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The EMSB has received good news regarding enrolment figures for our youth sector. There are presently 19,345 students, a drop of only 24 from last year. This is a very encouraging sign, given that the EMSB had been losing several hundred students per year for more than a decade. The Adult Education and Vocational Services (AEVS) centres have close to 25,000 students registered, so with more than 44,000 students in total, the EMSB is indeed the largest English public school board in Quebec.

Our “Être bilingue, c'est gagnant!” marketing campaign, launched above at Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School in St. Léonard, has been a great success.

See our SPECIAL SECTION

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics



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EMSMB Director General Ann Marie Matheson gets a hands on look at the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) initiative at a press conference on January 27 when plans for expansion were announced.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Celebrating our Success Rate: We are number one in Quebec



ANGELA MANCINI

For the third year in a row the English Montreal School Board has the highest Success Rate in the entire province of Quebec among public school boards, figures released by The Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) show.

This is all the more impressive given the fact the province-wide graduation rate is 78.8 percent. This achievement was made possible thanks to everyone associated with the EMSB, from

our staff, parents, and volunteers and of course our students.

At the EMSB, our goal is to ensure that all students achieve their full potential and our diverse programs ensure enrichment for those who need it and remediation for others. The challenge of our pedagogues is to help each and every one of our students. An 89.4 percent success rate is a testimony to how our board, through a variety of initiatives, is achieving this goal. It is the firm commitment to our strategic plan and partnership agreements that make this success possible. Our phenomenal Success Rate is due to team work and perseverance. It is the strength of our team that makes us a great board.

The 89.4 percent figure is based on a seven-year cohort. It combines the high school graduation rate during that time period with the certification rate of students in the Work Orientation Training Pathway (WOTP). It followed the progression of students from 2008 to their graduating year in 2015 and represents an improvement from last year's total of 87.9 percent.

In our Partnership Agreement with the Ministry, the EMSB had a goal of 86 percent for the graduating class of 2016 and 88 percent for 2020. "We have surpassed that target and our 2020 objective," EMSB Director of Educational and Technology Services Sandra Furfaro said with pride.

To put the EMSB's present student Success Rates in full perspective, the average among all Quebec schools (public and private) is 78.8 percent while it stands at 74.9 percent for public schools only.

The complete listing of how each board in the province did can be viewed on the EMSB website at www.emsb.qc.ca.

History Exam

We have called upon the MEES to delay the implementation of a new Secondary III-IV History course by one year. Minister of Education Sébastien Proulx has yet to give his final approval for this program, and has extended the pilot phase of the curriculum until August 2017 so that more revisions could be made. The EMSB Council of Commissioners has heard its community and shares its deep concerns about the content of the course.

In a resolution adopted at the September 28 Council meeting, it was noted that the EMSB has a responsibility to represent and defend the anglophone community as it did so forcefully and eloquently in the battle against Bill 86. The EMSB Council voted to withhold its final approval of new Secondary III-IV History courses until changes are made to include a more accurate representation of the historical contributions of the First Nations, anglophone, and allophone communities to the development of Quebec society. The Council asked for feedback from EMSB History teachers who are presently implementing this program. Sixty-eight percent of the teachers who completed the questionnaire indicated that there should be more indigenous content.

Anna Sanalidro named one of Canada's outstanding principals

Anna Sanalidro, the principal of the EMSB's Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School in Rosemont, is the one of two Quebecers to have been selected as one of The Learning Partnership's *Canada's Outstanding Principals*™.

Now celebrating its 13th year, The Learning Partnership's Canada's Outstanding Principals program recognizes the unique and vital contribution of principals in publicly funded schools. The 40 principals,

nominated by parents, colleagues and community members, and chosen by a national selection committee, are being celebrated for demonstrating innovation, leadership and for employing creativity in finding solutions and opportunities within their school communities. The other Quebecer is Mary Lazaris, Principal of Twin Oaks Elementary School in Laval.

The winners also benefit from an exclusive five-day executive leadership training program at one of Canada's top business schools, the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. The program will introduce them to leadership and management practices presented by business, government and education leaders as well as Rotman faculty. Principals also participate in *The World of Work: Wellbeing and Resilience*, a professional learning day hosted by CIBC, where they have the opportunity to learn about today's workforce from leaders in business, health and education.

Anna Sanalidro has been a teacher, mathematics consultant, and administrator at both the elementary and secondary school levels. In 2014, she became the Principal at Pierre Elliott Trudeau, a school with diverse student needs. She began by engaging all stakeholders to provide input and participate in the change process and used her expertise to focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) program. She upgraded the school's technology, removed barriers to collaboration, and created two classrooms focusing on social, emotional and educational development. Supports are also in place to maximize learning opportunities for students with special needs. Ms. Sanalidro introduced acceleration as an approach to support underachieving students, and encouraged the use of an outdoor classroom to provide authentic learning experiences, supported by community volunteers. Not surprisingly, enrollment and achievement have increased under her leadership.



Anna Sanalidro



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Commissioner Joseph Lalla moved a motion at the January 25 Council meeting to ask the Minister of Education to provide English students with the similar/identical instructional and learning materials that are available to French students for the Secondary III and IV History program. In addition, the Minister

is being requested to ensure that a minimum of twenty percent of the Secondary IV History program honour the diverse linguistic and cultural history of Quebec and include the historical contributions made by the First Nations communities, as well as those made by the anglophone and allophone communities.

Watch EMSB Commissioner Joseph Lalla discuss the issue on Global TV: <https://vimeo.com/202037649>

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Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair
Concordia University

April 4
Volunteer Appreciation Evening

April 7
World Health Day

April 16 to 22
Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 21 and 22
Junior Robotics Competition
Royal West Academy

April 22
Earth Day

April 23
Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 26
Administrative Assistants/Secretary's Day

May 2
National Teacher's Day

May 2 to 8
Mental Health Awareness Week
www.mentalhealthweek.ca

May 6
EMSB Chorale Spring Gala Concert
Oscar Peterson Hall (Concordia – Loyola Campus)
True North: Celebrating Canadian Composers in honour of Canada's 150th Birthday
Adults: \$15 – Students: \$10
Children 12 and under: \$5

May 9
National Denim Day

May 15
International Day of Families

May 15 to 19
BASE Daycare Employees Recognition Week

May 25 to 27
Association of Administrators of English Schools of Quebec and the Quebec English School Boards Association Conference, Bromont

May 30
EMSB Impact Night at Sapurto Stadium, 7:30 pm

May 31
World No-Tobacco Day

June 15
International Caretakers Day

June 22
EMSB Alouettes Night at McGill Stadium, 7:30 pm

June 22
Last Day of Classes

MEETINGS

All meetings can be viewed live on the EMSB website.

