

The month of March was a short month but we were pleased to visit schools and attend events. We were able to see our strong participation at two science competitions; first, Robotics at Uniprix Stadium and then the Bell Science Fair at JAC.



We were also honoured to be judges for the SLAM contest that took place at Riverdale HS on April 3rd and the Storytelling contest at Dorset on April 2nd. Talented Secondary 1 to 5 students showed us their mastery of the French language by using a very special form of poetry to share feelings, ideas, and opinions. Equally talented Grade 2 students impressed us with their storytelling skills! Talking to teachers and students in their classrooms and schools is always our most significant learning moment and we are looking forward to doing more!

Michael Chechile and Lise Charlebois

Daycare

J. Levac

- Attended the LCEEQ conference on February 10th & 11th – Communicate, Collaborate, Create: Critical Thinking The Age Of Social Media – Impact On Teaching & Learning.
- Our 6th AEP cohort started on March 18th. This course is being thought on Tuesday & Thursday in the evening from 6:15pm to 9:15pm.
- On March 28th, a Destination Imagination competition will be held @ PCHS. In all, a total of 112 students are participating from the following schools; Allion, Beechwood, Birchwood, CWA, Edgewater, St-Anthony & St-Charles.

Français langue seconde, préscolaire/primaire H-A Denton

- Préparation et supervision des centres de correction pour la SE de 4e année
- Assistance dans la validation de formations sur le transfert et la communication orale ainsi que sur le transfert et la lecture, offertes par le MELS
- Réalisation d'un atelier sur l'échange de pratiques et d'activités gagnantes, lors de la journée pédagogique du 7 février
- Supervision d'un atelier offert par le Récit préscolaire sur l'exploitation du livre et les TIC
- Assistance et support dans divers projets : *les stratégies de lecture en maternelle (MELS)*, requêtes d'enseignants, PDIG en cours, etc.

Elementary Mathematics

R. Binet & C. Brunet

- Grade 2 & 3 Math Exam Marking Centres Session (English & French), over 125 teachers attended these sessions
- Grade 3, 4 & 5 Math Exam Familiarization Sessions (English & French), over 115 teachers attended these sessions
- February 7th PED Day provided two workshops for teachers in Cycles 1-3, "NUMBERS" & "iPad Math!"
- Professional Development offered to 12 elementary math teachers from grades 2, 3 & 4 to become leaders in order to animate Marking Centres.
- Continue to support schools involved in Curriculum Mapping (PDIGS included)

Français langue seconde, préscolaire/primaire M. Auger

- Provided regular follow up visits to new FLS teachers.
- Organized and offered the gr.4 French Second Language Marking Centers sessions.
- Facilitated the ongoing Kindergartent pre reading instructional project with Livres Ouverts, MELS.
- Presented the Allion gr.1 iPad alphabet project with homeroom teacher and McGill student teacher at the ESD workshop series.
- Attended the LCEEQ conference.
- Collaboration with Université. de Montréal research action project on the outcome of feedback in writing.

English Language Arts

A. Scott

- Marking centers were held for the grade 4 Learning and Evaluation Situation "From Past to Present: Bridging the Generation Gap."
- I attended the LCEEQ conference in Laval for two days.
- In-service professional development was given to Verdun, Allion and Greendale Schools.
- I worked with two schools Verdun and Birchwood for their PDIG grants.
- The Provincial Advisory Committee of Teachers of English met. The focus was on High Leverage Teaching Practices in English Language Arts.
- Two days of training for the "Full-Day Program for 4-Year-Olds From Disadvantaged Areas" were held. The focus was on play and how to observe children in symbolic play and constructive play.

Univers Social, Science & Technologie S. Lussier

- Planning of classroom activities for the Propulsion project for the 4 teams representing LBPSB and visited the classroom to work with the students.
- Co-taught inquiry activities in a number of the classrooms implementing the "SmarterScience".
- Delivered a 2nd workshop for the Educasciences / Éclairs de sciences school team. This session covered the assessment and evaluation components of the inquiry process within the framework. The workshop also offered a consultation with a scientist.
- Helped deliver Data Team workshop with follow up visits to support several school teams.
- Finalized the preparation Robot Duo Cycle 3, Robot Duo Cycle 2 and Aventure Robotique events. Information has been posted on the portal.

POP, Entrepreneurship, Lab Safety, Work-Placement C. Pratt

- POP and EN teachers have received a reflection question resource. Participating POP teachers attended day 2 of the provincial mentoring community and are excited about the upcoming day 3 session, which will take place in a POP classroom at another school board.
- Two new lab technicians have joined our school board and have been supported by other lab technicians in person and through Edmodo post conversations. Documents in Google Drive such as *Chemicals and Safer Alternatives* and *Chemical Waste Management* are being collaboratively worked on. A draft version of *Tech Heavy Safety Checklist* has been completed.
- Work Placement Animators met early March. Animators are using Edmodo to ask questions and share information. Animators are collaborating to standardize documentation, resources and practices.

