

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO PARENTS COMMITTEE MAY 3, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFING

Administrative staffing changes for both the Youth and Continuing Education Sector were approved by Council on Monday, April 30, 2018. We are proud and confident in the teams that we have working with your children in our schools and we welcome the new additions to that team effective July 1st. A complete list of the staffing changes can be found on the board's website.

JERSEY DAY

On April 12, 2018, a Canada wide support of the tragedy involving the Humbolt Broncos Hockey Team took place. Many schools and centers in the Lester B. Pearson School Board showed their support by wearing their favorite jersey/team t-shirt.

BISSONNETTE BUS STRIKE

The on-again/off-again strike by drivers for Autobus Bissonnette came to fruition on Monday, April 23rd. This affected students attending Birchwood, Evergreen, Macdonald High, Mount Pleasant, PETES and Westwood Junior and Senior. In total approximately 1000 students were affected. The two sides came to a contract agreement in the early evening of April 25th and service was resumed on regular schedules the next morning. On behalf of the school teams at each of the affected schools, we would like to thank parents for their understanding, support and cooperation over the course of the service disruption.

INTERCULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Intercultural Advisory Committee held an open meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd on the topic of *Building Social Awareness Around Hatred and Race* with Dr. Andrea Sterzuk from the University of Regina's Faculty of Education.

ULTIMATE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Ultimate Battle took place on April 17, 2018. Macdonald High School represented LBPSB and competed against Trafalgar School for Girls from the Quebec Association of Independent Schools and Lauren Hill Academy from the EMSB. Macdonald High School won the Ultimate Battle, the second consecutive year it has done so.

ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK

This year's event was held on April 12, 2018. Students from all of the board's Adult and Vocational centres shared their experiences and moving stories of perseverance. Frank Baylis, Member of Parliament representing Pierrefonds/Dollard, honored the adult learners and congratulated them on reaching their goal.

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

A delegation of administrators from L'Ile, France arrived spent the week of April 23rd touring LBPSB schools and meeting with representatives from the Educational Services Department. This visit grew, in part, out of our involvement in DELF language certification across the board. The L'Ile team is interested in bringing immersion programs to their network and wanted to visit our schools offering immersion programs. Feedback was very positive and lines of communication will remain open.

VISIT FROM SPANISH DELEGATION

A second group of delegates, this one from Spain, visited both Forest Hill Sr. and Children's World Academy on April 23rd. This delegation is looking to diversify the learning experiences of their students and is looking at some of the innovations happening at LBPSB for inspiration.

QUI LIRA VAINCRA

Qui Lira Vaincra is a competition which promotes reading in French. It was held on April 25, 2018 and it involved elementary schools representing each of the three Regions of the School Board. Birchwood, St. Charles and Dorval Elementary participated. St. Charles was the winner of this competition !!!

ENRICHMENT EXAM

All registered in board grade 5 students will write on the professional day of Friday, May 11th. The exam format is the same as the standardized test which has been administered to Grade 6 students in previous years. Students from outside the system will write on Saturday, May 12th either at Macdonald High or JRHS. Our registration numbers are slightly higher than average from our November dates.

BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY GREEN TEAM

Students of Birchwood Elementary Green Team are busy composting, recycling, gardening as well as doing a massive clean-up of the landscape in front of the school. The Green Team began on the first day the school opened its doors in 2010. This project has blossomed thanks to dedicated teachers and committed students.

KINGSDALE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The Kingsdale Kindergarteners spent a morning at Vivalis entertaining the seniors and basking in their wisdom and guidance. The students introduced themselves to the seniors and talked to them about their families and what they were learning in kindergarten. They also entertained them by singing a song.

RECUPERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

The closure of schools on Monday, April 16th placed the system below 180 instructional days for the 2017-18 academic year. As a consequence, local professional days scheduled for the months of May and June have been converted to instructional days. Schools are in process of notifying parents of these calendar modifications directly. In some cases, secondary schools will need to convert planned "modified days" to full instructional days to compensate.

LEARNING BAR - OUR SCHOOL SURVEY TRAINING

Administrators from across the 9 English School Boards, including 30 from Lester B. Pearson participated in a professional development session presented by the team from The Learning Bar (Fredericton) on Tuesday, April 17th. Debrief sessions are planned in upcoming Regional Meetings.

ELEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL DAY - APRIL 20

The Educational Services and Student Services Departments collaborated on an EdCamp professional development session at JRHS on Friday, April 20th. The session was open to Elementary Cycle II teachers and integration aides and the general theme was the 6-C's of Michael Fullan's Deep Learning Framework.

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

On the same day, students representing each of the board's elementary schools attended the annual *Welcome to Our World* event in the LBPSB boardroom. This event is organized and animated by the Central Students Committee with the support of Leadership teachers and participation of other secondary students who bring their experience and enthusiasm to the event.

FUNDRAISERS

We would like to note two great community fundraisers which took place on the weekend of April 20-23. On Friday, April 20th, the Pearson Education Foundation hosted a comedy gala in the Lakeside Academy auditorium to raise money to support its in-school programs. On Saturday, Overture with the Arts hosted its annual fundraising gala at the Pierrefonds Cultural Center. Overture with the Arts is a very active community partner in our elementary and secondary schools north of Highway 40, promoting creative initiatives and encouraging students to explore their artistic inclinations. Thanks are extended to all parents who came out in support of each event. Both celebrated the partnerships we have between school and community and shone a spotlight on the benefits our children see from those partnerships.