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 meetings. To register for question period please call 483-7200, ext. 7264. The dates of the regular Board meetings for the 2017 session shall be held as follows:

- March 29, 2017
- April 26, 2017
- May 24, 2017
- June 14, 2017

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WARD 8

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DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Building a new Mackay Centre/Philip E. Layton facility



ANN MARIE MATHESON

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$21.9 million state-of-the-art facility for the Mackay Centre and Philip E. Layton Schools was held last fall.

The facility will be built on a now empty piece of land located on Terrebonne Street, between Benny and Madison Avenues, in NDG. The EMSB has owned the green space for decades. The field was most recently under municipal custodianship and used

as an informal playing field by the public and the neighbouring Commission scolaire de Montréal (CSDM) elementary school École Marc-Favreau.

The new school will house approximately 200 students with developmental, intellectual, auditory or visual impairments and will be the only one of its kind to offer specialized educational and rehabilitative services for the Anglophone community. Its supra-regional mandate means that students from all nine Quebec English School Boards will be attending this school. Some students must travel as much as three hours per day by school bus.

The entire facility has been carefully designed to cater to the diverse needs of its student population. On the ground floor, numerous specialized classrooms, washrooms, an outdoor courtyard, as well as an indoor therapeutic swimming pool are just some of the standard facilities planned. The second floor will accommodate the school administration as well as

private offices and equipment for medical professionals.

All efforts have been made by the EMSB to minimize the impact on commuting students, nearby residents and the environment. The building will be climate controlled via a geothermal heat-exchange system. Construction materials will be fabricated off-site to minimize noise and dust pollution. As many existing mature trees as possible will be preserved and sick trees will be inspected, pruned and/or replaced with healthy saplings.

To minimize traffic impact, school bus drop-off points will be located on the school property and a parking lot for 100 cars will be created. To ensure the safety of the students, crossing guard and bussing services will be carefully coordinated with St. Monica and Marc-Favreau schools.

Access to École Marc-Favreau will be maintained throughout the construction period and a permanent path will be built on right-side of the property to allow students to access the school from the rear.

A smaller sports field between the two schools will also be accessible by both student populations.

Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources at the EMSB, will manage the building project until its targeted completion in June of 2018. Results from all impact studies are available to the public and can be accessed by contacting the borough of Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce.

Spiritual Animation Service Recognized

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation recently recognized our Spiritual and Community Animation Service for its ongoing efforts to foster racial harmony, cross-cultural understanding and eliminate racism. The honour was bestowed upon the Spiritual and Community Animation Service at

the recent Canadian Race Relations Foundation conference in Toronto.

The Spiritual and Community Animation Service team serves the inter-cultural and inter-spiritual needs of the students in their schools. We offer an education of the heart and we expose students to values education, and the commonality of those values as expressed in diverse spiritual practices. Our students are encouraged to take these values and put them into practice in community service.

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation was founded in 1997 by the Government of Canada and is dedicated to the elimination of racism and the promotion of harmonious race relations. "The submissions for this year spanned the country and highlighted a great number of communities, issues and approaches," added Lofeodo. ■

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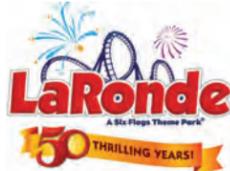
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EMSB Express Quiz — CLUE: The answers to these questions can be easily found by reading this issue of the EMSB Express.

- 1 What does STEAM stand for?

- 2 Which former astronaut participated in the EMSB STEAM launch?

- 3 What anniversary did Bancroft Elementary School celebrate recently?

- 4 What date is Earth Day?

- 5 What right do parent commissioners at school boards now have?

- 6 How much money will the new Mackay Centre School cost to build?

- 7 Which famous baseball player did some EMSB schools hear about during Black History Month?

- 8 At what school does Anna Sanalidro serve as principal?

- 9 Which EMSB school won the CBC Music Challenge?

- 10 What is the name of the former pedagogue who recently turned 100?

NAME _____
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The deadline is April 18, 2017

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BULLETIN

de nouvelles

Être bilingue

La CSEM est très heureuse de l'accueil positif qu'a reçu sa nouvelle campagne de promotion du bilinguisme. Lancé dans le cadre de la rentrée scolaire 2016-2017, le nouveau slogan de la CSEM « Être bilingue, c'est gagnant! » met l'accent sur le bilinguisme en tant que formule gagnante. La CSEM déploie à ce titre une campagne de publicité complète assortie d'affiches et d'articles promotionnels afin de diffuser largement son message. Conformément à la Charte de la langue française, un certificat d'admissibilité est remis à l'enfant qui reçoit ou a reçu la majorité de son enseignement en anglais dans une école primaire ou secondaire au Canada; à l'enfant dont le père ou la mère a reçu la majorité de son enseignement primaire en anglais au Canada; ou à l'enfant dont le frère ou la sœur a suivi ou suit la majorité de ses études en anglais dans une école primaire ou secondaire au Canada. ■

L'arbre de l'espoir

Eryka Lafleur-Smith, ancienne élève de la CSEM, qui unit ses efforts à ceux d'Enfant-Retour Québec – ERQ (*The Missing Children's Network*) depuis plusieurs années dans le but de sensibiliser la population à la problématique de la fugue chez les jeunes, est de retour encore une fois cette année pour appuyer cet organisme dans la lutte contre les jeunes en fugue. En collaboration avec l'animateur de vie spirituelle et d'engagement communautaire, Rocco Speranza,



Les feuilles seront ensuite disposées sur l'arbre en guise d'espoir et pour souligner le pouvoir de l'empathie.