WOTP, Projet Particulier and EXPLO P. Gilson

- Some of our High Schools will be submitting applications for a Projet Particulier. This projet targets Grade 9 students who will be 15 years old as of September 30, 2014
- Some of our WOTP teachers are involved in a Mentorship program that is being coordinated by MELS.
- All of the WOTP classes now have access to iPads

Physical Education and Health P. Gilson

- We had a successful Cross Country Ski Loppet which took place at La Base de plein Air les Cèdres on February 12th. Seven of our schools participated.
- Six of our schools took their Grade 3 students Curling at the Hudson Legion during the months of February, March.
- Plans are underway for the annual Basketball tournament which will be held at five different venues on April 25th.
- Plans are underway for the annual Cycle 1 Cross Country Run to be held on May 12th & 13th and the Track & Field meet to be held on June 3rd and 4th.

Community Liaison/Action Lasalle M. Albert

- LBPSB/McGill My Day at McGill took place Friday March 28th; Riverview Elementary had 40 students visit McGill University for the day.
- LCCHS and Lakeside Academy took part in the Festival de Robotique de Montreal (First Robotics Competition) at Uniprix Stadium from March 13th-15th. LCCHS were eliminated in the semi-final while Lakeside made a great rookie debut. Both teams were featured on CBC, CTV and Breakfast Television Montreal.

Information Communication Technology B. Hannah

- DCP Workshops for Elementary school, High school, Vocational & Adult centre representatives
- Gave workshops at LCEEQ conference in Laval
- Attended DEEN professional development day with Barrie Bennett
- Delivered Google Apps for Education professional development session to region two administrators
- SmartBoard 101 workshop for Sunshine Academy PDIG teachers
- Using Google Apps for Education and TFO Éducation workshop for Children's World Staff
- Coordination of 2014 Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair

Digital Citizenship & Educational Technology S. Connerly

- Continued to support 1:1 initiatives at Evergreen (iPad), Lindsay Place (iPad), Verdun (Chromebooks), Mac High (BYOD)
- Supported educational technology, that mainly involves using the iPad and Google Drive, through staff workshops and directly to individual teachers at Westpark, Sunshine Academy, Allion, Mount Pleasant, Christmas Park, PETES, Birchwood, Sherwood Forest, Beacon Hill, and Clearpoint,

Digital Citizenship & Educational Technology T. Avrith

- This month I have been continuing to support the one to one initiatives at Beurling and Lakeside and Beaconsfield High School.
- Provided workshop to new teachers on "Harnessing the Power of Social Media"
- Introduced the Chromebook teachers to the management console Hapara which helps them with workflow when using GAFE.
- Provided inservice to teachers on how to have their students demonstrate their learning through the GAFE extension Screencastify.
- Worked with Beaconsfield High School, Westwood Jr. and LaSalle Community Community Comprehensive High School students on social media awareness workshops.
- Co-presented Digital Citizenship to students at McGill Faculty of Education

Pearson Community Partnership N. Battet

- On, April 7, 2014, a jury of entrepreneurs from the community will be selecting entrepreneurship projects submitted by our schools which will be winners at the contest level.
- Grade 6 career awareness days are planned for elementary schools from now until June.
- Over 400 students from our elementary schools visited the Hydro Quebec Science Fair at John Abbott College on March 25, 2014.
- Beaconsfield High School career day will take place April 10, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- Partnership formed with "Junior Achievement" offering workshops for students on Financial literacy offered in various high schools and adult centers. A program called "business basics" was offered in elementary schools.

Nutrition Education R. Chiappetta & M. Cardin

- Workshops on the benefits of eating whole grains, and information on gluten free diet were presented. Feedback was excellent.
- Kiosks on Energy Drinks were held at MAC High as part of their *Health Fair*, and during Dorval & Pointe-Claire *Addiction Prevention Days*. A nutrition kiosk was held at the head office as part of the Health Week.
- Nutrition Month teaching materials were created and uploaded in the portal for elementary schools. Nutrition theme posters and info sheets were distributed to high school phys. ed. teachers. Twenty-two schools applied for funding for nutrition education projects.
- Lakeside WOTP cooking class prepared meals to support Lakeside's robotics team.

School & Professional Libraries, Cultural & Intercultural Programs, 4Arts S. Nesbitt

- Ongoing support to Culture in the Schools and All Intergenerational Project.
- Worked on sub-committee developing the LBPSB Arts and Culture policy. Attended QSLIN, Table régionale des arts, LBPSB Intercultural Advisory Committee and Table de concertation des Bibliothèques meetings.
- Ongoing support for Peliq-An art project at Beurling and Mgr Richard High Schools as well as Libres comme l'art project at Riverdale Schools with writer-in-residence Monique Polak.
- Facilitated BoB Question committee preparing questions for the different meets.
- Organized 4 workshops for upcoming February 7 Ped Day and put finishing touches to High School eBook services.
- Organized several author visit for Pointe-Claire schools.



A few highlights from our school libraries

- The Battle of the Books school teams are in preparation for the final Battle on April 10.
- Students bested staff in the in-library Battle of the Books at Riverdale!
- Beechwood Library is proudly displaying students' bookbinding works.
- Lakeside Library is bringing their Get Caught Reading campaign to Head Office!
- Author Richard Scrimger will visit Edgewater and Beechwood libraries.

