

Director General's Report to Council



by R. T. Mills



Graduation Exercises

During the past few weeks, Carol Heffernan, Steve Balleine and I have had the pleasure of attending a number of Graduation ceremonies at all levels throughout our system. On behalf of all of us here at Head Office, I extend sincere congratulations to the graduates and their families and very deep thanks to our staff.

Vocational Education

I am very pleased to announce that the MELS has just informed us that we have been awarded the provisional authorization for the vocational program in Boulangerie in response to a request made in December of 2011. This is a welcome addition to our ever-growing selection of programs offered by our Board and is a tribute to the excellence of our AVE staff.

The Upcoming Summer Break

Our students are now welcoming the summer vacation period as a well-deserved break from the rigours and routines of school. Many high school students are working at summer jobs. Others are taking advantage of summer courses or leisure programs while others are simply spending quality time with family and friends. Whatever their activity, I wish them a wonderful time and urge them to be safe and careful.

At this, our last formal meeting of the school year, I wish to express most sincere thanks to the people so vital to our learning community. These people are the teachers, administrators, nonteaching professionals, and members of our clerical and technical support staff and of our Equipment Services group, all of whom make extraordinary effort on behalf of the students of our board. Their daily tasks are very rewarding but, at the same time, are carried out under somewhat difficult conditions. Expectations of all are very high and, invariably, these expectations are met. I am very grateful that they have chosen to work in this profession. On a daily basis, I see their commitment and contribution. I am thankful to be part of an organization that has as its central mission service to its community through public education. I greatly appreciate their dedication. A most sincere "Thank you" seems trivial but I am hopeful that all understand that it comes from the heart.

To all of our community, I wish you all a restful, relaxing and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in August.

Central Parents' Committee Honours Volunteers

by the Central Parents' Committee



The CPC Annual Volunteer Recognition evening, held Wednesday, May 30, was a huge success with approximately 200 people in attendance. The room looked beautiful thanks to Ms. Laura Bennett and the daycare children at St. Charles School.

The evening commenced with

comments from Ms. Bobbi Brown, Chair of the Central Parents' Committee, sharing personal experiences of how volunteering has enriched her and her children's lives. Mr. Robert T. Mills, Director General, and Mrs. Angela Nolet, Vice-Chair of the Board, expressed their gratitude for all the work and effort that volunteers put into LBPSB schools. In addition, Mr. Alex D'Arienzo, Chair of the Central Students' Committee, had many



CPC Award of Distinction winner Cindy Karnofski and Beth & Mike Bayer, volunteers from Lindsay Place High School

kind words of thanks for all of the volunteers.

Truly enjoyable performances were given by the Children's World Academy Glee Club, under the direction of Ms. Evie Vassilakakis; Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School's cast of Beauty and the Beast directed by Mrs. Lori Brown and Miss Amanda McCullough; and Lester Be Music Choir conducted by Mr. John Leblanc.

Ms. Cindy Karnofski, a long

time committed parent volunteer, was awarded the Central Parents' Committee Award of Distinction. She was truly surprised and honoured to receive this award.

All of the Volunteer of the Year Award recipients were personally recognized and received a token of appreciation.

A huge thank you goes out to Laura Derry and Gina Clemenza in making this event special and memorable for all who attended.



Christmas Park Volunteer of the Year Sherry Filion and Principal Micheline Lincoln

Chairman's Report to Council



by Suanne Stein Day



Another school year has come to a close. Again I had the pleasure of attending graduations at our elementary schools, our high schools, an adult centre and a vocational centre. Each of them is unique in their own way, each celebrating amazing accomplishments of our students. I wish all our students sincere congratulations on your achievements this past year. We've seen some wonderful things come out of our schools. The e-books, art and music. The robotics and science projects. Your ability to solve

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Riverdale's Model UN...

By Mike Gabe



On Tuesday, June 5th, Riverdale hosted its first Model United Nations (MUN) forum, where the

students - representing different nations as they had all year - debated the merits of UN oversight for countries with nuclear ambitions. The students were required to present their nation's perspective on nuclear power, looking at it through a number of lenses such as environmental, political

and economic impact, and then examine their country's relationship with the United Nations to come to a conclusion, and in turn write or support different resolutions that were put forward. The event was a formal one, with both professional dress & decorum expected.