Eryka organise des séances dans les écoles et s'est engagée à peindre un Arbre de l'espoir au Collège Vincent Massey (CVM). À la fin de la séance qui aura lieu au CVM et qui portera sur les sites Web de réseaux sociaux, les barrières positives, les relations saines et la sécurité en ligne, les élèves recevront une feuille d'arbre en papier de couleur sur laquelle ils seront invités à inscrire des messages d'espoir. Les feuilles seront ensuite disposées sur l'arbre en guise d'espoir et pour souligner

le pouvoir de l'empathie. Lorsqu'ils passeront près de l'arbre, les élèves et les membres du personnel pourront lire ces messages empreints d'espoir, éveillant du coup un sentiment de joie et de prise en charge alors qu'ils vaquent à leurs occupations. Eryka collabore avec Enfant-Retour Québec depuis six ans déjà, alors qu'elle était en 2^e secondaire et a participé à l'activité *Voices for the Missing* organisée conjointement par M. Speranza et Enfant-Retour Québec. ■

Le Club des petits déjeuners à l'école Sinclair Laird



Le maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre, a rendu visite à l'école primaire Sinclair Laird.

Le maire de Montréal, Denis Coderre, a rendu visite à l'école primaire Sinclair Laird (8380, rue Wiseman) située dans Parc-Extension, le lundi 5 décembre (à 7 h 30) à l'occasion de la première activité à s'inscrire dans sa Politique de l'enfant, et ce, en collaboration avec le Club des petits déjeuners. La présidente de la CSEM, Angela Mancini, un représentant du Club des petits déjeuners ainsi que le commissaire à l'enfance à la Ville de Montréal Tommy Kulczyk ont pris la parole lors de cette activité. Diététiste de profession et gestionnaire dans le système québécois des soins de santé, M^{me} Mancini appuie chaudement l'initiative du maire Coderre. En vue d'aborder les problèmes liés à la pauvreté, à l'inclusion sociale et au décrochage scolaire au Québec, le maire

Coderre a lancé une politique de l'enfant en juin dernier. La Ville souhaite ainsi que les enfants et les adolescents les plus défavorisés puissent avoir un lunch le midi, et accéder à des activités sportives, culturelles et parascolaires.

Depuis maintenant 22 ans, le Club des petits déjeuners nourrit le potentiel des enfants en veillant à ce que le plus grand nombre possible d'entre eux aient accès à un petit déjeuner nutritif avant le début des classes, dans un environnement propice au développement de leur estime de soi. Bien plus qu'un programme de déjeuner, l'approche du Club repose sur l'engagement, la valorisation et le développement des capacités. Celui-ci s'associe aux communautés et aux organismes régionaux pour développer une formule optimale

Corridor vert

L'arrondissement de Montréal-Nord de la Ville de Montréal a signé l'an dernier une importante entente avec la Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPI) et la CSEM portant sur la mise en œuvre d'un projet novateur de corridor vert dans le secteur compris entre les rues Pascal (nord) et Renoir (sud), le boulevard Rolland (est) et l'avenue Laurier (ouest). Dans ce secteur d'à peine un demi-kilomètre carré, on retrouve cinq écoles, deux parcs, la Maison culturelle et communautaire (salles de spectacle et d'exposition, bibliothèque), un aréna et une piscine publique. Plus de 6 000 écoliers, parents et enseignants y transitent chaque jour de la semaine. Les cinq écoles sont les suivantes : école primaire Gerald-McShane et école secondaire Lester-B.-Pearson de la CSEM, école secondaire Henri-Bourassa, école primaire Jules-Verne et école Carignan. Les détails du projet de corridor vert ont été dévoilés le 5 octobre, dans le cadre d'une visite des différentes stations qu'il comporte. Dans le cadre de l'entente, les

adaptée aux besoins locaux. Désormais présent sur l'ensemble du territoire canadien, le Club des petits déjeuners contribue à nourrir chaque jour quelque 163 000 enfants dans 1 455 établissements scolaires au pays. ■



Au cours des quatre prochaines années, des efforts considérables seront déployés dans ce secteur achalandé afin d'en faire un milieu de vie agréable et accessible, actif et convivial.

deux commissions scolaires ont convenu de : siéger à une table de concertation constituée des trois parties à l'entente; participer à la production et à la mise en œuvre d'un portefeuille intégré de projets; définir les besoins en matière de verdissement, d'aménagement, de

mobilité et de mobilisation; soutenir le développement d'un programme pédagogique et d'animation du milieu; collaborer avec les organismes du milieu qui pourraient être impliqués dans plusieurs volets de ce projet d'envergure; et réaliser un plan de déplacement scolaire. ■

Vélos d'exercice

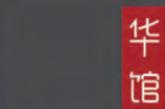
Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette, directrice de l'école Royal Vale à NDG, a équipé plusieurs classes de vélos d'exercices. Les recherches démontrent que les élèves qui ont accès à un tel équipement parviennent à autoréguler leurs émotions et à diminuer leur stress ou leur anxiété. Ils ont la possibilité de faire de l'exercice lorsqu'ils ressentent le besoin de bouger, ce qui les aide à améliorer leur capacité d'attention. Et bien entendu, il s'agit aussi d'un excellent moyen de faire de l'exercice, comme sont à même d'en témoigner plusieurs enseignants qui ont eux-mêmes accès à ces vélos! Les réunions sont désormais plus actives que jamais alors que les participants pédalent tout en échangeant des idées pédagogiques! ■

Help your teacher dine at

On the occasion of National Teachers Day, which takes place on May 9, 2017, PF Chang's is calling upon parents and students to nominate their teacher to win a \$100 gift card!

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EMSB rolls out new plans for expansion of

STEAM initiative

Science Technology Engineering Arts mathematics

by STUART NULMAN

The EMSB recently announced plans to expand its very successful pilot project run of the STEAM initiative, touting it as the future of how to teach Science.

“STEAM” stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. It represents a multi-disciplinary initiative that promotes creativity and high levels of student engagement, as they perform a series of group projects that not only involve five school subject domains, but also makes them more relevant, creative, discovery-based and interesting for students.

STEAM is subject-specific learning. It aims to foster inquiring minds, logical reasoning, and collaboration skills.

