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## Celebrating our magnificent school libraries

On the eve of Kindergarten Registration Week last winter, the EMSB presented its newest initiatives for library transformation at a press conference called "EMSB Libraries: Your Space to Explore." Hosted at Nesbitt Elementary School in Rosemount, the annual showcase event welcomed the media, special guests, other school representatives and notable members of Montreal's literary community.

You can read our special section in this edition of the EMSB Express on pages 6 to 13.



Accomplished illustrator Philippe Béha has illustrated some 200 picture books and youth novels and has written a dozen of his own books as well. His book, *Léonard, le mouton qui ne voulait pas être tricoté*, is a finalist in the Prix Peuplier 2020. He answered questions in French from Grade 1 students. One asked what was his favourite book? He answered, "Celui que je vais écrire demain."

## EMSB steps up during pandemic crisis



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Shadd Health and Business Centre is training much needed PABs.

## A remarkable career



Barbara Weiss

In what may very well have been one of the longest teaching careers in the public education system in Quebec, Barbara Weiss retired from Willingdon Elementary School last June after a remarkable 60 years of service. She spent the past 30 years at Willingdon Elementary School in NDG. Prior to that she was at four other primary schools – Westminister, Iona, Carlyle and Algonquin. Please read our interview with her on page 5.

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## EMSB Virtual Open Houses

On our EMSB Virtual Open House pages, you'll find online interactive experiences that our schools have to offer. Click on the school you are interested in and begin your experience!

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## Ann Marie Matheson steps down as Director General

Ann Marie Matheson recently resigned as Director General of the EMSB. Trustee Marlene Jennings has appointed Evelyne Alfonsi as her replacement on an interim basis. A mandate has been awarded to an outside professional search agency to identify candidates for the position. A selection committee with experienced governance and human resources professionals has also been created in that context. It is the Trustee's objective to lead a rigorous, yet short process.

"During her five years as Director General, Ann Marie Matheson displayed exceptional leadership abilities during a period of turbulence for the board," said Ms. Jennings. "Not only did she lead her team to the successful completion of the construction of the new state of the art Mackay / Phillip E. Layton School in NDG for students with severe handicaps, and creation of the Des Grandes Prairies Vocational Centre in St-Leonard, but Ann Marie also played a critical role in providing the necessary supports to schools that resulted in the EMSB's ranking as the school board with the highest student success rate in the province of Québec, an impressive feat. On behalf of the entire EMSB community, I wish



Ann Marie Matheson

to sincerely thank Ann Marie for her hard work, dedication and loyalty, and wish her all the best in the future."

"In spite of the obvious challenges and headwind that we faced, I am very proud of the work that my team and I have accomplished over the last five years," stated Ms. Matheson. "I have been so fortunate to be able to count on the best and most resilient team of professionals at my side. I wish the very best to this great EMSB family on the road ahead, with particular well-wishes for our students and school teams, both of whom will always hold a dear place in my hear."

Ms. Alfonsi has 22 years of service at EMSB and presently serves as Assistant Director General – Education.

"Evelyne is going to be a most efficient, strong and inspiring unifier for the entire EMSB community, at a time of transformation and evolution for our board," said Ms Jennings. "Her extraordinary experience as teacher, Principal, Regional Director and Assistant Director General, has prepared her optimally to serve as our interim DG and she has my complete support."



Evelyne Alfonsi

"I am both honored and humbled to accept the position of interim Director General and look forward to continue in the direction started by Ann Marie Matheson," said Ms. Alfonsi. "Together with a dedicated team, I embrace the challenges that lie ahead in the coming months."

## Marlene Jennings wishes former Chair Angela Mancini well

EMSB Trustee Marlene Jennings wishes to express her thanks and gratitude to Angela Mancini for her more than 20 years of service to the Council of Commissioners, the last 12 as chairman.

In July Ms. Jennings received, from the Secretary General, a signed letter of resignation by Ms. Mancini. Since last November the Council has been under partial trusteeship, but with the right to convene for legal matters.

"Angela Mancini devoted more than two decades of her life to the public education system," said Ms. Jennings. "We thank her for her service and wish her the very best in the future."

Ms. Jennings will not fill the vacancy of chair. Consequently, according to Section 158 of the School Election Act, Vice-Chair Joe Ortona will exercise the functions and powers of the chair. Ms. Mancini was first elected as an EMSB commissioner in 1998. In 2008 she was elected chair.



Angela Mancini



## Keeping stakeholders informed on COVID-19 protocols

For some, the excitement about returning to school is this year replaced by a feeling of anxiety due to the unusual circumstances brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rest assured that the school board and school principals and their teams have been working tirelessly over the last months to plan for back-to-school with health and safety as the number one consideration.

In the special newsletters readers will find details regarding the latest Ministry of Education's directives and public health guidelines, as well as answers to some of the most frequently received questions from parents and students.

As the situation evolves, the EMSB has been sharing regular updates to parents, students and staff in a timely manner via a special newsletter and a Q & A section.

Let's all work together to keep our kids safe and not let COVID-19 get in the way of helping our students reach their full potential!



The newsletter is accessible on our website at [www.emsb.qc.ca](http://www.emsb.qc.ca) and disseminated through our School Messenger mass notification system.

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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** At which school did the EMSB hold its press conference on libraries?
- 2** What title did author Elise Gravel get for our campaign?
- 3** Who is the EMSB Director General?
- 4** Who were the three winners for EMSB Teacher Recognition Day?
- 5** What is the name of the Lauren Hill Academy student who won the Scholastic challenge?
- 6** Who is the host of the EMSB podcast?
- 7** What is the name of Miss Teenage Quebec (see our French news page)?
- 8** For how many years has Penny Fenwick volunteered?
- 9** When are the last day of classes this year?
- 10** Where is James Lyng High School located?

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 Ave. via the internal mail system.

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You can also access the form at [www.emsb.qc.ca](http://www.emsb.qc.ca). **The deadline is October 12, 2020.**

## SECTEUR DES JEUNES ~ YOUTH SECTOR

# CALENDRIER SCOLAIRE 2020 ~ 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR



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- **Holidays / Congé des fêtes**
- ◆ **March Break / Relâche scolaire**
- **Fixed professional days / Journées pédagogiques fixes**
- **Last day of classes / Dernière journée de cours : June 23, 2021 / Le 23 juin 2021**

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## Three EMSB teachers recognized for excellence

On the occasion of English Montreal School Board Teacher Recognition Day on May 8, three teachers were presented with special awards from P.F. Chang's and La Cage Brasserie Sportive, as well as certificates and gift cards to Chapters/Indigo.

The winners were profiled on promotion co-sponsor CityNews Montreal. **Here is the link:** <https://vimeo.com/416494111>

The EMSB launched this ceremony six years ago to coincide with National Teachers Day in the United States.

The EMSB received many nominations from parents for the awards, which fall into three categories: youth sector, adult sector and physical education and health. Groupe Sportscene, which owns PF Chang's and La Cage, will award \$100 gift cards to teachers Daniel Gaudette (Physical Education and Health) from Leonardo Da Vinci Academy (LDVA) in RDP; Sandra Cicalo from Michelangelo International School in RDP; and Douglas Gilletz from Pius Culinary & Business Centre in Ahuntsic (AEVS).

### Daniel Gaudette

Mr. Gaudette teaches physical education to students from kindergarten to Grade 6 in French at LDVA. After graduating from university, Mr. Gaudette's first job was in the field of fitness and recreation at the Olympic Stadium. When he and his wife adopted their second daughter he no longer wanted to work evenings and weekends. "So, I decided to come back to my first love, and the reason that I did my degree in Physical Education, which was to teach children," he said.

In 2006, Mr. Gaudette initially joined LDVA as a substitute and he loved it right from the start, notably the environment and the constant challenge to try to find new ways to get students to enjoy moving and being healthy.

Adds Principal Nadia Sammarco: "Daniel brings an incredible tangible energy to the school every single day, from the moment he walks through the doors! He believes in every single human being! Whether he is planning for his physical education class or organizing an extra-curricular activity, students and staff know how much he cares and are motivated to live up to what he believes in them."

### Sandra Cicalo

Sandra Cicalo currently teaches Grade 4 at Michelangelo. She has been in this profession for 25 years. It all began at the former Tara Hall Elementary School in Anjou, a place she still holds near and dear to her heart even though it closed its doors many years ago. "I went there as a young girl, and after moving back to Montreal from a 25 year stay in Calgary, I also sent my children there," she says.

Once Tara Hall closed, Ms. Cicalo moved on to East Hill for



Douglas Gilletz, Daniel Gaudette and Sandra Cicalo accept their certificates, using proper social distancing.

three years and then Michelangelo. "Anyone in this career knows that teaching is truly a vocation and not a 'job.' Being with young children is an experience like no other," she says. "There are challenges from time to time, however knowing the positive impact teaching can have on children, as well as the hugs we receive and the curiosity and growth we see in them, is what really keeps me going. There's nothing else like it. I must say that teaching has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had and am very glad I made that career choice many years ago."

Parent Sognia Milone, who nominated her said: "The first time I met Miss Sandra was at orientation night back in August 2019. My first impressions were quite pleasing. I thought she was the sweetest person, very well-spoken and so calm! I was astonished by her demeanor. I thought to myself, 'How can she be an elementary school teacher?' Throughout the year, she consistently impressed me by challenging her students, rolling up her sleeves and always being there for the parents as well."

