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Given the restrictive budget at locations received from MEILs on recent years, this is always a dif-
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Student End-Year Evaluation

Although evaluation of student progress is done on a continu-

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school examinations and those from different areas and bases but they all have one thing in common – they are adult learners attending adult and voca-

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son Board of School:

“You have showed such strength. In going back to

school and changing your lives,” added

Matthew Cantin who, at 41, was wor-
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dent in Saskatchewan, where he
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long and arduous. “I was told by
doctors that I needed to work on

my left foot and was told that

I needed to be more careful.

I broke 34 bones, my back in

one fall. But I had to leave, there

was no future for me there,” said

Veronique Marin, director of

the LBPSB’s Adult Education

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Musicals and Theatre Around the LBPSB

by Alycia Ambroziak

The annual TOPS show is scheduled for May 2 and 3 and an event not to be missed. Each year, this student-organized and produced event is a treat to the outstanding talents of students throughout our school board and this year’s edition promises to be the best yet!

Administrative Staffing

The administrative staffing resolutions that will be presented later this evening reflect a rather complex dynamic that matches the needs of our schools and centres and their respective communities with the needs and competencies of our staff members. Tonight, we will see a number of transfers, promotions and new appointments, all of which are designed to enrich our organization. I extend to each of the appointees my best wishes for continued success and happiness as they undertake their leadership roles for the coming year.

On the “Front” at John Rennie High School

by Alycia Ambroziak

Take a trip back in time to war-torn London with the John Rennie High School Actors’ Studio Production springing from the award-winning play, Front, by Robert Caisley.

Set in London during the Blitz - a period of intense bombing - Front was written to moralize the British population and force defeat of the British government - Front looks at the Second World War through the eyes of the women left behind while the men went off to fight.

James Colley, program and play director at the JHRS Actors’ Studio, said Front,” which won the 1996 Kennedy Center/Fourth Freedom Forum Playwriting Award - explores the lives of various characters; some rich, some poor, and some who are trying to just get through the war while others dream of the future. “All the characters in this piece are searching for something they have lost because of the war,” Colley said.

The appearance of German bombers in the skies over London began on Sept. 7, 1940 and lasted until May 11, 1941 when Hitler called off the raids in order to move on to Russia. During the Blitz, an estimated 50,000 civilians were killed, 60,000 injured and thousands of homes and industrial installations were destroyed and damaged.

Brought to life by 37 actors in the JHRS Actors’ Program which was founded in 1999 by Louise Chalmers, Front will be presented May 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Louise Chalmers Theatre at the high school located at 501 Blvd. St. Jean in Pointe-Claire. Tickets, which cost $12 for adults, $6 for seniors, and students can be purchased at the door or can be reserved online at http://www.jhrcostudio.com. For more information, call James Colley at 514-855-3770. www.jhrcostudio.com

The JHRS Actors’ Studio website is http://www.jhrcostudio.com

If you’re wondering who did the impres- sive set for Front, it’s none other than Ashley Vo. Vo, who graduated from Dawson College, said she was happy to oblige when asked to create another poster for the JHRS Actors’ Studio presentation. “I did three of them when I was a student at John Rennie – I really like doing posters,” said Vo.

Beacon Hill Art Gala A Success Despite Adversity

by Ben Leigh

The must go out! Despite a double dump pump failure which caused flooding in our school gymnasium the day before the gala, the 6th annual Beacon Hill Art Gala was another success! On April 16th, almost 600 attendees were impressed by the quality and quantity of the art work by our 322 elementary students. The art was also entertaining by the student band style from St. Thomas High School. Projects ranged from colorful button trees, to clay feet, and art pieces inspired by famous artists such as Mr. & Mrs. Mondrian. The staff did an amazing job of decorating individual picture frames which were won by raffle. With the gymnasium unavailable, the art was creatively displayed in the hallways, drama room and library. Thanks to the hard work of the students, staff, and dedicated volunteers, we were able to have a successful evening. The art will be used to purchase new xylophones for the music program and stage props for the drama program. Our art gala has replaced more traditional fundraisers such as car washes or magaine sales. Our gala has been recognized in the community and drives, and more importantly, demonstrates that the kids who make it that their creativity is valuable and appreciated.