For the 2016-17 academic year, two elementary schools – General Vanier in St. Léonard and Pierre Elliott Trudeau in Rosemount – have been successfully piloting the program. At a press conference held at General Vanier School on January 27, EMSB Chairman Angela Mancini announced that at least a dozen schools want to bring STEAM into their buildings as early as next year. The EMSB has also invited experts in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics to serve as official STEAM ambassadors. These individuals have agreed to visit EMSB STEAM classrooms to share their experiences.

Steam Ambassadors

At the press conference, former astronaut and present-day Federal Minister of Transport and Liberal Member of Parliament for NDG-Westmount Marc Garneau was among the STEAM ambassadors introduced. Also included were several media weather forecasters who use Science and the Arts to carry out their duties: Lori Graham (CTV), Anthony Farnell (Global TV), Eramelinda Boquer (CJAD), Sabrina Marandola (CBC); Rejean Ouimet (Météomédia) and Catherine Verdon Diamond (Breakfast TV). Other ambassadors on hand for the event were Annie Savard, McGill University (Math); student Steven Dahdah, McGill University (Engineering); and Kathryn Westoll and Mike Payette from Geordie Theatre Productions (Arts).

Popular in schools in China, India and the United States, STEAM engages students in a hands-on, trial and error basis by involving them in a series of interactive projects that integrate the five educational disciplines that make up the STEAM acronym, using the latest technological devices and the most simplest of building materials. The projects involve the students in a group dynamic, as they work together by conceptualizing, communicating, collaborating and building within authentic situations that are given to them by their teacher. In turn, they figure out together how things work by actions, by bringing out a more reality-based approach into the classroom. As a result, these STEAM projects foster not only communication, conceptualization and collaboration, but also curiosity, creativity and critical thinking.

Pedagogical Leaders

During the pilot project period, the EMSB has employed three of its educational consultants as STEAM leaders for the two schools in question: Sara Iatauro, who is the science consultant for the elementary schools; Nicolas Doyon, who is the arts consultant; and Chad Leblanc, who is the elementary mathematics consultant. They visit the two schools on a weekly basis to lead STEAM exercises with its students and discuss the mechanics of the program with its teachers and administrators.

“Kids understand the process of inquiry, and how to question things,” said Ms. Iatauro. “STEAM provides the framework that moves students to the point of explanation, which will allow them to take ownership of their learning.”

The nucleus of the STEAM program is the “Makerspace,” which is usually a converted unused classroom. It provides the tools and



1. The EMSB staff from Education and Technology Services leading the STEAM initiative, Chad Leblanc, Nicholas Doyon and Sara Iatauro. / 2. Angela Mancini / 3. NDG-Westmount MP, Federal Minister of Transport and former astronaut Marc Garneau with teacher Patrick Charland and students from Pierre Elliott Trudeau and their robot. / 4. Dignitaries and students gather at the unveiling of the STEAM banner.

supplies that are more accessible to the students for their use towards accomplishing the exercise or project in question and helps develop an atmosphere where innovative creativity and learning can take place.

“The Makerspace provides the necessary tools that helps create the dynamic of being a place where a student’s mind can be stimulated,” said Mr. Doyon. “It’s a place that motivates you to try, to build and to figure things out. It’s like a stepping stone towards becoming an official STEAM school.”

“One of the most powerful moments for me so far with STEAM, was that one student came up to me and said that the Makerspace was their favorite classroom in the school,” added Ms. Iatauro.

Each of the EMSB STEAM leaders enjoy promoting STEAM as the new wave of teaching and learning for the 21st century, and realize the benefits and challenges of integrating their respective disciplines that make up the program.

“Math is quite the challenge to integrate into the STEAM program, because it is usually taught as



5. Anthony Farnell takes a seat with a group of students as Parent Commissioner Jason Trudeau and teacher Maria Perrozzi look on. / 6. Sabrina Marandola and Sylvia Lo Bianco handed out some CBC notebooks. / 7. CTV's Lori Graham and Commissioner Agostino Cannavino. / 8. Steve Dahdah shares his expertise in engineering.

its own subject," said Mr. LeBlanc. "It is not always easy to see how the arts can be part of a math lesson, but STEAM is gradually changing that mindset. Right now, the students look at a STEAM activity and see how the math component can be covered."

"All young people are artistic," said Mr. Doyon. "They are always attracted to beautiful things and sounds. Art gives them that sense of wonder that not only makes them curious beings, but also sparks their creative minds. The arts discipline is quite central to the STEAM mindset. It gives them the

chance to work on something, and then step back and see how they can make it better. As well, it gives them the opportunity to take chances and risks when they are involved in the creative process."

"Science does form the foundation of STEAM, because like science, the program is based on the process of inquiry," said Ms. Iatauro. "It always starts with an idea within the context of everyday life, which lends itself perfectly to STEAM, and makes it more authentic."

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La CSEM dévoile de nouvelles initiatives pour l'expansion du programme



La Commission scolaire English-Montréal a annoncé son intention d'étendre à plus grande échelle son projet pilote STIAM qui connaît un vif succès, vantant les mérites de cette approche comme voie d'avenir pour l'enseignement des sciences.

Le programme STIAM (sciences, technologies, ingénierie, arts et mathématiques) est une initiative multidisciplinaire qui vise à favoriser la créativité chez les élèves ainsi qu'une participation poussée de leur part dans la réalisation d'une série de projets de groupe, en abordant non seulement les cinq matières enseignées à l'école mais aussi en rendant ces projets plus pertinents, plus créatifs, plus intéressants et davantage axés sur la découverte.

STIAM est une approche pédagogique ayant pour objectif de promouvoir un esprit inquiet, un raisonnement logique et des compétences en matière de collaboration.

Pour l'année scolaire 2016-2017, la mise à l'essai réussie de ce projet pilote est en cours dans deux écoles primaires : Général Vanier à Saint-Léonard et Pierre Elliott Trudeau à Rosemont. Lors d'une conférence de presse tenue à l'école Général Vanier le 27 janvier, la présidente de la CSEM, Angela Mancini, a annoncé qu'au moins une douzaine d'écoles souhaitent adopter le programme STIAM dès l'an prochain. La CSEM a également invité des experts dans les domaines des sciences, des technologies, de l'ingénierie, des arts et des mathématiques à agir à titre d'ambassadeurs officiels du programme STIAM. Ces derniers ont accepté de rendre visite aux classes STIAM de la CSEM afin de partager leur expérience.