...and Dragon Boat Race

On Sunday, June 10th, Riverdale staff & students took part in the Missing Childrens Network's annual Dragon Boat race on the Lachine Canal. It was our 4th year participating, and we finished 4th out of 18 boats, just narrowly missing the medal podium. Still we raised nearly \$4000 for the cause, and look forward to taking part in it next year.



St. Anthony Elementary in Autism Speaks Walk



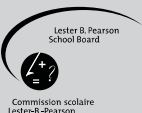
On Walk Day (May 27th) there were a number of St Anthony's students who went to Jarry Park for fun and fundraising: Adriana Campisi, Dylan Koszycki, Anthony and Benjamin Gracioppo, Nathan and Paolo



Montesi and Andrew Lee with their families. They had a great time and so far their team "The Young Troopers" has raised over \$3,700. The event total was estimated at \$190,000 raised in Montreal for Autism Speaks Canada. For more photos and info you can go to their Team Web Page by clicking [here](#).



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CPIC:
Teacher PD

The first CPIC Meeting of the 2012-2013 school year will take place in early September.

Have a good summer!

Special Olympics at Sunshine Academy

by Cheryl Wallace-Sevack,
Resource Teacher



The Special Olympics was started at Sunshine Academy in order to meet the needs of some of our special needs students. These students were able to practice skills every day for twenty minutes with a team of aides. They prac-

ticed kicking, jumping, running, throwing and catching. At the end of May all students invited a friend to participate in a Special Olympics Day. The teams were awarded points for each activity and ribbons were given out at

the end of the morning's events. We were lucky to have Mr. James Lapierre of Special Olympics, Ms. Jade Lawsane who has volunteered for Special Olympics for 17 years, Mrs. Rosemary Murphy our Commissioner and Mr. Chris

Fuzessy from LBPSB Student Services. The kids had a great time as did parents and onlookers. Special thanks to Mr. Chad, Ms. Kerry Anne and all the aides for making it a great year and a great day.



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the complex math problems at Math Olympics and other competitions. The song and dance at TOPS and in the schools. I hope you enjoyed creating it as much as I've enjoyed seeing it. And a huge thank you to all the Lester B. employees who made it all happen. I honestly don't believe that we have a single employee who doesn't, in some way, contribute to the success of our students.

2011 - 2012 proved to be another strong year for LBPSB. We opened Birchwood - finally - and had the dedications of the John Killingbeck and Marcus Tabachnick Pavilions of the International Language Centres. Our international programs are growing as are our vocational and adult education programs. Construction is well underway at our WICC and PEC Satellites and we are on the lookout for more pupil places off island again.

Despite ongoing declines in enrollment, Lester B. Pearson continues to be THE school board in Quebec. I'm honoured and proud to be a part of it.

On this note, I wish all of our students, families, staff, partners and friends a restful, peaceful, energizing summer.

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Riverview Parents Return to Grade 1

By Alice Hayward,
Grade 1 teacher

When the year is coming to a close and the weather is glorious outside, staying focused in class can become a bit of a challenge for teachers and students alike - we needed a purpose.

What better way to keep motivation high than to invite parents into the class to see just what they get up to every day and to celebrate their reading successes this year. On May 25th, grade 1 students at Riverview Elementary did just that.

In the weeks before the big event, students practised je lis seul, je joue avec les mots, and j'écris seul (part of their Daily 5 routine) with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. "N'oubliez pas je lis seul Mme Alice! On a que 3 pratiques avant que les parents arrivent!" Skipping a practice was just not on the agenda.

After several weeks of practice,

the big day finally arrived and there was a nervous excitement in the air. 8:45 rolled around and to our delight parents filed into room 111. Every child had a parent present.

Students guided their parents through their daily literacy routine, showing them how and where they like to work and learn. Parents could be found crouched on carpets or squatted on the floor as they watched their children read and write before their eyes - there were smiles all around.

Grade 1 is such a big year for early literacy and in a community like Riverview encouraging parents to be involved early on is essential. The 25th of May allowed us just such an opportunity. Students, once non-readers and writers, were welcomed into the world of literacy by their parents and teacher - the best end of year gift ever.



