

APRIL 2016 NewsFlash!



- Battle of the Books: The Battle of the Books between the 5 participating schools was held at Riverdale High School on April 14th. MacDonald High, Riverdale, Beurling, St-Thomas and LCCHS participated in a friendly competition. St-Thomas won the Battle of the Books and represented LBPSB at the Ultimate Battle of the Books on April 20th against Lauren Hill (EMSB) and Lower Canada College (QAIS). LBPSB won the Ultimate Battle! Congratulations to our students and all our library technicians who organized the event.
- Also, in collaboration with SSD, workshops on Read and Write were offered to our schools in order to appropriately use this tool.
- We continue to support our School Success teams, by offering workshops in collaboration with SSD. The workshops on the evaluation of Special needs students were well attended.
- We launched our first EdCamp unconference on April 22nd. The theme was: "Real Learning for Real Kids/Apprendre pour de vrai!" Kindergarten and cycle 2 teachers were invited to share relevant practices. There were twenty schools and 2980 years of teaching experience present discussing and sharing great teaching. It was a great success.





Elementary English Language Arts

A. Scott

- A meeting was held with the English and French teachers of the Français Plus schools to establish a common vision
- for teaching and evaluation in the Français Plus schools. ESD and SSD have met with the teachers from the Response to Intervention project who will become the model teachers for each region next year.

Français langue seconde, préscolaire/primaire H-A Denton

- Plusieurs projets continuent d'être menés de l'avant dans diverses écoles, dans le but d'uniformiser l'enseignement et la façon d'évaluer les élèves.
- La situation d'évaluation pour les élèves de 6e année, cette année, s'intitule: À chacun sa maison. Elle a eue lieu du 7 au 21 avril.

Elementary Mathematics

R. Binet & C. Brunet

- The Grade 3 & 5 Math board exams took place. Professional Development took place through both Familiarization Sessions and Marking Centres.
- Continue to support schools with their PDIGS, in-house PD sessions etc...

WOTP, Projet Particulier and EXPLO

- The second WOTP mentoring session was held on April 7, 2016 at St. Pius X Culinary Institute. Eight of our teachers
- Four of our High Schools have submitted a Projet Particulier application for the 2016-2017 school year.

Nutrition Education

R. Chiappetta & M. Cardin

- Nutrition Month Campaign is now over! For a whole month, teachers from both LBPSB & EMSB managed to put healthy eating on the front line, while teaching their subjects. Congratulations to all!
- https://sites.google.com/a/lbpearson.ca/health_nutrition/nutrition-month Kiosks on energy drinks & healthy eating were held at Macdonald HS as part of their Health Fair.

Physical Education and Health

P. Gilson-B.Hannah

- Our annual Basketball Tournament will be held at six
- different venues on April 22nd, 2016. Plans are underway for the annual Junior Cross Country Run to be held on May 10th & 11th at Dorset Park.

Educational Technology

B. Hannah

- Google for Education workshops for the staff at LCCHS and Riverdale on their respective local pedagogical days.
- STEAM initiative workshop for the staff at Allion elementary.

Secondary Mathematics

J. Le Blanc

- Preparing for exams
- Working with school teams to examine teaching practices and curriculum planning in math

Digital Citizenship & Educational Technology S. Connery

Continued support for iPads and Google. Students are creating projects that reflect their learning. Their comfort level with the technology allows them to focus on the learning and and to move forward with reflective thinking.

Digital Citizenship & Educational Technology K. Meldrum

- Teachers have been actively engaged in amazing professional development on the topic of technology as a tool for learning; rich assessment information.
- The Innovation Center at Christmas Park is almost ready for launch. The staff are anxious to bring their students into the center to create, explore and innovate.

Pearson Partnership Program

N. Battet

- Financial Literacy partnership with Canadian Foundation of Economic Education offered workshops for students in many of our high schools. A money fair was held at BMO head office where Lindsay Place students took part.
- In partnership with BHS grade 9 math teachers, students visited Google office as well as John Abbott College computer technology program.

Secondary English Language Arts

J. Le Blanc

- Validated teacher created workshop on improving reading response through the talk competency
- Created proposal for board-wide Secondary 5 ELA PD through a marking center. Touring schools to get feedback.

Community Liaison/Leadership

FRC Robotics Montreal Event, McGill Homework Zone, School of Music Montreal, My Day @ McGill, Video Game Design Challenge and Branch Out programs have successfully finished the year. Thank you to all our valued partners who provide the opportunities for our students in both our Elementary and High School in the LaSalle, Lachine, Verdun and Pierrefonds area.

Social Studies

J. Zachariou

- Completed the fourth and last review package "Population and Settlement" for the Secondary 4 History program. Completed the Secondary 3 history end-of-year exam for line 2014 June 2016.
- Dan Parker (rapper) finished his "Rapping through the curriculum "workshops in the elementary and high schools on April 4th. It was a success!

School Libraries, Cataloguing, Information Literacy, M. Sinclair

- Weeding library collections in preparation for schools
- merging or closing. Hosted Battle of the Books final. Presentations to principals on library learning commons; and presentations at the annual MEES Library Symposium.

Science and Technology

K. Davey

- Collaborated with teachers and other consultants to develop and validate the June secondary science and technology exams.

 Supported elementary teachers in planning and
- implementing inquiry-based science activities as part of the "Ensemble pour les Sciences" project.

Evaluation/Sanction des études M. Mazzarelli

- Presentations to elementary and secondary school success teams on Formative Assessment and Standards and Procedures.
- Development and sharing of resources and tools for the Evidence Based Project web site.

Français langue seconde, secondaire M. Delsemme

- Participation à l'organisation et à la tenue de l'événement annuel pour la promotion du bilinguisme : Le Français pour l'Avenir. Plus de 200 élèves du secondaire de la commission scolaire Lester B. Pearson étaient présents.
- Présentation d'un atelier sur la simulation globale au congrès annuel de l'Association québécoise des Enseignants de français langue seconde.













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