Le programme stimule la participation

Fort populaire en Chine, en Inde et aux États-Unis, le programme STIAM stimule la participation active des élèves, par essais et erreurs, à une série de projets interactifs qui intègrent les cinq disciplines d'enseignement auxquelles réfère l'acronyme STIAM, et ce, en utilisant des dispositifs technologiques de pointe et du matériel de construction des plus élémentaires. Ces projets contribuent à créer une dynamique de groupe parmi les élèves où ils sont appelés à travailler ensemble à la conceptualisation, la communication, la collaboration et la construction dans des situations authentiques que leur fournit leur enseignant. Ensemble, ils déterminent comment les choses fonctionnent en posant des gestes, en faisant appel en classe à une approche plus fidèle à la réalité. Par conséquent, les projets STIAM favorisent non seulement la communication, la conceptualisation et la collaboration, mais aussi la curiosité, la créativité et l'esprit critique.

Au cours de la période pilote, la CSEM a désigné trois de ses conseillers pédagogiques afin qu'ils agissent à titre de leaders STIAM pour les deux écoles mentionnées précédemment. Il s'agit de Sara Iatauro, conseillère en sciences pour les écoles primaires; Nicolas Doyon, conseiller en arts; et Chad Leblanc, conseiller en mathématiques au niveau primaire. Chaque semaine, ils rendent visite aux deux écoles où ils animent des exercices STIAM avec les élèves et discutent des rouages du programme avec les enseignants et les directions d'école.

« Les jeunes saisissent bien le processus d'interrogation et la façon de se questionner par rapport aux situations qui leur sont présentées, » a déclaré M^{me} Iatauro. « STIAM procure aux élèves le cadre qui les oriente vers l'explication ce qui, du même coup, leur permet de s'approprier leurs apprentissages. »

Le laboratoire ouvert est au cœur du programme STIAM. Il s'agit généralement d'une salle de classe inutilisée et convertie qui met à la disposition des élèves les outils et le matériel nécessaires à la réalisation des projets ou des exercices en question. Cet environnement est également propice à la créativité novatrice et à l'apprentissage.

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EMSB rolls out new plans for expansion of STEAM initiative

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The three EMSB STEAM leaders are very encouraged with the positive impact the program has had on the students at General Vanier and Pierre Elliott Trudeau since last September. These students in particular always look forward to embarking upon their scheduled STEAM projects in their Makerspaces where they can learn, discover, be challenged and have fun at the same time. Their goal is to have as many of the EMSB's elementary and high schools adopt the STEAM program, or at least some of its components, as part of their respective curriculum within the next few years.

Ms. Iatauro added that she would like to have that sense of enthusiasm that students have about STEAM transferred to the teachers. And judging by their active participation in STEAM-related projects during two teacher pedagogical day workshops that took place during this fall, this is one goal that can be easily accomplished.

"There is a notion that teachers don't want to change, and that's not true. In fact, teachers are indeed curious and they want to be coached," she said. "They are very open minded, and they are ready to challenge themselves and move forward to the 21st century educational model that STEAM represents. They want to support it, and they want to make STEAM work in their classrooms."

For more information please log on to www.emsb.qc.ca/steam.

Steam In the Media

See our STEAM launch video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNIBN-D7hg&t=12s>

Radio

CJAD's live coverage of our press conference

Angela Mancini

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtl/gv-3>

Pierre Elliott Trudeau – Jennifer Lacroix

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtl/gv-1>

General Vanier Principal Joe Schembri

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtl/gv-4>

CTV's Lori Graham

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtl/gv-2>

CBC Radio Noon

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtl/emsb-steam-program-on-cbc-radio-noon>

Television

Breakfast TV:

<https://vimeo.com/201719923>

CTV

<https://vimeo.com/201669005>

CBC TV

<https://vimeo.com/201668687>

<https://vimeo.com/201668098>

Global TV Report

<https://vimeo.com/201666825>

Global's Focus Montreal

<https://vimeo.com/202868139>



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9. Mike Payette from Geordie Theatre Productions. / 10. Commissioner and City Councillor Patricia Lattanzio, Liberal MP Filomena Rotiroti and parent Antoinette Miceli. / 11. Nicola Di Iorio talks STEAM with students, with a promise to share his findings with Federal Minister of Science Kristy Duncan. / 12. Lauren Hill Academy wants to become the first EMSB high school to adopt STEAM.



La CSEM dévoile de nouvelles initiatives pour l'expansion du programme STIAM

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Les trois leaders STIAM de la CSEM sont fortement encouragés par l'impact positif du programme sur les élèves des écoles Général Vanier et Pierre Elliott Trudeau depuis septembre dernier. Ces élèves sont toujours impatients d'entamer les projets STIAM prévus dans leur laboratoire ouvert où ils ont l'occasion d'apprendre, découvrir et d'être stimulés tout en s'amusant. Les leaders souhaitent que le plus grand nombre possible d'écoles primaires et secondaires de la CSEM adoptent le programme STIAM, ou à tout le moins quelques-uns de ses volets, dans le cadre de leur curriculum respectif d'ici quelques années. ■

B.A.S.E. program embraces STEAM

The B.A.S.E. (Before and After School Enriched) Daycare Program complements the educational project of a school. Therefore, when a school deems itself as a STEAM school, then the B.A.S.E. Program at that school will offer extracurricular activities to its students that fit the STEAM model. The B.A.S.E. Daycare Program enlisted the help and guidance of Sara Iatauro, Elementary Science, Technology and Robotics Consultant for the EMSB to provide workshops to General Vanier B.A.S.E. Daycare educators on the Lego We Do program in December 2016. Since then, daycare students of all ages have been participating in the daycare Robotics program on a weekly basis and on pedagogical days. ■

 **General Vanier**
For a detailed story on General Vanier's STEAM program see our press release:

http://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb_en/media_en/onepressrelease.asp?id=3962

 **Pierre Elliott Trudeau**
For a detailed story on Pierre Elliott Trudeau's STEAM program see our press release:

http://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb_en/media_en/onepressrelease.asp?id=3963

LEARN Plays Important Role in STEAM Program

The Leading English Education and Resource Network (LEARN) is a non-profit organization that primarily serves the public and private Anglophone, and Aboriginal, Youth and Adult Education sectors of Québec. It brings together the expertise and efforts of educators, students, parents and partners in our community to cultivate success for all learners.

