

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO PARENTS COMMITTEE

April 12, 2018

REGISTRATION UPDATE

Student registration was frozen in the system effective March 15th to permit the assignment of initial staffing parameters to schools. The staffing process is a major focus of schools and administration through the months of April and May with the declaration of required posts, excess and vacancies playing out alongside the necessary discussions regarding school organization, class groupings and program orientations for the upcoming year.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFING

The Human Resources Department hosted information sessions for individuals thinking of assuming leadership roles in schools in the coming years. It subsequently held interview evenings for teachers interested in pursuing a career in Educational Administration. The Senior Administrative Team interviewed potential candidates on the evenings of March 19th and March 21st and came away with a strong pool of candidates from both inside and outside the system.

INNOVATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

With the upcoming retirement of Mr. Francois Dupuis, Director of Information Systems, interviews to replace Mr. Dupuis are underway. A range of candidates have expressed interest in the post of Director of Innovation and Technology, the vast majority from outside of the education system.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Once again this year, Lester B. Pearson School Board had a large delegation present for the Parade held on March 16th. Students from Beurling Academy, LPHS, Macdonald High and St. Thomas High fought the cold weather while demonstrating their musical talents. LBPSB brought home the Bernier Family Trophy for Best High School Unit for the second year in a row.

GRANDES RENCONTRES

On Thursday, March 22nd a province-wide symposium was held at the Centre de Congrès in Laval. The main topic for this conference was Creating a Positive, Safe and Caring School Environment. There were breakout workshops held which provided practices on how to promote a positive school climate. There were a limited number of spaces available at the event, therefore, the event was webcast for those who were not able to attend.

DEL F Testing

This marks the second year that Lester B. Pearson will be evaluating students seeking certification in the DELF Scolaire (Diplôme d'études en langue française). This is a diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education to prove the French-language skills of non-French candidates. The DELF certification corresponds to the skills identified in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The testing is targeted for students from Sec. III - V and offers the chance for DELF B1 or B2 certification.

ENRICHED PLACEMENT TESTING

The deadline to register for enriched placement testing for current Grade 5 students has been extended to Friday, April 13th. The testing is scheduled to take place in student's home schools on Friday, May 11th. Information on registration can be found on the board's website.

FIRST ROBOTICS

The competition was held on March 2nd at the Claude Robillard Centre in Montreal. Both Lakeside Academy and LCCHS competed. Our teams dominated the competition with LCCHS' Sonic Howl moving on to a competition in Victoria, BC which they attended in late March.

NUTRITION MONTH CHALLENGE

March is Nutrition Challenge month. Throughout Quebec, schools emphasize the importance of nutrition. They organize initiatives which promote healthy eating habits. Many LBPSB schools took part in this challenge. One of the highlights was Dorval Elementary grade 5 students who performed a rap about nutritious breakfasts. Each initiative is awarded points for nutrition-related prizes with the grand prize being a tour and workshop at a farm. The winners will be announced soon.

PCHS Model UN

For the past two years both LPHS at PCHS have partnered in realizing their annual Model United Nations. It has been very successful undertaking and has allowed the scope and depth of the event to grow. It's truly inspiring to see these high school students gather to work together to solve complex political issues like the global water crisis and gender inequality while staying true to the values and needs of the countries they represent.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Educational Services held the Final Battle of the Books here in the Boardroom on March 20th. This event celebrates literacy in a really fun and fast-paced high school team competition. This year's event involved teams of students from grades 7 to 11 who are tested on their knowledge of the books they read. LCCHS, PCHS, Macdonald High and St Thomas participated in the Battle. The winner, MAC High, will be advancing to the Ultimate Battle against the winners from the Quebec Association of Independent Schools and the EMSB. This battle will be held on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. here in the Boardroom

VISIT FROM L'ACADEMIE DE L'ILE (FRANCE)

The week of April 23rd, our board will be hosting guests from France, l'Academie de l'Ile. Three administrators will be spending the week here and will be visiting schools offering immersion programs. They are looking for different types of immersion programs to bring to their Academy.

PACC Job Fair

PACC recently held its 14h annual job fair. Human Resources reps from 25 major public and private health institutions gathered at PACC to meet with students and former graduates. Students receive interviewing tips are briefed on the recruitment process. They also help the students strengthen their CVs and identify their areas of interest.