Strategic Directions in the Pearson News

As you read through the Pearson News, you'll notice that some of the articles have the numbers one through four next to them. These numbers are associated with the LBPSB's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan and its four main directions. Each month, you'll see these numbers next to the articles found in the pages of the Pearson News and it will give you an idea of what the board's schools and centres are doing in line with the Strategic Plan. You'll find a legend inside with details on what strategic direction each number is related to.



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The Strategic Directions



Strategic Direction 1
Maximizing Student Success
in a Culture for Learning



Strategic Direction 2
Fostering and Supporting a Commitment
to Professional Growth for All



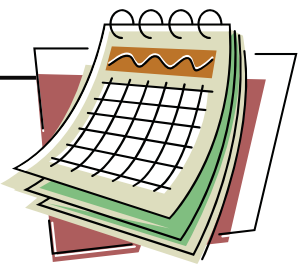
Strategic Direction 3
Enhancing School Collaboration
and Community Partnerships



Strategic Direction 4
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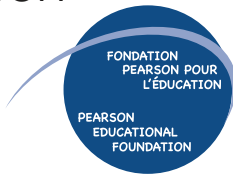
Below is a list of Commissioners along with their home telephone numbers
and school board locals.

Ward	Communities	Commissioner	Home Phone #	422-3000 Local
1	Verdun/Nuns' Island	Douglas Flook	514-293-2417	4001
2	LaSalle South	Sergio Borja	514-368-1001	4002
3	LaSalle Northeast	Ruben Fazio	514-365-1638	4003
4	LaSalle West/Ville St-Pierre	Frank di Bello	514-951-5834	4004
5	Lachine	Patrick Whitham	514-800-9240	4005
6	Dorval	Barbara Freeston	514-636-9315	4006
7	Dollard-des-Ormeaux East	Rosemary Murphy	514-620-8012	4007
8	Roxboro/Pierrefonds East	Craig Berger	514-421-6570	4008
9	Pointe-Claire East	Linton Garner	514-696-7892	4009
10	Pointe-Claire West	Conny Held	514-233-5966	4026
11	Dollard-des-Ormeaux Center	Ruth Dangoor Gdalevitch	514-906-7320	4011
12	Pierrefonds/Île Bizard	Susan Williams	514-620-4745	4012
13	Dollard-des-Ormeaux Center/West	Martin Sherman	514-684-2742	4013
14	Dollard-des-Ormeaux W./Kirkland E.	Joe Zemanovich	514-624-2376	4014
15	Beaconsfield North	Don Rae	514-697-9878	4015
16	Kirkland West	Suanne Stein Day	514-798-8797	2322
17	Pierrefonds West	Luisa Bulgarelli-Vero	514-694-0475	4017
18	Ste-Anne/Baie d'Urfé/Beaconsfld S./Senneville	Judy Kelley	514-697-7619	4018
19	Île Perrot	Susan Bartlett-Lewis	514-453-6650	4019
20	Les Cèdres/Vaudreuil-Dorion	Angela Nolet	514-453-5462	2299
21	Hudson/St-Lazare	Daniel Olivenstein	450-458-1413	4021
CPC	Secondary Representative	Nan Beaton	514-713-3892	4026
CPC	Elementary Representative	Domenico Pavone	514-566-8869	4027
Executive Committee		July 3, 2012 5:30 p.m.	Board Room	



Mark the Date!

The Annual Gala Evening of the Pearson Educational Foundation will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 8, 2012, at the Montreal Sheraton Airport Hotel.



Join us on The Road to Resilience

A one-day interactive workshop



Resilience is not something we are born with, but a skill that can be learned. It helps us achieve balance and personal strength in all aspects of life.

This one-day interactive workshop is offered by the Lester B. Pearson School Board in partnership with Concordia University, Department of Applied Human Sciences, Graduate Program in Human Systems Intervention.

It is open to the entire LBPSB community.

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2012

OR

Sunday, October 21, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Pearson Electrotechnology Centre
5000 René Huguet, Lachine
H8T 1M7

Cost: \$25 (lunch included)

Register online at www.lbpsb.qc.ca

For more information:

Email: workshopinfo@lbpsb.qc.ca

Phone: 514-422-3000 (ask for Workshop Info)



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