### Douglas Gilletz

Born in Montreal, Douglas is the son of the late culinary guru Norene Gilletz. She was a well-known cookbook author, food consultant and former owner of a cooking school in Montreal who passed away very recently. From an early age, cooking and working with food has always been his passion. As a one-year-old, there is a photo of him sitting in a high

chair holding a rubber spatula covered in cake batter. It was a match made in heaven.

Growing up in the West island, Norene had a cooking school in the basement of their house. Most nights were filled with people who wanted to improve their cooking skills and enjoy the great foods that were created. "I often came downstairs and sat in a corner of the room watching my mother give her classes," said Douglas. "The demand for classes exceeded the capacity of our house and so my mother opened up a kitchen shop in the West Island. At the end of my day in high school, I would go to my mother's shop and help her set up the room for her cooking class and then do my homework quickly so I could watch her teach her classes."

Douglas started working in the food industry in 1986 by testing recipes for his mother's cookbooks. Given his love for cooking and background in the food industry, he enrolled at Pius in 1999, where he studied professional cooking and then went on to study contemporary cuisine. This was a six-month course which enabled him to learn local and market cuisine. "It was a great addition to my already large knowledge base," he said. "I was now ready to tackle the real world with my newly found skills that prepared me for the industry."

After obtaining his diploma in Professional Cooking, Douglas ventured off to work in the restaurant and hotel industry for a few years. Working in restaurants

allowed him the opportunity to show off his cooking skills and to lead other cooks in the kitchen. In 2003, his former teacher and now retired pedagogical consultant at Pius reached out with an offer for a part-time teacher's position. He met with Daniella Borzacchini and Harriet Cohen of AEVS to finalize his dream job as a culinary instructor. "This was going to be a great adventure in the pursuit of my childhood dream to be in the food industry," he said. "In 2010,

I was finally given my full-time contract and I have never looked back. I thrive for the look of achievement on my students' faces when they accomplish something that they thought they were never able to do."

You can also listen to our podcast interview with the winners:

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtl/podcasts/emsb-podcast-recognizing-three-of-the-emsb-outstanding-teachers>

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### EMSB steps up during pandemic crisis

The English Montreal School Board is proud to be doing its part to assist in the training of front-line workers during this COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Since last June, the Shadd Health and Business Centre ([www.shadd.com](http://www.shadd.com)) in NDG has welcomed two groups of students for a special accelerated Institutional and Home Care Assistance Program, entitled Support for Assistive Care in Long-Term Care Centres. The students will be able to work as orderlies, also known as PABs (préposés aux bénéficiaires) by mid-September.

This accelerated program, which generally takes about nine months to complete, was mandated by the Quebec government in order to get at least 10,000 new PABs into long-term care facilities for seniors, which have been hit especially hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government received over 85,000 applications to enroll in this accelerated program. Both the EMSB and the local CIUSSS worked together to select the first group of students.

In the last three years, Shadd has had a job placement rate of 95 percent. Its students have chosen fulfilling careers assisting clients or patients as a PAB, nurse's aide or orderly in hospitals, CLSCs, extended care facilities, rehabilitation hospitals and private care and health agencies throughout the province.

Shadd Health and Business Centre is located at 1000 Old Orchard Avenue (between Upper Lachine Road and St. Jacques Street).

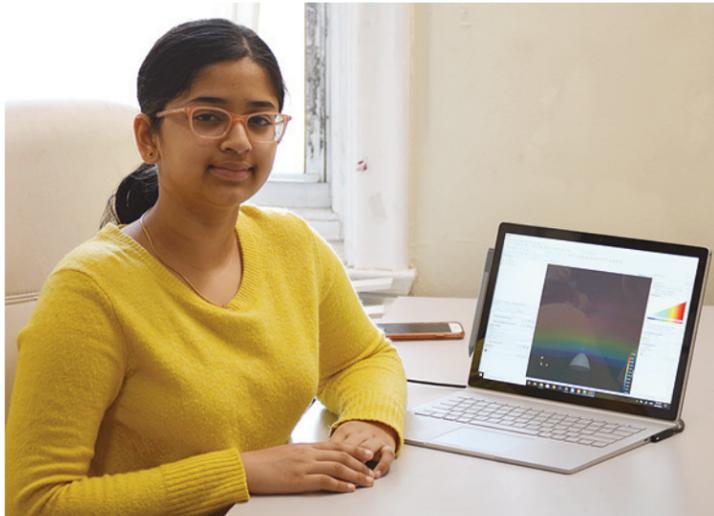
## LaurenHill Academy student connects science fair project to COVID-19

Harini Karthik, now a Grade 11 student at LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent, entered the Youth Science Canada online Stem Fair 2020 with a project related to the topic of COVID-19.

After much disappointment that the Regional Science Fair was cancelled, Harini jumped at the chance to participate in this online national science fair to showcase her project.

When Harini was working on her project, it was important for her to connect it to applications around her, “ways in which my project can be useful in the real world,” she said. This project was at first intended to enhance the efficiency of solar panels by working on the material they are made of. To do so, it must be able to minimize friction (or drag) due to fluids, such as water and gases. By experimenting with different morphological structures (patterns at the microscopic scale) of natural components, Harini was able to reduce drag significantly (around 83 percent) between springtail (a specific type of insect) and a flat surface.

“This concept of drag reduction using biomimetics could be applied in a wide range of real-world scenarios,” she said. “For



instance, COVID-19 spread could be lowered by increasing the elevation of surface by a few micrometers. Drag reduction concept will repel the fluid particles from the person’s sneeze or cough in common surfaces like doorknobs. This way, the fluid droplets and viruses will not tend to remain on common surfaces people often touch.”

Harini was guided by her mentor Dr. Phillip Servio from McGill University and LaurenHill Science teacher Magy Dimitry. “This student cannot go unnoticed,” said Ms. Dimitry. “She’s 15 years old and did the work of a

postgraduate student. She is by far the most enthusiastic student I know and very hard working. In order to do her project, she had to learn some calculus as well as the engineering and 3d printing softwares. Nothing stopped her. At only 15 years old, she worked alongside masters and PhD students in chemical engineering at McGill.

“Harini was and still is relentless at learning and diving deep into her research. I approached her in the spring of 2019 and since then – even during the summer – she worked on her research.”

## LaurenHill student triumphs at provincial Scholastic Challenge

Yet another LaurenHill student excelled towards the end of the COVID-19-impacted 2019-2020 academic year.

Fourteen-year-old Adam Coleman, of LaurenHill’s Junior Campus, was the Quebec Provincial Champion of the “Scholastic Challenge” contest.

The Scholastic Challenge is a Canada-wide contest for Grade 8 students designed as an enrichment activity to stimulate students’ interest in knowledge, thinking and learning, and to offer a challenge to top-achieving students. The contest has been offered since 1998.

The test consists of 100 online questions, and lasts one hour. The six categories covered in the test are: General Knowledge (food, art, sports, music, current events, entertainment, mythology, etc.), Language and Literature, History, Geography, Science and Math.

LaurenHill Academy invites 30 of its top-achieving Grade 8 students to participate in this contest each year. The LaurenHill students have always performed very well, with the majority of participants scoring above the national average, and this is the fifth time that the school has had a provincial champion, notes Guidance Counsellor Sherilyn



Bell. Previous years’ winners have attended Selwyn House School (2019, 2014, 2013, 2012, and 2010), LaurenHill Academy (2018, 2017, 2015, and 2011), Bialik High School (2016, 2009, and 2008), Royal West Academy (2007, 2006, and 2005), Trafalgar School for Girls (2004) and Lower Canada College (2003).

Adam is an honour-roll student in LaurenHill Academy’s STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Program. Prior to attending LaurenHill Academy, Adam was a student Cedarcrest Elementary School, also in St. Laurent.

Upon hearing about his success, Adam responded: “I’m surprised, but I also feel proud of my accomplishment. The LaurenHill

STEAM Program has provided me with an enriched knowledge base, which I was able to draw on while I was competing in the contest. The STEAM Program is a great stimulator of intellectual curiosity, and I look forward to continuing in this program during the rest of my high school education.”

Anthony Coleman said that his son was diagnosed with high functioning ASD at age 4. “He was reading by age 2, before he could even speak,” he said. “He would read out every number plate of cars he saw passing by when walking with his mother on street. My wife and I are extremely proud of our son’s achievement and hope he can be an inspiration to others in their pursuits of academic excellence.”

“Winning this contest means a lot to me,” says Adam. “It put me one step closer to success in achieving my goal of becoming a computer programmer and engineer. This is my biggest achievement so far and makes me believe I can reach even bigger accomplishments. I’m honored to represent my family, teachers and the school who helped me get to this goal.”

For further information concerning “Scholastic Challenge,” which also has a national contest for Grade 6 students, please visit: [www.schoolschallenge.com](http://www.schoolschallenge.com)

## EMSB teacher Barbara Weiss retires after a remarkable 60-year career

Following a remarkable teaching career of 60 years, Barbara Weiss retired at the conclusion of the 2019-20 academic year.

Ms. Weiss spent the past 30 years at Willingdon Elementary School in NDG. Prior to that she was at four other primary schools – Westminster, Iona, Carlyle and Algonquin.