LEARN has played an important role in assisting the English Montreal School Board pilot the STEAM program.

One of the main goals of LEARN's Open Creative Space/STEAM initiative is to help educators foster student engagement through active learning with high and low-tech materials. This can include, but is not limited to programming, using microcontrollers, robotics, constructing with cardboard, working with e-textiles and paper circuits, as well as designing and creating simple machines. More importantly, we put an emphasis on the process of design, creation and collaboration and the maker mindset. It's not really about the product, but about the learning that is happening throughout the process and the reflection on the learning, for both the teachers and the students. ■

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13. Students from Pierre Elliott Trudeau work on a project. / 14. Teacher Anita Sacco works with a Pierre Elliott Trudeau student. / 15. General Vanier students work in their MakerSpace room. The desks in the Makerspace room allow students to write and erase on them. / 16. B.A.S.E. students at General Vanier display their robotics skills.

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EXPRESSLINE

CTV'S SPIRIT OF GIVING

Anchored by the throngs of student volunteers at Vincent Massey Collegiate in Rosemount, the English Montreal School Board, along with CTV Montreal, completed a record Spirit of Giving Campaign. A total of 47 schools and centers participated in this year's campaign, joining 50 local businesses in collecting non-perishable goods, toiletries and toys for 10 different charities: Share The Warmth, West Island Assistance Fund, Mile-End Mission, Renaissance Montreal, Park Extension Share Store, MultiCaf, Nazareth Community, Batshaw Youth and Family Services, La Mosaïque and the N.D.G. Food Depot. In all, the combined efforts generated 1,400 boxes of non-perishable food, toys and miscellaneous items. These boxes were then transported by the Canadian Grenadier Guards to Vincent Massey Collegiate, where their leadership students volunteered to



CTV's Christine Long and students from Leonardo Da Vinci Academy in RDP.

sort and categorize the donations. During the campaign, CTV also

featured seven different school-organized activities.

To view these broadcasts, please follow this link:
<https://vimeo.com/channels/spiritofgiving>

To view EMSB TV's 2016 recap video, please follow this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqFhr90rwwc>



CENTURY OLD PEDAGOGUE

Delta Kappa Gamma International (DKG International) was founded in 1929 by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton of the University of Texas in Austin. It is a professional society of key woman educators whose purpose is to promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Since then the movement has spread across the United States and to Canada, Europe, Latin America and Japan. Today it boasts a membership of some ninety thousand educators. DKG Quebec was established 60 years ago by 12 exceptional Quebec women educators: Jean Aldridge, Beatrice Andrews, Grace Campbell, Marianne Davis, Margaret Dickson, Evelyn Eaton, Dorothy Ewing, Margaret Kingsley, Barbara Lax, Mary MacLeod, Margaret Nix and Jean Pepler. Marianne Davis is the only surviving founder and she recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Marianne is a retired elementary school educational consultant from the former Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM), now the



Marianne Davis is joined by students from Westmount Park Elementary School.

English Montreal School Board (EMSB). To celebrate their 60th anniversary, DKG Quebec has renamed their Early Educator Award in Marianne's honour. It will now be known as the Marianne Davis Early Educator Award. The award is to help new teachers build a personal bank of professional books and instructional materials. On December 13 the winner of the 2016 Marianne Davis Early Educator Award, Carissa Valente of Bancroft Elementary School, was presented with

her award. Last year's winner, Caroline Derome, a music teacher and flautist from the EMSB's St. Dorothy Elementary School in St. Michel, along with students from Westmount Park Elementary School, performed for Marianne and the other residents of the Manoir A musical evening and dinner took place at 6000 Fielding Avenue a few days later.

See this report from Global TV:
<https://vimeo.com/195627547>



SUCCESSFUL CAREER FAIR

More than 2,000 Secondary IV students attended the 17th annual EMSB Career Fair on October 19 and 20 at St. Pius X Career Centre in Ahuntsic. Jack Dym of Pipe and Piling Supplies Ltd. and RBC Royal Bank were the event's title sponsors. CJAD's Eramelinda Boquer, Breakfast TV's Catherine Verdon Diamond, Global TV's Laura Casella and Sean Coleman of CTV/TSN 690 served as guest emcees. The EMSB also held an open house on the Wednesday evening and this was a huge success, with hundreds of Secondary IV and V students attending with their parents. Karine Thomas, a synchronized swimmer who represented



Firefighters from the City of Montreal talked to students at the Career Fair.

Canada at the recent Rio Olympics was on hand in her capacity as a RBC Royal Bank athlete and she spoke in the auditorium sessions.

See the coverage on Breakfast TV:
<https://vimeo.com/188201685>



CBC MUSIC CHALLENGE

Last October, music teacher George Anthopoulos and arts teacher Matthew Balanca-Rodrigues from Honoré Mercier Elementary School in St. Leonard entered the CBC Music Challenge. The project was open to Grades 4, 5 and 6 students. Over 30 students practiced three to four times a week during their lunch time for one month. They produced a video of their performance of the song "2 Heads" which they sang in three languages, – English, French and Italian - to represent the school community. The group made it to the CBC short list as top 10 across Canada in the category Elementary School with Vocal. Their effort and determination paid off as they won first prize in their category! One judge commented: "I loved their fearlessness, the fact that they practiced in and out of school, and that they incorporated three languages into the mix-that is extremely impressive."



Honoré Mercier students celebrate their triumph.