School Libraries, Cataloguing, Information Literacy, Digital Resources

M. Sinclair

- Workshop presentation on Feb. 7th PD day on board-wide video & film resources
- Continued work with the Digital Resources Grant team: fall order is complete; the spring order forms went out at the end of March
- Kobo eBook purchasing for the libraries; tracking of school budgets for eBooks
- Ongoing support of schools, eg. assisting with automation of libraries in two elementary and one high school; collection development and purchasing support
- Continued work with the Lester B. Pearson webpage project: building a webpage and verifying student submissions

School Libraries, Cataloguing, REGARD, Information Literacy

R. Dixon

- Trained library technicians on the latest online resources from the *Service québécois de traitement documentaire*.
- Chaired the National School Library Standards meeting to develop the new standards to be released this spring by the CLA.
- Attended the LCEEQ conference and the MELS Library Symposium.
- Gave presentations at the MELS Library Symposium on *Building Your PLN* and on **LBPSB Reads!** Presented a workshop on *Creative Commons* at the February professional day.
- Gave presentations to grade 9 students at Lindsay Place on *CC Search, Citation, and Plagiarism*, and to grade 11 students at John Rennie on *Advanced Google Searching and Creative Commons*.

Evaluation/Sanction des études

M. Mazzealli

- Preparation and co-ordination of Secondary May/June 2014 exams (MELS and Board-Compulsory Exams)
- Data presentation to Ed. Admin.
- Participation at the LCEEQ Annual Conference on *Social Media*
- Presentation to High School Resource Teachers on *exam adaptations* to support students with special needs
- Presentation to secondary administrators on the *Projet Particulier* to support at-risk students

DCP, Ethics & Religious Culture, Francisation, PELO, LUMIX Support

K. Meldrum

- This month I have been continuing to support the one to one Chromebook initiatives at Beurling and Lakeside.
- Provided professional development in the area of Google Drive 101 to many teachers and support staff.
- Introduced the Chromebook teachers to the management console Hapara which helps them with workflow when using GAFE.
- Provided inservice to teachers on how to have their students demonstrate their learning through the GAFE extension Screencastify.
- Gave a workshop with P. O'Connor SSD to co-op students on Digital Citizenship (making good choices while on the web).
- Co-presented Digital Citizenship to students at McGill Faculty of Education

Social Studies

J. Zachariou

I, Joan Zachariou, am replacing Rosanna Riccardi as the social studies consultant. I am very fortunate to be a part of the ESD department. It is a very welcoming department.

- DEEN Social Science Committee Meeting was held in February. MELS thanked Rosanna Riccardi (LBPSB) and Tino Bordonaro (EMSB) for the workshops that were held in December 2013.
- On February 27th, there was a press release by MELS about the implementation of pilot studies in history as of September 2014.
- Visited and still visiting many schools and teachers.

Leadership

J. Le Blanc

- Provided administrative assistance to Leadership teachers in the development of the *LBPSB Leadership Camp*
- Coordinated and supervised LBPSB Leadership student-volunteers as they carried banners in the **2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade**

English Language Arts

J. Le Blanc

- Validated the new Sec 2 ES and Sec 5 LES from MELS
- Received training from MELS to support the implementation of online exams in ELA
- Gave PD on the Discovery Education Video Resources, YouTube, and video production
- Developed two-year action plan for the DEEN Language Network
- Developing a *LBPSB Literature Studies* online document for reference in all high schools

Mathematics

F. Redivo

- Began the validation process for June math exams
- Continued working on exam creation with math teachers
- Continued the process of creating a multi-board CST-4 Study Guide for use in Spring 2014
- Organized the February 7th ESD professional Day
- Worked with teachers in schools

Science & Technology

K. Davey

- Planned and facilitated three workshops: *Literacy Strategies for the Content Areas* and *Inquiring Minds Want to Know* for the ESD workshop series, and *Innovate and Engage in Science and Technology* for the February 7th ped day.
- Continued work with teacher teams and McGill and UQAM researchers on a Chantier 7 funded project, "Improving Student Conceptual Understanding of Science and Technology".
- Continued to support teachers in implementing the Smarter Science framework to promote inquiry learning in science and technology through a PDIG project and workshops.
- Supported teachers involved in PDIG projects: *Literacy in the Content Areas* at Lakeside Academy and *From Word Walls to Concept Maps* at John Rennie High School.
- Planning for the May 6th SciTech showcase, an event that celebrates the successes in our science and technology classrooms, is underway.

French

M. Delsemme

- Attended LCCEQ 2-day conference in Laval.
- Attended DEEN Language meeting + MELS training session on reading circles.
- Represented School Board at MELS on Validating Committee with Jovette Légaré.
- Organized a SLAM workshop for BHS students with MC JUNE in order to further familiarize them with SLAM poetry.
- Organized a last follow up session on special project entitled *Création d'un répertoire de lecture* with FLS teachers working in our alternative centers.
- Contributed to the production of the 45-page intermediate report on literacy research project
- Did various tasks related to the organization of forthcoming *Qui lira vaincra* contest, *Slam* contest and *French for the Future* event, all to be held in April.