“I love teaching,” said Ms. Weiss. “I woke up every morning looking forward to going to school. I loved the pupils. I loved working with them, and seeing positive changes. I supported parents, as well as students, and I loved being able to do that. Sometimes, I found that the parent of a child in my class was also a pupil of mine years earlier. I got to work with wonderful teachers and administrators. But the most important reason? I believe I made a difference in people’s lives; there is no other feeling like it!”

Ms. Weiss said she has

many fond memories over the past six decades. “The kids often delighted me,” she said. “Last year, one class got the idea of forming an honour guard when we came upstairs after gym. They would go a little ahead of me, and I would find half of my class on the left side of the door, and the other half on the right side. They all had their arms up in the air, forming a kind of tunnel. I would bend down, and walk through. I always thanked them for the privilege. One day, I found one of my boys, who was wearing a red sweater, lying on the floor right under the other children’s upraised arms. I said, ‘Allan, what are you doing on the floor?’ He replied, ‘I am your red carpet.’”

“There were many humorous moments, but there were times when I was able to help children who were being bullied, and to help the bullies as well,” she continued. “I especially loved helping children who considered themselves to be stupid realize they were not stupid at all. I loved seeing children support one another; it was very common in my classes to have pupils burst into applause when one of the students got a high mark, or did something noteworthy.”

Ms. Weiss said she is now excited to begin this new chapter in her life. “I hope to channel my love of teaching into creating a series of eBooks, geared toward parents, students and teachers, focusing on techniques and methods I have used,” she said. “I’m looking forward to collaborating with my husband, a psychologist, whose advice has been invaluable to me over the years.”

Abraham Weiss has been retired for 25 years from the Jewish General Hospital. “He has been extraordinarily supportive of my desire to keep teaching,” Ms. Weiss said. “We have a house in the country, and it would have been wonderful to spend three or four days a week there. Instead, we fought rush hour traffic every Friday afternoon and drove for the longest time so I could continue my career.”

Willingdon Principal Carmen Nicolas is full of admiration for Ms. Weiss, honoured to have been able to work with her these last few years. “It was inspiring to be working alongside a teacher with so much dedication, experience and passion for the profession,” she commented. “Barbara was positive, enthusiastic and energetic. She was open to learning new things. She loved her ‘pupils,’ which is how she referred to her students, and she worked hard to see them succeed. My fondest memory of Barbara is seeing her going up the Willingdon stairs two by two and her pupils trying to follow in her footsteps. Her energy is limitless!”



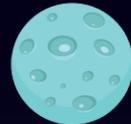
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# EMSB LIBRARIES:

# YOUR SPACE TO EXPLORE campaign launched



by Kristin McNeill

The traditional library, while still providing a quiet place for solitary reading and reflection, is also allowing for collaboration and cooperation. Especially at the secondary level, school libraries are now increasingly welcoming, accepting and engaging multi-purpose spaces that facilitate both individual learning and group work. They are being designed as a safe place to gather – to experiment, to fail – where, in fact, “a hum is encouraged,” said Athina Galanogeorgos, Assistant Director, Educational and Technology Services.

This important part of the school continues to be a place to complete homework, but also provides an infrastructure and resource collection for students to pursue projects based on their own internal motivations. The increasingly multifunctional and flexible setup of the Library

Learning Commons helps to accommodate any kind of work, as furniture and shelving can be moved according to the needs of the day. Teachers can bring in their classes to extend the learning that started in the classroom, and students can start their own clubs, participate in board game competitions, and experiment in different types of research projects.

Among the festivities at the EMSB library transformations campaign launch in January was a “human library,” formed by local authors and media figures. Symbolically these specially selected “open book” guests answered questions, from students, based on their personal and professional experiences as children’s book authors and illustrators, playwrights and journalists.

A lively hour-long program was delivered at the campaign launch January 24 by emcees CTV News anchor Paul Karwatsky and Global News Morning weather specialist Kim Sullivan. Having attended elementary school at Nesbitt himself, Mr. Karwatsky said he remembers “Great teachers, great facilities!” When Ms. Sullivan asked the assembled children “Who likes libraries?” hundreds of hands shot up.

Several presentations were made by the board’s youngest



The EMSB is part of the worldwide surge towards library transformation. Our school libraries are fast becoming innovative, multi-faceted learning spaces, embracing the philosophy of the Library Learning Commons. EMSB schools are already incorporating digital literacy instruction, virtual library resources, collaborative learning and teaching spaces, and makerspaces into their libraries – and are ready to take on more! For more information log on to [www.schoollibrariesmtl.ca](http://www.schoollibrariesmtl.ca). From left: Librarians Julian Taylor, Danielle Juneau and Alissa Rosellini have worked exceedingly hard on this project.

students, including a brief show-and-tell of a homemade book made by Willingdon Grade 1 student Lea McNeill, and the “ABC” song performed by the Kindergarten students of Nesbitt. EMSB Director General Ann Marie Matheson also addressed the gathering. “These are exciting library transformations,” she said. “They incorporate digital literacy instruction, virtual library resources, collective learning and teaching practices.”

## Other schools

A number of other EMSB schools were represented at the launch: Carlyle and Dunrae

Gardens in TMR; Leonardo Da Vinci in RDP; Dante, Pierre de Coubertin and General Vanier in St. Leonard; Willingdon in NDG; Laurier Macdonald High School in St. Leonard; Vincent Massey Collegiate in Rosemount; and LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent.

## Dedicated library personnel

The EMSB boasts the largest number of trained library personnel in any Quebec school board. This includes 22 documentation technicians, seven school-based librarians and three board-level librarians, who assist

Kindergarten students from Nesbitt sing their ABCs.

in developing programming, collaborate with educational consultants and conduct professional development sessions. Every high school has its own full-time librarian or library technician. More than just circulation managers, they help guide students safely around the online world. Library professionals act as guides in the research process, both online and in print. They assist students in the development of savvy research skills, help decipher the quality of information and sift out “fake news.”

## Information literacy and digital citizenship

Guiding students to take ownership of their learning and their decisions in life is at the heart of education at the EMSB. These life-long skills – how to find credible information and figure out how to separate fact from fiction – allow students to make more informed choices. Working together with teachers and educational consultants, more and more of our library personnel are helping our students learn these skills through structured lessons as well as informal guidance. This model of critical thinking benefits students doing both academic and personal research. Another aspect of digital citizenship is learning how to be thoughtful when giving opinions and interacting with others on social media.

## A rich collection

Another important facet of the EMSB Library Learning Commons is its rich collection. Created in consultation with our





Students from a number of other schools, including Willingdon in NDG, attended the launch.



Nesbitt Principal Nicholas Romano, left, Assistant Director of Educational Services Athina Galanogeorgos and students showcase the Little Free Library.

school communities, materials are made available in different formats for different learning abilities, all the while responding to the competencies outlined in the Quebec Education Plan (QEP). They encompass a variety of topics in various formats, in English and French, and other languages. They are designed to give students autonomy in finding information by using clear signage and excellent organization, whether in the stacks or online.

**Virtual library**

The EMSB Virtual Library provides a wide variety of current e-books and electronic databases that are vetted by the board's

library professionals. Physical library collections also offer students a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction works. These virtual resources are a 24/7 extension of the physical library collections and are purposefully selected to be safe, age-appropriate, accurate, up to date, multilingual and multidisciplinary. They support the curriculum and encourage critical thinking by offering different points of view, thus enriching the students' research process. Students can use the EMSB Virtual Library to complete their assignments as well as pursue their own interests. Both students and teachers can stay up to date with the most

current news articles through newspapers such as *Le Journal de Montréal*, the *Montreal Gazette* and the *National Post*.

The EMSB community also has access to a variety of formats such as video and interactive resources. Both Curio (CBC, Radio-Canada) and the National Film Board offer high-quality materials with links to the QEP. Exciting resources such as Tumblebooks, Rat de Bibliothèque (e-books) and Bookflix offer our youngest readers fun, quality, interactive e-books. Teachers can also enrich their lessons with these databases.

**Adaptive needs**

The EMSB Virtual Library space is geared toward all learners, including those with special needs. Not only can the information databases display text in a variety of sizes, but the text can be read out loud by the system to the students. This greatly helps readers with perceptual difficulties or other learning disabilities, or second-language learners. The same holds true for our selection of eBooks, which allow for text and background personalization by each student to help in their reading. Many are also available as audio books. Additionally, BookShare, an e-book platform developed specifically for students with learning disabilities, is available for EMSB students and is administered jointly by the

Educational and Technology Services and Student Services Departments.

**Battle of the books**

Battle of the Books is a book trivia competition that can be adapted to students of all ages, and celebrates teamwork and a love of reading. This style of competition was brought to Montreal in 2013 by the school library personnel at the Lester B. Pearson School Board. Soon after, the EMSB as well as the Quebec Association of Independent Schools joined in. While there are a few smaller-scale French and English

There are no shortages of books at Nesbitt.

elementary Battle of the Books competitions, the biggest one, currently, is the English-language competition for high school students. Usually coached by their school library personnel, students form teams of three to seven people. Between them, they read 10 to 12 Young Adult books in a variety of genres and formats, from science fiction to graphic novels. At the EMSB, there are currently seven high schools that participate in Battle of the Books: LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent, Laurier Macdonald High School in St. Léonard, Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North, Rosemount High School and Vincent Massey Collegiate in Rosemount, Westmount High School in Westmount and Royal West Academy in Montreal West. The winners go on to compete in higher levels of competition, which have steadily been generating more interest and are heavily attended by administrators, families and teachers.

