



Sharks Monthly



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Principal's Message

Upcoming Events

Dear JCA Community,

As the season changes and spring blooms around us, we are planning some special celebrations to embrace JCA's student success and accomplishments.

Our upcoming Science Fair is just around the corner! Students have been working hard on their projects and experiments. Get ready to explore the fascinating world of science with us on Thursday, April 4th. I would like to congratulate all our participating students and our amazing Science teacher, Mr. Alex, for JCA's very first Science/Steam Fair.

We are excited to announce that our storytelling sessions have been a huge hit with the students. Encouraging creativity and imagination through storytelling is a wonderful way to engage young minds. Congratulations to Gianmarco Di Zazzo (Grade 5) and Stella Proctor (Grade 6) for representing JCA at the Regional Story Telling event.

We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued partnership and support. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. Together, we can create a strong foundation for their future success.

Warm regards,

Sonia Marotta
Principal



April 1
Holiday, No School



April 4
Science/STEAM Fair



April 6
Comedy Night at JCA



April 8
Pedagogical Day, No School



April 11
Festival du Livre



April 12
Casual Day



April 12
TCBY



April 15 to April 19
Neurodiversity Week at JCA



April 23
Governing Board Meeting



April 25
Pedagogical Day, No School



April 26
Casual Day



April 26
TCBY

LUNCH MEAL PROVIDER

Our current lunch meal provider, Mini-Bistro, will be reducing its lunch services from five to three days a week. In order to provide a full five-day lunch service to our JCA families, Governing Board voted that Le Doral will be our new hot lunch provider for the 2024-2025 school year.





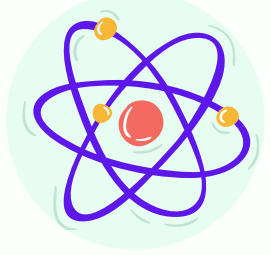
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SCIENCE/STEAM FAIR: April 4

Our Science/STEAM fair will be held on April 4, 2024, in the gymnasium from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. During the fair, our students will showcase their scientific discoveries or creations. In addition, at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Yannick Bergeron will host a science show for all visitors. We look forward to seeing you that evening!



COMEDY NIGHT AT JCA

April 6th, Joe Cacchione will perform his comedy show "Laughter is Part of Education." This event is exclusively for those who have registered in advance.

PEDAGOGICAL DAYS: April 8 and April 25

Daycare services will only be offered on April 25th. Daycare will be closed on April 8th due to the solar eclipse. Please note that the Daycare Mozaik registration for the school year 2024-2025 must be completed before April 12th.



FESTIVAL DU LIVRE: April 11

Our annual Festival du Livre will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024. This provides an excellent opportunity to add a book of interest to your child's collection, family, and friends. Please refer to the Festival du Livre memo for more details.

CASUAL DAYS: April 12 and April 26

We kindly ask all parents and guardians to review the guidelines on page 11 of the school agenda. Students are asked to bring a minimal donation of \$2, which will be collected to support school events at JCA.



TCBY: April 12 and April 26

We ask that our students bring their own reusable spoons.



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NEURODIVERSITY WEEK: April 15-19

Please take note of the following activities:

April 17: We will release a video of our Grade 6 students who have worked on a special video project with Ms. Tania, our ASD Consultant from the EMSB.

April 18: We invite all students to wear a rainbow-coloured shirt to represent the uniqueness of neurodiverse individuals. The navy bottom must remain in effect.

April 19: Ms. Tania will present to our Cycle 1 students information regarding neurodiversity.

Throughout the week: Students from cycles 2 and 3 will be invited to play cooperative games with our Wings 1 and 2 students.



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: April 23

Our next Governing Board Meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. John Caboto Academy parents and guardians are welcome.





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YOU'RE TOP: MARCH AWARD

The JCA "You're Top Award" is given to students who show a strong dedication to personal growth. These students consistently demonstrate exceptional qualities like respect, responsibility, honesty, teamwork, and kindness.



Congratulations to the following students:

Audrey B. (PKA)
Anna S. (KB)
Mahid A. (1A)
Olivia P. (1B)

Leilani A. (2)
Alessia L. (3)
Charlotte A. (4)
Alessandro G. (5A)

Mila D. S. (5B)
Bradley R. A. (6)
Lorenzo C. (STEAM)
Angelo P. (Science)

Adyan R. (WINGS 1)
Chris R. M. (WINGS 2)





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GOLDEN APPLE AWARD: MARCH

The JCA Golden Apple Award recognizes staff members' exceptional contributions to our school's advancement. We invite all parents, staff members, and students to submit nominations for deserving candidates to Ms. Marotta (smarotta@emsb.qc.ca).

Congratulations to the following:

- Mme Angela
- Ms. Gina
- Ms. Mariam
- Ms. Franca
- Ms. Terry
- Ms. Luba
- Mme Victoria





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What have our Sharks been up to?

SOLAR ECLIPSE

In Science class, Mr. Alex taught our grade 1 and 2 students about the solar eclipse. They were also featured in the Montreal Gazette!

<https://montrealgazette.com/news/why-the-april-8-solar-eclipse-is-totally-a-big-deal>



GREEN SHIRT DAY AT JCA

On March 15, our JCA students wore green shirts to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! Our Grade 1 students even captured a leprechaun!





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WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Our students from Grades 2-5 and Wings 2 had the opportunity to view the official practices of the World Figure Skating Championship at the Bell Centre. Our students had an incredible time!



GRADUATION PICTURE DAY: March 19

Our future Graduates took their Graduation photos where they felt a mix of nostalgia and excitement as they captured this important moment.





