting winter day outdoors. Students will build bird feeders together which will then be hung in high traffic bird areas. The group will then proceed to try to feed the wild birds from their hands. Later in the day, students will take a trip through time and discover the early origins of sugaring off. And to top it all off, they will stop at serving tables to enjoy a taste of pure maple taffy.



#### Mme. Simons et les Bee-Bots!

##### Fun in French Class

In French class with Mme Simons, the students will be learning how to use Bee-Bots while learning French vocabulary at the same time! Ça va être super cool!

#### ES in Room 115

This month we are celebrating Valentines day and learning about arctic animals. Furthermore, we will be learning about the importance of Black History Month while celebrating accomplishments that African Americans have achieved. We will also introduce African music and African dance to our students.

#### Let's Have a Moment of SCIENCE with Ms. Shelly!

In Science, Cycle 3 students are working on their Eco-School projects for a science fair that supports wise use of resources and stewardship of our Earth. Cycle 2 students are learning about animals. The girl's astronomy club is wrapping up with a showcase of the telescopes they have built in Minecraft. Robotics club for Cycles 2 and 3 continues with deep engagement and camaraderie. We will be starting Robotics for Grade 3 students at lunch in the near future for 8 weeks, and a 'Make your own journal' club for grades 4 to 6 that will run for 6 weeks.