**The love of reading**

Reading is connecting; with others, with ourselves and with our world. Reading is about creating meaning in our lives as well as exploring countless imaginative worlds. EMSB library personnel inspire a love of reading by building collections that are both mirrors, in which students can see themselves, and windows, in which students grow

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Les services de bibliothèque offerts en français prennent plusieurs formes à la CSEM. L'heure du conte en français est une activité offerte au niveau primaire dans nos bibliothèques. Des visites d'auteurs figurent également au nombre des activités annuelles organisées dans nos bibliothèques, en vue d'initier les élèves à la culture du Québec et du Canada.

Outre les riches collections de livres physiques et d'autres ouvrages pour tous les niveaux, il existe une variété de ressources virtuelles. Grâce à des bases de données tels Universalis, l'Office national du film, Curio (Radio-Canada), SCOOP, Idello, Rat de bibliothèque, Le Journal de Montréal et bien d'autres, la bibliothèque virtuelle de la CSEM offre aux enseignants et aux élèves une panoplie d'informations en français par l'entremise, notamment, d'articles, de vidéos et de matériel interactif.

La ressource la plus récente et assurément la plus attrayante de la CSEM est sans contredit la plateforme de livres numériques et de livres audio en français de Cantook Station. Des ouvrages d'auteurs canadiens et québécois seront mis à la disposition des élèves du primaire et du secondaire à des fins récréatives et éducatives. (Voir à la page 13)



empathy as they explore the experiences of those who are different from themselves.

### Diverse minds

The Quebec edition of the Diverse Minds Creative Writing Competition is sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada. Quebec Regional Director of the organization Harvey Levine and Research Director Janna Minikovich were at the EMSB event celebrating library transformation and took the opportunity to directly address a number of high school students on hand about Diverse Minds. As officials from B'nai Brith Canada note, this is about peer-to-peer learning and recognizing that students will lead the way in creating school communities where everyone is valued. The goal of Diverse Minds is to empower youth to become role models for each other and understand that their impact reaches beyond their classrooms. The inaugural competition took place last year in Manitoba, and because of the huge success it has been expanded to four regions across Canada for the 2019/20 academic year, including Quebec. The winning book will be published as a hardcover, full-colour book and distributed to all elementary schools and public libraries in the region. There will also be cash prizes awarded for the first-, second- and third-place books.



Clockwise from top left: 1) Nesbitt grad and CTV anchor Paul Karwatsky with the team of RBC volunteers.

2) Harvey Levine and Janna Minikovich from B'nai Brith Canada with Laurier Macdonald students.

3) Lea McNeill, a Grade 1 student at Willingdon Elementary School, shows her homemade book to Bumble, the EMSB mascot.

4) Meghan Kelly from The Beat 92.5 FM took some time away from her remote and spoke to an adoring group of students.

### The Little Free Library

At the event, Nesbitt received a "Little Free Library" from Rosemount Technology Centre. It is built with two little doors that open up, in a "take-a-book, leave-a-book" concept. Ms. Galanogeorgos wishes to thank Vice Principal Joe Anne Désir. Her collaboration and enthusiasm from the start made this contribution possible and the vision a reality. She and her team were exceptionally generous with their time and creativity. Although this type of project did not fall in line with their program at the time, teachers were willing to work on it during their spare time. James Larocque, a teacher of RTC's cabinet making and woodwork program, designed and built the beautifully hand-crafted structure. Ryan Anthony Cox, a teacher in furniture finishing, was involved in completing the last stages: the finishing and painting. "On behalf of the ETS department, I would like to express our gratitude for this gift

that was obviously a labour of love for our students," said Ms. Galanogeorgos. "We look forward to collaborating on more projects in the future."

### RBC volunteers

The EMSB wishes to thank the more than 20 employees from Royal Bank in the Rosemount district for serving as volunteers at the press conference. RBC also sponsored the delicious lunch served to our guests.

### The Beat 92.5 FM on location

Meghan Kelly from The Beat 92.5FM broadcast live from the press conference. She even dropped by a Grade 5 class to talk to students. You can hear the live clips here: <https://soundcloud.com/englishmtl/sets/meagan-kelly-and-the-beat-925-at-nesbitt-elementary-school>



There was a lot of excellent media coverage connected to our launch.

#### The Suburban Shorts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nomyWKHQKEM>

#### Global TV

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#### East End News

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#### The Beat

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtl/emsb-kindergarten-registration-commercial-1-jan-2020-925-fm-the-beat>

#### CityNews

<https://vimeo.com/387506589>

#### Global TV

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#### Montreal Gazette

<https://vimeo.com/387506371>  
<https://vimeo.com/387024266>

#### CBC Radio Noon Program on Libraries

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-102-radio-noon-montreal/clip/15757327-do-you-use-the-library>



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# Nesbitt Elementary School embraces shift towards Library Learning Commons

by Kristin McNeill

In a bright, airy space in Nesbitt Elementary School in Rosemount is the library, framed between pale blue walls and windows letting light in on three sides. Short stacks hold books at a height easily accessible by the elementary school-age children. There is a shift towards making the library space into a Library Learning Commons.



Students love their library at Nesbitt.

This is an ongoing process, explains Principal Nicholas Romano. “It’s something that never stops growing,” he says. “It takes into consideration the needs of the children and staff. It’s a place for people to learn and come together.”

Based on his experience in the transformation of the library space at Laurier Macdonald High School in St. Léonard, where he previously held the title of vice principal, Mr. Romano is a big believer in the Library Learning Commons. He said that space was considered like an additional classroom though not in the traditional sense – it evolved into a large, open space where students could come together to work on projects, play board games and have school events. At Nesbitt, he hopes teachers will use the library more often and integrate it into their lesson plans – he also hopes these younger children will see it as a place to engage in play.

One interesting architectural aspect of the Nesbitt library is the branching off of two smaller rooms from the large room containing the stacks. One, the “literary corner,” is a cozy area where story time takes place and where teachers bring in their students to do special activities. Bins containing literary activities and games, under a variety of themes, are available for teachers to either use there or take back with them

to continue the activity in their classroom. There is also a computer room with desktop computers available for teachers to do a separate learning exercise outside of the classroom.

David Ramirez, librarian technician, joined the school as its librarian in November. His previous experience at a circulation desk at a public library and his involvement in a reading animation program with the Fraser Hickson Library’s MINIBIBLIOplus program has provided him with some first-hand experience in different library settings around the city. “In general, the vibe at Nesbitt library is that it is a place for fun, creativity and imagination,” he says, “a place that reinforces school mission, where there is fraternity and where the students connect with others through the books.”

Mr. Ramirez witnesses the joy children have browsing and choosing their books and enjoys helping them find something when they ask. He sees the library as a place for both academic and personal growth. What first struck him about the Nesbitt library space was its size. He also said he appreciates the specialty rooms that branch off from the main area.



Nesbitt library technician David Ramirez is always there to assist students.

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# Nesbitt Elementary hosts diverse literary figures at EMSB's library-themed press conference

by Kristin McNeill

January 24 was a special day for Nesbitt Elementary School in Rosemount, as it hosted its first human library. Well-known Montreal-area authors, illustrators and journalists filled the school's classrooms to talk about their professions in the world of books, writing and libraries. They participated as "open books," answering questions from students and engaging in meaningful and respectful dialogue that underlies the human library concept. It was all part of the English Montreal School Board's Space to Explore press conference, a morning program focusing on library transformation, and it kicked off the Elementary School Registration Week campaign.



## ELISE GRAVEL

Among the special guests invited to take part in the "Space to Explore" was well-known children's author and illustrator Elise Gravel, who served as the honorary ambassador. Following her deep passion for drawing, Ms. Gravel has illustrated and written more than 50 books for young readers. She is also known for her creative educational posters. In 2012, her book *La clé à molette* won the Governor General's Literary Award. The recipient of several other awards, her books have been translated into a dozen languages. She visited a Grade 3 class, who were interested to learn she was from the neighbourhood. About how she gets her inspiration, she told them "Sometimes I imagine things that are so much fun, that I want to remember them, so I keep a notebook next to my bed and I write down all the silly thoughts that are in my head."

## DAVID GUTNICK

A journalist for CBC/Radio-Canada David Gutnick brought his experience as maker of radio documentaries to the classroom. Over the past 30 years, his stories have ranged in focus from former child slaves in Togo, to secret religious services in Beijing and ballet dancers in an American maximum-security prison. But he is now also author of a picture book *Mr. Mergler, Beethoven, and Me*, which was published in March 2018. He spoke to Grade 3 students about telling stories. "My job is asking questions about people. And saying things like, 'Oh, why do you want to do that?' and 'why is that interesting?' That way we learn about each other. That's interesting!"