Mr. Anthopoulos and Mr. Matthew attended the last Council meeting with some choir group students. They described their experiences throughout the music challenge and presented their award winning video. You can see it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mix3t7niW3E>

TV STAR RETURNS

Teenage television star Stephanie Janusauskas returned to her former elementary school, Royal Vale in NDG, on October 17 to talk to drama students about her career as an actress. Stephanie is one of the stars of CBC TV's This Life. She plays Emma Lawson-Crowley, an image-conscious but mostly well-adjusted teenager who worries more about her social life than her future. The storyline of the show revolves around a character named Natalie Lawson, a lifestyle columnist and single mother in her early forties whose terminal cancer diagnosis sends her on a quest to help her three teenage children get ready for the future, while trying her best to live in the now. It is set and recorded in Montreal, mainly NDG. Stephanie began acting in performance theatre at the age of six. At eight years old, after only a few months of being in the film industry, she landed the role of Grace in the Marvel film Punisher: War Zone. She has appeared in a handful of feature films including Picture This, Reverse Angle, The Saver and was the principal actor in the short student film, Baby Doll, winner of the 2012 Concordia Film Award. Presently a student at Dawson College, Stephanie has an incredible passion for acting, she remains studious and aspires to study at Oxford University in England. She spoke to the Grade 7 Drama classes of teacher Cynthia Bennett and a number of Grades 5 and 6 students. Stephanie was introduced by Wendy Frank, one of her former teachers. The questions were so numerous that Stephanie promised to come back and speak. See this CBC report: <https://vimeo.com/187812821>



Teacher Wendy Frank is reunited with her former student Stephanie Janusauskas.

GLOBAL GREATER MONTREAL DAY

Global TV will mark their first Greater Montreal Day on Thursday, May 11 and they are calling upon schools to get involved. Teachers, nurses, students, firefighters, sports fans, researchers, musicians, hockey dads, soccer moms, office workers, retirees, mechanics, small business owners, pet lovers, farmers, artists, volunteers – these are the people in our city who make Montreal a greater place to live. The idea behind this campaign, according to Global officials, is to help make our city an even greater place to live by doing a simple act of kindness and share your good deed on social media using the hashtag #GreaterMontrealDay. You could win \$1,000 towards the local charity of your choice. Watch and follow Global News for special coverage of Greater Montreal Day as your good deed could be highlighted. Students can submit ideas specific to local community needs. These could align with existing initiatives. Info: travis.todd@corusent.com.

Black History Month and Jackie Robinson



Annakin Slayd and students from Dalkeith Elementary School.

To mark Black History Month in February at the EMSB, rapper Annakin Slayd facilitated a series of sessions on baseball legend Jackie Robinson and Montreal at a number of schools. Robinson broke the colour barrier in professional baseball. Annakin Slayd is the stage name for Andrew Farrar, who grew up in Chomedey and graduated from Western Laval High School in 1995. In 2011 he worked with the Quebec English School Boards Association on their “Go Publique” marketing campaign, producing, directing and starring in a music video aimed at boosting enrolment. At each school Slayd

made a very well received three-part presentation of about 50 minutes highlighted by a screening of the PBS Mountainview piece “Jackie Robinson’s Montreal Connection” and his hit video with singer Leesa Mackey. Using pictures and video about Jackie Robinson and his accomplishments in the world of baseball and through the Civil Rights Movement, Slayd expanded with an examination of his time in Montreal and the legacy that has endured in our city, as well as

how the tradition of embracing other athletes considered outcasts such as John Carlos and Michael Sam are recognized around the sports world. At each visit he entertained questions. The schools he visited were St. Laurent Adult Education Centre, Cedarcrest and Parkdale Elementary Schools and LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent, Dalkeith Elementary in Anjou, Royal West Academy in Montreal West, John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel. ■

See the reports on CBC <https://vimeo.com/203135586> and CTV Montreal <https://vimeo.com/203119248>.



Montreal Alouettes Tour

The 20th anniversary of the well-received community outreach program called Together at School with the Alouettes was launched recently by Montreal’s professional football team at FACE School downtown. During the course of the visit, Alouettes players addressed the students about the importance of academic perseverance and making good choices, while touching on other topics such as performance in school, consistency, peer pressure and self-esteem. The Alouettes players also took the time to sign autographs, take pictures and further engage with students. Five high schools (James Lyng, Royal Vale, Marymount Academy International, Laurier Macdonald and Vincent Massey), four alternative high schools (Options, Outreach, Focus and Vezina) and three elementary schools (East Hill, Edward Murphy and Gerald McShane) are part of the tour. The annual EMSB Alouettes game at McGill Stadium will be at the home opener on Thursday, June 22 when the Saskatchewan Roughriders are the visitors. ■

A memorable Habs experience

Four international students from the EMSB, along with two student coordinators, had the opportunity to see their first ever professional hockey game on February 28 when the Canadiens hosted the Columbus Blue Jackets at the Bell Centre. The Habs won 1-0 in overtime. This experience was made possible thanks to the generosity of businessman Joel Leonoff, who provided tickets in his company Paysafe Group Plc’s private box.

Said Andres Lezama: “It was my first time at a professional hockey game and since I came to Canada I have been learning a lot about the sport. This was super fun!”

Added Nicole Fabianova: “I was nervous for the team all throughout the game, but I really enjoyed it.”

Keying Yu-Chl said the game was fantastic. “This was my first time to watch a hockey game in the stadium and it was so much fun and more exciting to watch it live,” she said. “I was totally blended into the game and I am so glad to have had this chance. It was a fabulous game and an unforgettable night!” ■



Pictured left to right are: Jiyong Kim (Marymount Academy International, Korea), Andres Lezama (LaurenHill Academy, Mexico), Keying Yu-Chl (LaurenHill Academy, China) and Nicole Fabianova (Westmount High School, Slovakia). With them are international students coordinators Angela Kim and Elisa Medellin.