TOPS Show

TOPS Show was L.A. meets New Place on March 28, 2014. This year’s show was Macdonald High School, 17 Maple Road in St. Anne de Bellevue. April 24, 25, and 26. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $10 in advance. $12 at the door. For more information, call James Colley at 514-855-0569 Email info@jhrcostudio.com. The JHRS Actors’ Studio website is http://www.jhrcostudio.com

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The annual TOPS show is once again an opportunity for Lake- lands of Excellence, visit:


L.A. Meets New York Variety Show at Lakeside

Our annual variety show took place on March 28, 2014. This year’s show was L.A. Meets New York and proved itself to be an impressive display of talent at Lakeside Academy. The show contained comedy sketches that revolved around Saturday Night Live classics, dance numbers, singers and bands. More than 300 fam- ily members, friends and teachers came to see the show, which was a huge success, with everybody having a great evening of variety and talent. The Show was once again an opportunity for Lakeside Academy to showcase our talented students. Well done to all who took part especially Mr. Labeau and Ms. Schwartz for their dedication in putting on this show. A big thank you goes out to all the parents, musicians, technical crew and后台 crew for a job well done.

Looking forward to next year.

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tan class time on the projects. Robotics clubs are popping up all over the place and teachers are striving to stay a step ahead of the students. They didn’t learn this stuff in school! Sometimes, in- evitably, it’s the students teaching the teachers and these teachers are OK with that too, because the students are still learning.

Thank you to all our school and board staff who are making this all possible. And let me take a moment to thank Mrs. Barbara Freeston, President of Pearson Educational Foundation. It’s the Foundation that makes a lot of these projects possible in our schools, raising funds and applying for grants that are going di- rectly to the classrooms.

Congratulations to the Pierre- feux. Comprehensive Battle of the Books team who came in first at the Lester B. Pearson compe- tition. The students had to read several books this year and then answer questions on them. Reach for the Top. The PCHS team will be going to the Uti- matic Battle of the Books tomorrow against the winner from the Quebec Association of Indepen- dent schools.

St. Anthony’s hosted four other elementary schools for a presenta- tion and board staff who are making this all possible. Our organizations teach our children to make their mark in society and social standing, they can each make a difference. Our schools are involved in building- schools in many third world countries, bringing water to those schools, bringing supplies and, in fact, students to the schools help- ing some of these communities to become self-sustaining. Our children are making a difference in the world.

There is so much more happen- ing in May and I am truly looking forward to it.
April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day at Thorndale Elementary School

“Terry Fox Elementary School’s Favourite Websites

Have you ever wondered about which websites are educational and, at the same time, won’t turn your children into bored zombies? The best people to ask aren’t adults but the students themselves. That’s what teacher Carol Renshaw thought and so she asked her grade 5 and 6 students at Terry Fox Elementary to do some research on appropriate websites that combine learning and fun.

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The Magic of ‘I Love to Read’ Week

By Ingrid Farkas, Evergreen Parent

The purpose of “I Love to Read” week is to inspire and celebrate a love of reading. Children are already intrinsically motivated and with a little push can easily reach new levels in their magical journey through literacy. A magical theme makes reading fun and diminishes negative feelings sometimes associated with reading. As Ms. Coogan says, “The children really do get involved and what better way to encourage reading.” The true magic in reading is that it has a very real effect. It can enhance self-esteem, build confidence and open doors to whole new worlds. The written word is a powerful gift and through “I Love to Read” week Evergreen encourages its students to discover the wonders of the magical world of reading all year long.

Evergreen teachers want their students to discover the wonders of reading. By dedicating a whole week to this celebration, children will be introduced to reading activities in all areas of learning. This year, activities will incorporate technology by giving students the opportunity to read stories over the internet through Google Groups. In addition, singing and dancing will also be a big part of the celebrations. Evergreen invites you to "Get Up Keep Reading" at the closing assembly on May 8th.

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Read as my Shirt Day. Dress as your favourite Magical Character, wear your Favourite Costume, bring your Favourite Book, and many more, students will have the opportunity to travel through the fictional world of reading all week long.

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By Judy Kenworthy-Grant, PSI Regional Coordinator

The Strategic Directions

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Lakeside Academy Competes in FIRST Robotics

by Jane Preston

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