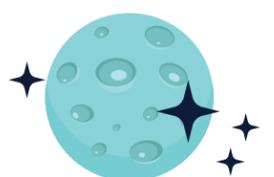


## DR. JOE SCHWARCZ

Dr. Joe Schwarcz, director of McGill University's Office for Science and Society, and well-known for his informative and entertaining public lectures, spoke about his recently released book *A Grain of Salt: The Science and Pseudoscience of What We Eat*. He spoke with Grade 4 students. One wanted to know: "How did you choose your field of work?" He replied "I was intrigued by chemistry when I was in school, and especially by a magic show I saw in elementary school that was truly life changing. I wanted to learn more about the difference between chemistry and magic."

## JULIE TRÉPANIÉ

Julie Trépanier (right), seen here with Mariane Belley, also joined the list of talented literary figures to take part in the event. She has been director of the Espace Jeunes of the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec for the past ten years. As someone passionate about children's literature and young readers, her simple but "enormous challenge" every day, she says, "is to ensure that every child finds the right book." In a funny dialogue with one of the students she visited in a Grade 2 classroom, she had to answer "no" she hadn't read all the books at the BANQ (which has over 1,140,000 books, she said.)





**ANDREW CADDELL**

Other special guests included Andrew Caddell, a former broadcaster, UN worker and public servant and co-author of *The Goal: Stories about Our National Passion* (2017). Using Roch Carrier's *The Hockey Sweater* to answer one student's question about where ideas can come from, Caddell said of the book: "It doesn't end well, so I wrote my own version with a happier ending. Then people started offering me ideas. Think about something you know, something that happened to you – then write about that."

**PAUL AND MARY ANN KARWATSKY**

Once a student himself at Nesbitt Elementary School, CTV News Montreal anchor Paul Karwatsky attended and served as co-emcee. Among the topics he explored with Grade 6 students was his grandfather's emigration from the Ukraine at a young age. He said, "Imagine you doing something like that yourself just a few years from now – leaving your home at 18 knowing you might never see some people in your life again," he said.

Also attending was his mother Mary Ann Lichacz-Karwatsky, whose 2018 book *My Father's Store and Other Stories* takes readers inside her father's grocery store on Beaubien St., which for decades provided locals with a unique taste of Europe.



**KIM SULLIVAN AND MARTIN DAIGLE**

From Global News Montreal was Kim Sullivan (co-emcee), weather specialist and reporter at Global News Morning.



Martin Daigle brought into discussion his experience as a video journalist for City News Montreal. He is also a Nesbitt parent.



**ALLISON HANES**

Other journalists attending included Allison Hanes, who has been city columnist for the *Montreal Gazette* since 2017. She described the many different aspects of her job to a class of Grade 5 students, including the passion for writing, meeting deadlines and the pace of news stories. They were interested to learn that her favourite part of the job was to meet different people from different walks of life.



**JULIE BARLOW**

Julie Barlow attended to discuss her recent book on hydroelectricity. She is the author of seven non-fiction books on subjects ranging from language, culture to travel and medicine. Her twin daughters attended Nesbitt. In a conversation with Grade 6 French Immersion students, they talked about the experience gained in journalism and how it helps become an author. "When I started to write books, I was already known by and through different media sources," she said. "I think the experience of practicing my writing before I wrote my books was helpful as well. It takes a little courage to write a book! It is not easy. It's a risk, and we persisted!"



**WOODY BARON**

Woody Baron, a defensive tackle with the Montreal Alouettes, published his first book *#JustaGobbler* in August 2018. He spoke to the children. The book is about willpower, perseverance and self-confidence. When asked about where he got inspiration for writing, he said "I get my writing inspiration from all around me," he replied. "It could be from TV or what I see on the street, and I always try to keep an open mind."

## LITERARY FIGURES (CONT'D)

### THEODORE FAIRHURST

Ted Fairhurst, in his early 70s, is an entrepreneur, artist, high-altitude mountaineer and public speaker. He addressed a large group of elementary school children in the school's library. He spoke about perseverance and having the courage to try new things. "Ever since I was a little kid, when I had a dream about being or doing something, I would just plunge into it. Of course, I would sometimes fail, but I would always try. By trying I would learn, I would gradually build confidence in myself, and I would realize that if I was passionate and determined enough, I could accomplish almost anything I set my heart to. I reached the top of the world climbing Mount Everest because I was not afraid to try, to dare to see what I was truly capable of."



### LYDIA LUKIDIS

Other children's books authors who read from their books and answered questions from the young students were Lydia Lukidis, children's author of over 40 books and eBooks, and 30 educational books. "I am an author," she told them. "What does an author do? Do you think I'm in the circus and juggle dogs?" One student replied, "You write the words into a story." "That's right," she replied. "Words make you feel something."



### MARLENE JENNINGS

EMSB trustee Marlene Jennings, a former Member of Parliament, was part of the event as well. "I want to tell you why I think that reading is important," she told a group of Kindergartners. "Reading is important because it helps you learn a lot. Reading helps you develop your imagination so that you can think of fantastic things that don't yet exist – but maybe one day you'll help bring them to exist."



### DONNA SANTINI

Donna Santini came armed with a copy of her book *Cooper Goes to the Vet: Golden Retriever*. Santini and her husband got Cooper in July 2015 and Harley in March 2016 and what a year it was with two puppies. "I thought why not write about their goofiness or how they are very much like children, hence the first book about Cooper being afraid to go to the doctor and his relief once it was done," she noted.



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## La CSEM présente ses plus récentes initiatives pour la transformation des bibliothèques

À l'approche de la semaine des inscriptions à la maternelle, la Commission scolaire English-Montréal (CSEM) a fait connaître ses plus récentes initiatives visant la transformation de ses bibliothèques, à l'occasion d'une conférence de presse ayant pour thème « Bibliothèques scolaires CSEM : Votre espace à explorer ».

Ce grand événement annuel tenu à l'école primaire Nesbitt de Rosemont a réuni les médias, des invités de marque ainsi que des représentants d'autres écoles et d'éminents membres de la communauté littéraire de Montréal.

Au nombre des festivités en matinée, mentionnons la « bibliothèque humaine » regroupant des auteurs et personnalités médiatiques de la région. Ces invités « à livre ouvert » spécialement sélectionnés ont répondu aux questions des élèves à la lumière de leur expérience personnelle et professionnelle en tant qu'auteurs et illustrateurs de livres pour enfants, dramaturges et journalistes.

La CSEM fait partie du mouvement mondial pour la transformation des bibliothèques. Ses bibliothèques scolaires sont en voie de devenir des espaces d'apprentissage polyvalents et novateurs qui cadrent avec la philosophie de la bibliothèque comme carrefour d'apprentissage. Les écoles de la CSEM y intègrent déjà l'éducation à la littératie numérique, des ressources documentaires virtuelles, de même que des espaces d'apprentissage et d'enseignement coopératifs, et des laboratoires créatifs – et elles sont prêtes à aller plus loin!

### Comment l'espace évolue

La bibliothèque traditionnelle, tout en offrant un environnement calme pour la lecture et la réflexion solitaire, permet également la collaboration et la coopération. Au niveau secondaire en particulier, les bibliothèques scolaires sont désormais des espaces polyvalents de plus en plus accueillants, tolérants et stimulants propices à l'apprentissage individuel et au travail en groupe. Elles se veulent un lieu sûr pour se réunir, expérimenter, faire des erreurs, un endroit où, de fait, « les échanges à voix basse sont encouragés », a indiqué Athina Galanogorgos, directrice adjointe des Services éducatifs et de la technologie. Cette composante clé de l'école continue d'être un lieu pour faire les devoirs, en plus de fournir une infrastructure et une collection de ressources pour permettre aux élèves de réaliser des projets fondés sur leurs propres motivations internes.

La configuration de plus en plus multifonctionnelle et flexible de la bibliothèque comme carrefour d'apprentissage se prête à tout type de travail, le mobilier et les rayonnages pouvant être



La mascotte de la CSEM, Bumble, fréquente la bibliothèque.

déplacés en fonction des besoins. Les enseignants peuvent y amener leurs élèves afin de consolider les apprentissages initiés en classe, et les élèves ont la possibilité de créer leurs propres clubs, de participer à des compétitions de jeux de société et d'expérimenter par la pensée créative dans le laboratoire créatif.

### Personnel de bibliothèque dévoué

La CSEM compte le plus grand nombre d'employés de bibliothèque qualifiés parmi toutes les commissions scolaires du Québec, à savoir 22 techniciens en documentation, 7 bibliothécaires en milieu scolaire et 3 bibliothécaires au centre administratif qui participent à l'élaboration des programmes, collaborent avec les conseillers pédagogiques et animent des séances de perfectionnement professionnel.

Chaque école secondaire a son propre bibliothécaire ou technicien en documentation à temps plein. Bien plus que de simples gestionnaires d'ouvrages en circulation, les bibliothécaires guident les élèves pour qu'ils naviguent dans l'univers en ligne en toute sécurité. Les professionnels de la bibliothèque agissent à titre d'accompagnateurs dans le processus de recherche, tant en ligne que sur support imprimé. Ils aident les élèves à développer des compétences de recherche avisées, à identifier la qualité de l'information et à savoir reconnaître les « fausses nouvelles ».