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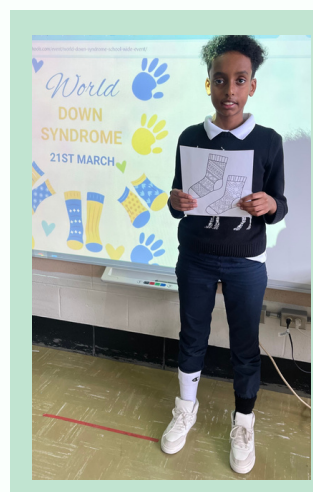
AQUARELLE BIRD PAINTING: March 20

Grade 2 students worked with the artist River June to create their very own aquarelle bird painting!



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY: March 21

JCA students proudly wore mismatched or vibrant socks on World Down Syndrome Day to show support, acceptance, and inclusion for individuals with Down syndrome.





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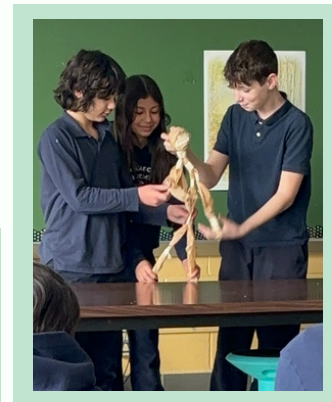


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PUPPET WORKSHOP: March 26-28

From March 26 to 28, students in grades 4-6 dived into a puppetry workshop. They explored puppetry's history, crafted paper puppets, and showcased great teamwork and collaboration.



Grade 6



Grade 5

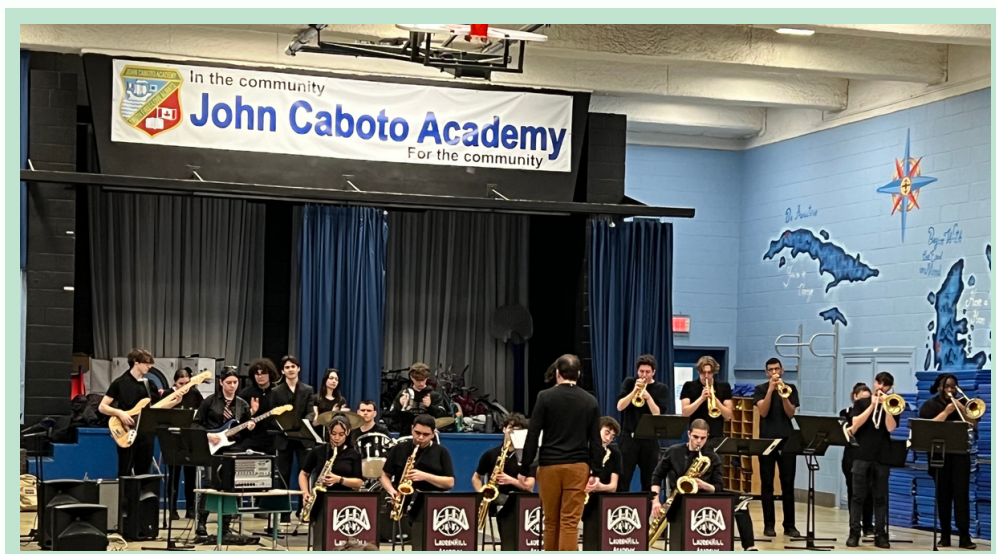


Grade 4



LAURENHILL ACADEMY JAZZ SHOW

March 26, our school was treated to an incredible jazz show by students from LaurenHill Academy. Their talent and energy brought joy to our school community. Big thanks to the performers for sharing their music with us!





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Mr. SIMON CHANG: March 28

We were privileged to host Mr. Simon Chang on March 28, who engaged with various groups within our school community:

Les Petits Artisans: Students had the opportunity to fabricate their pencil cases under Mr. Simon Chang's guidance.

Wings 2: Students got creative and created a recipe named the "Leprechaun Shake" with Mr. Simon Chang's assistance.

We thank Mr. Simon Chang for his time and expertise in enriching our students' learning experiences.



STOP-MOTION: Grades 4-6

Grades 4-6 students have been working on a stop-motion project centred around Spring. Stay tuned for the upcoming footage showcasing their creativity and hard work.



Grade 4



Grade 5



Grade 6



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ROBOTICS CLUB: Mr. Alex

We are excited to announce the launch of a robotics club at JCA for select Grade 4-6 students. Our school has acquired LEGO SPIKE™ kits, which will enable students to engage in hands-on learning and explore STEAM-related topics such as programming, engineering, and robotics. The primary objective is to provide students with an interactive and engaging learning experience. The sessions will focus on the practical application of robotics in real-world scenarios.



NUTRITION MONTH AT JCA

Introducing JCA's Sugary Sharks!



The Grade 2 students, Mr. Joseph, Monsieur Alex, and Jawsy, have been working hard on their latest project, which focuses on health (*nutrition*) and STEAM. For this project, each student has chosen a food item they enjoy eating and will analyze its sugar content. The students will then present their findings through a video presentation to their peers and the JCA community. We are excited to see and learn from their creative and informative presentations!





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DAYCARE: The Plants are Medicine Project

Our daycare students and Ms. Melina are engaged in a project focusing on building lasting connections with the environment and community. They are learning about plants from an Indigenous perspective called The Honourable Harvest, emphasizing respectful interaction with nature. This includes understanding plants as physical sustenance and beneficial for mental well-being. They will also learn plant care from seed to harvest and share their seedlings with community gardens.

This upcoming fall, they will have access to the harvest from various sources, including the school garden, Ms. Melina's farm, and Jardin Papillon.