EMSB and the Impact

For the 12th year in a row, the EMSB is pleased to announce the continuation of a partnership with the Montreal Impact soccer team through its “All the Way with the Impact” program. Over the next few months, members of the Impact will be visiting schools to remind young students of the importance of studying, persevering and building self-confidence in order to succeed. The traditional “EMSB Night” will take place on Tuesday, May 28 (7:30 pm) at Saputo Stadium when Montreal hosts Vancouver as part of the Amway Canadian Championship. This involves the top five professional clubs in Canada, in the race to qualify for the CONCACAF Champions League. That is an international competition between professional clubs from North America, Central America and the Caribbean. Some of the proceeds from ticket sales will go towards Inspirations, a publication dedicated to the special needs community. We will accept orders on a first-come, first-serve basis from the schools and there is an option to purchase tickets safely and securely via credit card. For more information visit www.emsb.qc.ca/impact. Two students will also win \$500 Tony Licursi Scholarships. ■





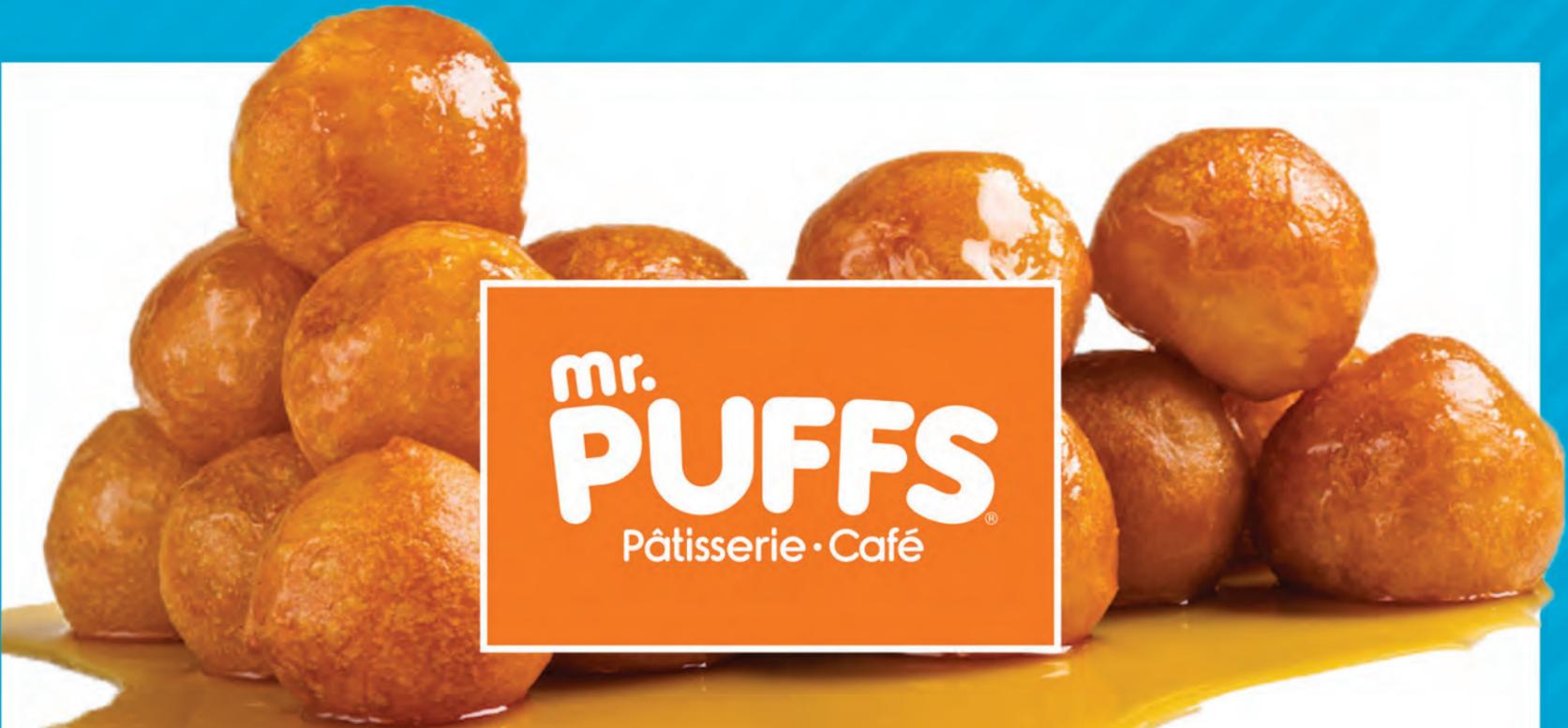
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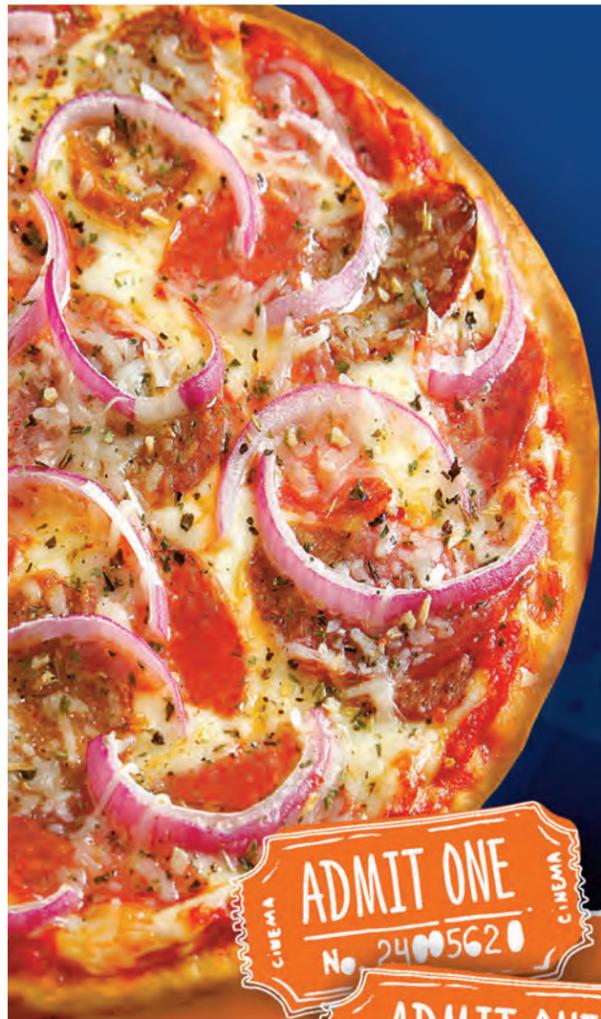
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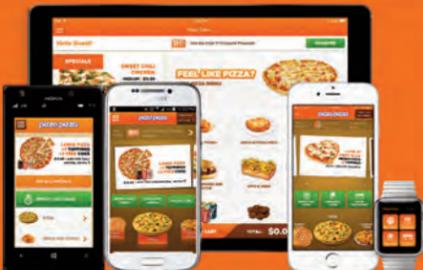
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