Au primaire, le plaisir de lire a toujours été la pierre angulaire des bibliothèques scolaires de la CSEM et c'est encore le cas aujourd'hui, quoiqu'on assiste à une certaine évolution. Le personnel des bibliothèques éveille l'intérêt pour les livres et la lecture chez ces jeunes élèves. Lorsque les enfants quittent leur salle de classe pour passer du temps à la bibliothèque, ils éprouvent du plaisir à

prendre part à l'heure du conte, en anglais et en français. Ils peuvent explorer librement l'espace et feuilleter des livres qui piquent leur curiosité – ils vivent ainsi l'expérience tactile de tenir des livres et d'en tourner les pages. Et une fois qu'ils savent lire, la bibliothèque devient un espace où trouver des livres et autres ressources – et prendre en charge leurs propres apprentissages.

### Maîtrise de l'information et citoyenneté numérique

Guider les élèves de sorte qu'ils s'approprient leurs apprentissages et leurs décisions est au cœur même de l'éducation à la CSEM. Ces compétences qui leur serviront toute leur vie durant – comment trouver de l'information crédible et apprendre à distinguer les faits de la fiction – permettent aux élèves de faire des choix plus éclairés. De concert avec les enseignants et les conseillers pédagogiques, les membres du personnel de nos bibliothèques sont de plus en plus nombreux à aider nos élèves à acquérir ces compétences grâce à des leçons structurées et des conseils informels. Ce modèle de pensée critique profite aux élèves dans leurs recherches académiques et personnelles. Par ailleurs, la citoyenneté numérique permet également aux élèves d'apprendre à faire preuve de jugement lorsqu'ils formulent des opinions et interagissent sur les médias sociaux.

### Au service de tous les niveaux de littératie et besoins d'adaptation

La bibliothèque virtuelle de la CSEM s'adresse à tous les apprenants, y compris ceux ayant des besoins particuliers. Non seule-



La directrice générale par intérim Evelyne Alfonsi.



Stephanie Germain, bibliothécaire au Collège Vincent Massey, en compagnie de Paul Karwatsky.

ment est-il possible de modifier la taille d'affichage du texte dans les bases de données, mais le système peut également lire le texte à haute voix aux élèves, ce qui aide grandement les lecteurs qui éprouvent des difficultés de perception, d'autres troubles d'apprentissage ou ceux qui apprennent une deuxième langue. Il en va de même pour notre sélection de livres numériques, pour lesquels l'élève peut personnaliser le texte et l'arrière-plan afin de l'aider dans sa lecture. Plusieurs sont également disponibles sous forme de livres audio. Qui plus est, BookShare – une plateforme de livres numériques spécialement conçue pour les élèves ayant des troubles d'apprentissage – est mise à la disposition des élèves de la CSEM et est administrée conjointement par les Services aux élèves et les Services éducatifs et de la technologie.

De plus en plus de bibliothèques font appel à des technologies qui vont au-delà des simples ordinateurs de bureau. On n'a qu'à penser aux Chromebooks, aux ordinateurs portables et aux tablettes. Les collections physiques de la CSEM partagent le même objectif d'inclusivité, comme en témoigne l'achat de livres dits « hi/lo » (sujets intéressants/niveau de lecture inférieur), des livres à gros caractères, des livres surdimensionnés, des livres tactiles, et plus encore.

### Pour l'amour de la lecture

La lecture favorise la connexion avec les autres, avec soi-même et avec le monde qui nous entoure. Elle consiste à donner un sens à notre vie et à explorer d'innombrables univers imaginaires.

Le personnel des bibliothèques de la CSEM fait naître chez les élèves l'amour de la lecture en constituant des collections qui sont à la fois des miroirs, où les élèves peuvent se reconnaître, et des fenêtres, où ils apprennent à développer de l'empathie en découvrant les expériences vécues par des êtres différents (pour en savoir davantage, consultez le travail pionnier de Rudine Sims Bishop).

En 2005, le ministère de l'Éducation a annoncé la mise en œuvre d'un nouveau plan d'action en lecture. Depuis lors, les bibliothèques scolaires ont pu progressivement constituer des collections diversifiées et de grande qualité pour tous les apprenants. Cette riche variété procure aux élèves une abondance d'options pour répondre à leurs besoins et à leurs désirs.

« Le choix joue un rôle important dans le développement de la lecture pour le plaisir; le choix et l'intérêt sont étroitement liés. » (Schraw et al, 1998; Clark et PhythianSence, 2008).

# EMSB thanks its volunteers and reschedules recognition evening to 2021



The annual English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Parent Volunteer Appreciation Evening was scheduled to take place April 21 at Buffet Amiens in St. Léonard during National Volunteer Week. It was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the 2021 edition now scheduled for the same venue on April 20 and the agreed upon theme of "Volunteers... Compassion to Action." At that time Volunteer of Distinction Mary Nitti from Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School in Rosemount will also be recognized. She is a caring and devoted volunteer who works tirelessly at the school to ensure that students are nourished and cared for.

As EMSB Director General Ann Marie Matheson states: "To our volunteers, no job is too large or too small for them to undertake, regardless of how easy or challenging it is. From helping out in the school library, making sure students are well fed with a hot lunch, lending a hand with school fundraisers, serving on one or many school committees or working as a teacher's aide, you are true leaders whom we can count on, turn to and be inspired by!"

## Penny Fenwick



The EMSB has more than 1,500 wonderful volunteers, but Penny Fenwick certainly stands out as she recently marked 50 years of service at Willingdon Elementary School in NDG.

For a half century the woman affectionately known as Ms. Penny has donated time to young students and she doesn't plan on stopping. She began tutoring students in 1970 when her children were at the school. "The best gift is the fact that an adult is actually putting their full concentration on them for that 20 minutes or half-an-hour," she said.

Ms. Penny first volunteered in the library when her daughter entered kindergarten. "Then one of the principals said to me, 'you know, why don't you try and see if you can help out some of the kids individually because we need some help?' I have been here ever since. Why not? I was just enjoying what I was doing and didn't see any point in moving on."

Ms. Penny meets students to help them with math twice a week one-on-one. "She's very kind. She takes things slow. She makes sure I understand it," said one young student.

Ms. Penny's workroom is lined with thank you cards, awards and pictures of past students reminding all who enter of her lasting impression in the community. She even has a nameplate on the outside wall. "The other day a cashier at Provigo said to me, 'oh Ms. Penny. You taught me a trick for the nine times table!' This comes out of nowhere," she said.

"The best gift is the fact that an adult is actually putting their full concentration on them for that 20 minutes or half-an-hour. They seem to respond to an adult focusing all their attention on 'you.' I have a very good relationship with the children, they feel very comfortable."

Willingdon Principal Carmen Nicolas says she feels so fortunate to have someone like Ms. Penny. "That human connection Ms. Penny has with the children is priceless and they appreciate it," she notes. "She has such a calm demeanor, sweet voice and the children are happy to have her in their lives."

As long as she can climb the stairs of the school, Ms. Penny says she will help out and hopes others will follow her example.

Please listen to our podcast interview with Ms. Penny and Principal Carmen Nicolas at: <https://soundcloud.com/englishmtlpodcasts/emsb-podcast-50-years-as-volunteering-from-ms-penny>

Please see this report from CTV: <https://vimeo.com/367032919>

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Even though the 2020 event had to be cancelled, the EMSB would nonetheless like to give a shout out to the other companies which had signed on as sponsors: **Steve's Music Store** ([www.stevesmusic.com](http://www.stevesmusic.com)) is a major force in the



(1) Volunteer of Distinction Mary Nitti from Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School in Rosemount. | (2) Royal West Academy volunteers are all smiles to help out the students. | (3) Holiday greetings from Gerald McShane Elementary School. | (4) Serving a holiday breakfast at East Hill Elementary School.

Canadian music industry since 1965, which caters to all kinds of musical needs; **Green Apple Studio** ([www.greenapplestudio.ca](http://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; **Promotions Hannah** ([www.hannahpromotions.com](http://www.hannahpromotions.com)) is an agency that specializes in offering promotional products and strategies that help to impact overall growth objectives, with their main focus of contributing towards their clients' overall profit and sales evolution; **Fana Sports** ([www.fanasports.com](http://www.fanasports.com)) manufactures custom made sports team uniforms for all sports, which are sewn in their own facility. They also offer cresting and numbering services, as well as a new cut-and-sew customized team wear line;

**Building Blocks Tutorials** ([www.bbtutorials.com](http://www.bbtutorials.com)), which was founded in 2004, offers final exam crash courses and academic workshops, with an aim to instill effective and lifelong learning strategies and problem solving skills, which in turn helps to build a sense of confidence, motivation and success for students that will not only impact them academically, but also professionally and personally; Sheldon Kirshner (514-909-0429) who sells promotional products and clothing; **Top Marks** ([www.topmarks.ca](http://www.topmarks.ca)) who have been outfitting students across the country with the finest Canadian made school uniforms since 1986; **Universal Socks Co.** (514-904-2958) offers a fun, easy innovative way to fundraise money for your organization. Providing a box of 14 colourful socks ready to sell, and make your organization a profit; **Mr. Puffs**

**Saint-Leonard**, (<https://www.mrpuffs.com/en/>) Mr. Puffs Pastry Inc. is a Montreal based company created in 2004 by its founder/owner Billy Siounis. It's the first of its kind in North America proudly serving Hot & Fresh Puffs (loukoumades); **Anima Art School**, ([www.animaartschool.com/](http://www.animaartschool.com/)) designed for students who are interested in fine art and digital animation skills in order to create a stand-out portfolio for college programs and beyond. Alternating between fine arts studio, learning and developing drawing and painting, and a computer lab, where they will learn the ins and outs of digital art and illustration; **ConnectU**, ([www.connectucamp.com/](http://www.connectucamp.com/)) to help children develop confidence, self and social esteem. ConnectU International is the promise of safe, enriching, life-changing camp experiences – for children across the world.



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| Fenwick, Penny         | Spreckley Nakanacagi, Mary |
| Kircoff (Vaudry), Mona | Trocard, Thora             |
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| Leibov, Barbara        | Williams, Anne             |
| Livingstone, Hazel     | Wilson, Valerie            |
| Marrazza, Mario        |                            |



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| Dahdah, Nijad    | Loffredi, Angelo        |                        |

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(5) Volunteers at Leonardo da Vinci Elementary School welcome back students. | (6) Fall festival at LaurenHill Academy.

**10 TO 14 YEARS OF SERVICE**

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| Barrafato, Rosanna  | De Ciccio, Angela    | De Ciccio, Angela        | Mandelos, Zoe              | Peters, Joanna           | Tamburrino, Cathy      |
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| Behar, Vlada        | Di Iorio, Connie     | Handal, Veronique        | Mazzoldi (Zaccaria), Josie | Pinchuk, Ellen           | Tittler, Rebecca       |
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| Binstock, Susy      | Donovan, Meghan      | Husseini, Alan           | Meissner, Tabatha          | Rackover, Heidi          | Tortoricci, Nina       |
| Biunno, Joe         | Dore, Caroline       | Hynes, Debbie            | Meldrum, Douglas           | Ramos, Roberto           | Triassi, Josie         |
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| Bruna, Tina         | Drozdzhin, Alexander | Jailos, Hannu            | Menard, Elizabeth          | Reda, Marisa             | Uline, Paul            |
| Brunner, Kelli      | Fancy, Farah         | Johnannesson, Lynn       | Merrett, Tim               | Riviera, Patricia        | Valente, Anabela       |
| Bui, Tess           | Fanzolato, Sheila    | Juul, Anja               | Michas, Georgia            | Robitaille, Michelle     | Vasile, Mary           |
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 Rinaldi, Nadia  
 Rinaldi, Alex  
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 Santori, Rebecca  
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 Sardelli, Sonia  
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 Sciertino, Josie  
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 Sernuck, Eileen  
 Sexton, Bruce  
 Shanks, Joyce  
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 Sifakis, Janet  
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 Sirimarco, Francine  
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 Soferman, Ezra  
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 Sousa, Sandra  
 Spetsieris, Anna  
 Staples, Sarah  
 Stark, Peggy  
 Staunton, Frances  
 Stein-Elman, Jacqueline  
 Stern, Ronit  
 Stern, Ally  
 Stern, Alison  
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 Sticozzi, Grace  
 Stirpe, Lina  
 Stoddart, Sharon  
 Strussione, Stefania  
 Sung Hee, Kim  
 Symansky, Leslie  
 Szpoper, Marlene  
 Tafuto (Baril), Anna  
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 Tagney, Ruby  
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 Tartamella, Sandra  
 Tavares, Anabel  
 Taylor, Cynthia  
 Teoli, Laurie



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(7) Volunteers at John Caboto Academy prepare for a corn roast. | (8) Edward Murphy Elementary School volunteers get ready for the holidays. | (9) Gardenview Elementary School volunteers ready for action and some fun. | (10) Volunteers at Cedarcrest Elementary serving breakfast. | (11) Serving snow cones at Merton Elementary. | (12) Volunteers at Westmount Park Elementary prepare for another day full of events. | (13) Volunteers at St. Gabriel Elementary cooking a BBQ for the students. | (14) Getting ready for an outdoor fun day at Willingdon Elementary.

Thiel, Stuart  
 Thomas, Georgina  
 Thomas, Sabrina  
 Thompson-Dudley, Margaret  
 Tortorici, Maria  
 Totaro, Rossana  
 Tran, Jenny  
 Tremblay, Carolynne  
 Tremblay, Fidele  
 Trudeau, Jason  
 Trudeau, Genevieve  
 Trudel, Julie  
 Tsoulhas, Anna  
 Tstoumas, Andreas  
 Tulloch, Kim  
 Turcot, Pierre  
 Tuzzolino, Analia  
 Tzagarakis, Athena  
 Ubha, Kumar  
 Vaccaro, Angela  
 Vaccaro, Rosalia

Valkanias, Maronika  
 Van Den Bosch, Paula  
 Vardaro, Laura  
 Varga, Edith  
 Varga, Joseph  
 Vassilyeva, Natalia  
 Venturella, Lorie  
 Verducci, Lena  
 Vibert, Tina  
 Vigderhaus, Lisa  
 Villeneuve, Chantal  
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 Vincent-Hercovici, Jesse  
 Viscosi, Maria  
 Vlitas Contomichalis, Demetra  
 Turcot, Pierre  
 Wagner, Rose  
 Walker, David  
 Wallace, Siobhan  
 Wang, Arthur  
 Washington, Celenia  
 Wasson, Haidee

Welagedara, Anuradha  
 Wen, Stella  
 White, Tanya  
 White, Mitchell  
 Wilson, Lynn  
 Wittman, Trinity  
 Wolch, Ilana  
 Wolhoff, Anita  
 Wyse, Michelle  
 Wysinski, Ania  
 Xenocostas, Spyridoula  
 Yanofsky, Alexandra  
 Yarbrough, Yanci  
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- Amoroso, Nadia
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- Andersen, Maja Rovsing
- Antenucci, Marisa
- Antippa, Sophie
- Antonio, Silvie
- Araujo, Sandra
- Argyriou, Maria
- Asencio, Monica
- Attiana, Kimia
- Augello, Charlotte
- Au-Pichette, Catherine
- Avino, Amanda
- Aylward, Alison
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- Bachelier, Flore
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- Bailo, Linda
- Baker, Kristie
- Ballan, Alicia
- Banks, Jennifer
- Barasso, Antonella
- Barberio, Nadia
- Barone, Valerie
- Barter, Renee
- Bastounis, Dina
- Batchoun, Melissa
- Batista, Sandra
- Batstone, Kelly
- Battista, Melinda
- Battista, Lina
- Battista, Carmela
- Beaulieu, Mario
- Bedkowska, Anna
- Bedkowska, Barbara
- Bellon, Liana
- Belo, Melinda
- Benabou, Jessica
- Benbaruk, Sabine
- Berghout, Choukri
- Bermack, Jordanna
- Bernstein, Ashly
- Bérubé, Tanya
- Bibi, Josephine
- Bikas, Kyriaki
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- Blake, Caminee
- Blanchette, Annie
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- Bozzo, Tania
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- Brook, Tara
- Brook, Shawna
- Brownrigg, Maimouna
- Bufo, Flora
- Burke, Pamela
- Buscio, Domenico
- Byer, Joy
- Cabral, Nelson
- Callender, Sharone
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- Cerroni, Gianni
- Cestra, Jennifer
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- Chan, Christopher
- Charest, Isabelle
- Cherella, Daniella
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- Chiazesse, Angela
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- Ciabattoni, Giovanna
- Ciampini, Melanie
- Ciarlo, Johnny
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- Clinunak, Carmen
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- Cruz, Kembly
- Cucuzella, Linda
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- Da Costa, Shahida
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- de koos, Andras
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- De Luca, Alex
- De Melo, Nancy
- De Palma, Nicola
- De Sousa, Ana Paula
- De Stefano, Teresa
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- Debreceen, Jennifer
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- Di Giacomo, Brigitte
- Di Giosia, Anna
- Di Lena, Sonia
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- Di Nolfo, Natalie
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- Di Vaccaro, Alexandra
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- Dumont, Stephane
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- Farella (Vaccaro), Franca
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- Fata, Brunella
- Fava, Nadine
- Ferguson, Tanya
- Ferland, Guillaume
- Ferraesi, Sabrina
- Ferrara, Vivian
- Ferraro, Lori
- Fiaschetti, Richard
- Fiengo, Sabrina
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- Fong, Julie
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- Forgione, Cassandre
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- Fratangelo, Melissa
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- Fuoco, Sonia
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- Grunberg, Yosi
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- O'Reilly, Miranda
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- Patel, Hema
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- Paz Bravo, Maria
- Pecora, Vittorio
- Pellerin, Genevière
- Pennimpede, Antonietta
- Pensato, Maria
- Perard, Betty
- Pereira, Betty
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- Pereira, Maggy
- Pereira, Elizabeth
- Pereira de Quieroz, Mandoela
- Pero, Angela
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- Petraglia, Felice
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- Rokem, Mika
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- Romero, Isabel
- Rosario, Jessica
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- Rossy, Stephanie
- Rotherman, Andrew
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## CSEM

### Prolongation du mandat de Marlene Jennings

Le gouvernement du Québec a renouvelé la mise sous tutelle partielle de la Commission scolaire English-Montréal et prolongé du même coup le mandat de l'administratrice Marlene Jennings jusqu'au 6 novembre 2020. Le décret a été adopté le 29 avril 2020. Depuis novembre dernier, M<sup>me</sup> Jennings exerce tous les pouvoirs et fonctions de gouvernance au sein de la CSEM, à l'exception des procédures judiciaires constitutionnelles intentées par le conseil des commissaires.



« Je suis ravie de continuer à assumer cette fonction importante », a déclaré M<sup>me</sup> Jennings. « Mon mandat s'est très bien déroulé jusqu'à présent et j'ai encore beaucoup de travail à accomplir. Dès mon arrivée à la CSEM, au 6000, avenue Fielding à NDG, j'ai reçu une excellente collaboration de la part de la haute direction et de tout le personnel. J'ai tôt fait de me sentir à ma place. On a acquiescé à toutes mes demandes, sans exception et aussi rapidement que possible. De plus, je dois admettre qu'en cette crise de COVID-19, notre personnel a su se montrer à la hauteur en continuant d'offrir le plus de services possible dans ce contexte difficile. » Nous vous invitons à consulter l'intégral du communiqué : <https://www.emsb.qc.ca/csem/nouvelles/prolongation-de-six-mois-du-mandat-de-marlene-jennings-administratrice-de-la-tutelle-a-la-csem>

### Joli collage



L'enseignante Nadia Licursi a démontré comment certains membres de la grande famille de l'école primaire Pierre de Coubertin à Saint-Léonard ont exprimé leur gratitude envers les travailleurs essentiels en ces temps difficiles causés par la pandémie de COVID-19. Il s'agit d'un collage inspiré par des frères et sœurs et leurs cousins : Alessio, 11 ans, Ariana, 10 ans, et Sienna, 7 ans. La plus jeune, Lexa, 5 ans, entrera à la maternelle à l'école Pierre de Coubertin en septembre 2020.

### Miss Teen Québec

Félicitations à Clara Chemtov, diplômée de l'Académie Royal West en 2019, et ancienne élève de l'école primaire Willingdon à NDG. Elle a récemment été couronnée Miss Teen Québec. Âgée de 17 ans, Clara sera l'une des déléguées provinciales lors de la finale nationale qui devait se tenir à Toronto en juin, mais qui a dû être reportée en raison de la COVID-19. « Durant mes études, j'ai participé activement aux activités offertes à la grandeur de la commission scolaire, comme la Bataille des livres et le Concours d'art oratoire », a indiqué fièrement Clara. Les déléguées sont chargées d'amasser des fonds au profit de la Fondation canadienne Rêves d'enfants, de participer à la vie communautaire, de faire du bénévolat et d'être un modèle positif d'inspiration. Clara aura également l'occasion de parler d'une cause qui lui tient à cœur. Elle a choisi la sensibilisation aux troubles alimentaires. « Je crois qu'il est important de faire la lumière sur cette maladie et j'espère le faire tout en devenant un leader au sein de ma communauté », a-t-elle déclaré. « Je me remets actuellement d'un trouble anorexique et je me suis engagée à retrouver mon poids santé d'ici la tenue de la finale nationale. Je sais à quel point la minceur est surestimée au sein de notre société. J'essaie de prendre du poids afin d'être au mieux de ma forme. Un peu de positivité peut faire énormément de bien en cette période de grand stress. »



### À la mémoire d'un ancien commissaire



La CSEM souhaite offrir ses condoléances à la famille de Mario Caggiano, ex-commissaire dans la circonscription de RDP, décédé la semaine dernière à l'âge de 62 ans. Son épouse, Gabriella, et ses filles, Sabrina et Dania, garderont le souvenir d'un mari et d'un père dévoué, un être altruiste, affectueux, passionné et généreux qui aura touché tous ceux qui l'ont connu. Sa force de caractère était assurément l'une de ses qualités les plus prédominantes.

### Course Halo

La course annuelle Halo a été annulée en raison de la pandémie. L'Association athlétique du Grand Montréal (GMAA) a plutôt organisé un événement virtuel. Des élèves de la CSEM, notamment de Royal Vale et Willingdon à NDG, figuraient parmi les participants. Nous vous invitons à visionner ce reportage de CBC : <https://vimeo.com/418436656>.



### Les amis de Dalkeith

Afin de détendre l'atmosphère durant la pandémie, les enseignants de l'école primaire Dalkeith à Anjou ont réalisé une vidéo amusante sous le thème de l'ancienne émission de télé Friends. « L'idée était d'offrir aux parents quelque chose de rigolo à regarder en cette période troublante que nous traversons tous », de dire Luba Kalba et Tamara Campilii. « Nous voulions leur faire oublier, ne serait-ce que quelques instants, la crise que nous vivons présentement. Nous nous efforçons par tous les moyens de rester en contact avec nos élèves et leurs familles afin de les soutenir. Nous entretenons de très bonnes relations avec nos familles; nous formons une grande famille. Il était important pour nous qu'ils sachent que malgré la distance, nous serons toujours là pour eux! Nous vous invitons à visionner la vidéo : <https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/articles/dalkeith-school-teachers-lighten-the-mood-with-friends-video>



# Virtual Education Fair

English Montreal School Board

The 2020 EMSB Education Fair for students seeking Post-Secondary School options will take place in late October. Please visit

[www.emsb.qc.ca/virtualeducationfair](http://www.emsb.qc.ca/virtualeducationfair) for more information.

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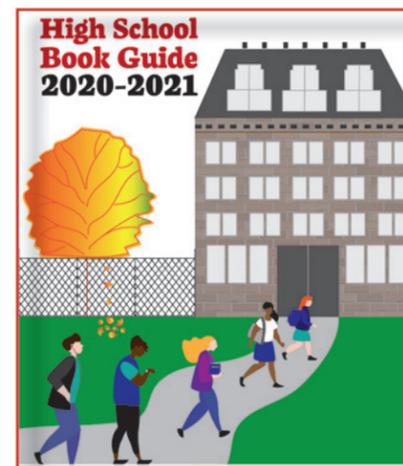
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# Is it time to choose a high school?

Explore what the EMSB has to offer in your area.

Our newest version of the EMSB High School Guide ([emsb.qc.ca/highschoolguide](http://emsb.qc.ca/highschoolguide)) takes you through our secondary school network. You will discover what makes each school unique, and what they offer as part of their focus programs and extra-curricular activities.



## James Lyng High School

James Lyng in St. Henri welcomes students of all abilities. The aim is to foster a shift in the delivery of curriculum to best meet their interests and validate the experiences and culture of urban youth.

## John Grant High School

John Grant is an alternative high school in Côte St. Luc serving students who learn differently. Following a modified curriculum, students are exposed to a variety of hands-on programming aimed at fostering independence, self-confidence and responsibility.

## LaurenHill Academy

The only EMSB school in Ville St. Laurent, LaurenHill has both a junior campus and a senior campus. It provides an environment in which students are motivated to achieve academic excellence in preparation for the challenges and expectations of an evolving society.

## Marymount Academy International

Marymount in NDG is made up of youth from a variety of socio-economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. As an International Baccalaureate (Middle Years Program) school, it strives to make its students critical thinkers, global citizens and life-long learners.

## Royal Vale School

Royal Vale is an Immersion Kindergarten to Grade 11 school in NDG, with a math and science focus. It stands apart with a program that includes French Immersion, critical thinking skill development, acceptance, democratic values, extra-curricular activities and leadership training.

## Royal West Academy

Royal West is an alternative high school in Montreal West for students committed to academic achievement. It fosters bilingualism, computer literacy, an appreciation of the arts, an understanding of social issues and a sense of community responsibilities.

## Westmount High School

Westmount High offers courses from the College Board's Advanced Placement Program to obtain university-level credit while simultaneously attaining the Quebec high school diploma. Critical thinking is promoted in an engaging environment.

## FACE School

FACE is located in downtown Montreal and is known for its Fine Arts and Enriched Music programs. The arts is an excellent learning ground for developing personal discipline, determination and a sense of achievement and self-confidence.



## John F. Kennedy High School

In a respectful, inclusive and nurturing environment, JFKHS, in St. Michel, offers a competitive and stimulating academic program supported by a tremendous resource program and extra-curricular activities.

## Laurier Macdonald High School

Laurier Macdonald, in St. Leonard, is now a Secondary 1 to 5 high school offering the International Baccalaureate program and philosophy at the heart of its curriculum. Students can expect to be supported to achieve high levels of academic success.

## Lester B. Pearson High School

The development of the whole person is nurtured at Lester B. Pearson located in Montreal North. Quebec's Sport-études program is offered. Students receive the education to become bilingual, socially conscious graduates aware of civic duties and responsibilities.

## LINKS High School

LINKS High School is an alternative high school in Ahuntsic for students who have special needs. Its mission is to ensure the maximum growth and development of each student academically, morally, socially and culturally in order to achieve personal independence in society.

## MIND High School

MIND is an inclusive school in the Plateau for grade 9, 10 and 11 students of all sexual orientations, backgrounds and traditions. Founded on a student-centered approach, it encourages class discussions and debates.

## Rosemount High School

Rosemount offers an enriched French program and a specialized music concentration program. The Rosemount Petite-Patrie school stands out for its junior school model, teaching through a Universal Design for Learning approach.

## Vincent Massey Collegiate

Vincent Massey in Rosemount offers an enriched and structured CEGEP preparatory program. It is designed to respond to the needs of the above-average student and further develop each student's capacity to achieve at the highest level.

