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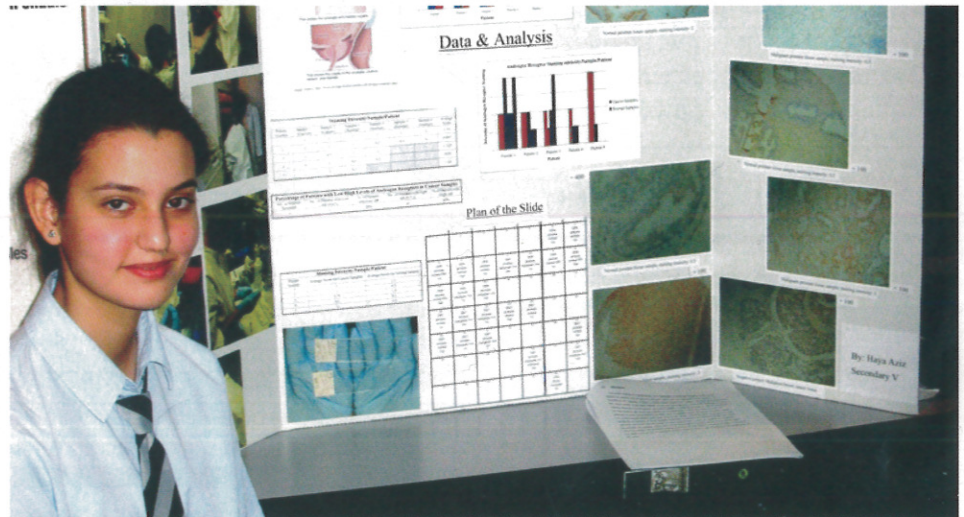
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BELL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2010 – KELLS STUDENTS MAKE US PROUD!

Following another successful science fair at Kells Academy, where the level of research and innovation surpassed all other annual competitions, five students qualified and performed remarkably at this year's Montreal Bell Science & Technology Fair held in March.

Congratulations to Haya Aziz who took home a gold medal along with the Immunology Montreal Award in Immunology/Immune System from the Institute of Immunology for her project, AR in Prostate Cancer, which tested whether the androgen receptor



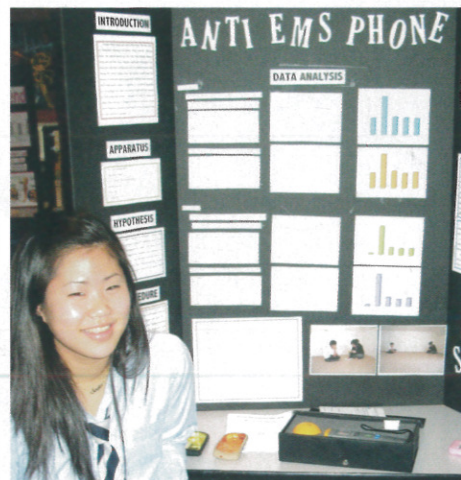
Haya Aziz - Gold Medal Winner



Edvard Schroeder - Bronze Medal Winner

pathway is the only pathway responsible for prostate cancer using Immunohistochemistry.

Congratulations also go to Alexandra Bonsaint and Sophia Elamile, who won a bronze medal and the Physics Award from McGill University for their project, Deep Knee Bends.



Soojin Kil - Honorable Mention

Edvard Shroder was awarded a bronze medal for Green Skies, and Soojin Kil received an honorable mention for her Anti-EMS phone project.

Special thanks to our Science Department and all participants for a job well done!

Mr. Jankowski



Sophia Elamile & Alexandra Bonsaint - Bronze Medal Winners

KELLS PRIZE WINNERS 2010

BELL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR WINNERS:

Grade 10:

Soojin Kil	Honorable mention	Anti-EMS phone project
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Grade 11:

Haya Aziz	Gold medal winner, Immunology Montreal Award in Immunology / Immune System from the Institute of Immunology	AR in Prostate Cancer
Alexandra Bonsaint & Sophia Elamile	Bronze medal winner, Physics award from McGill University	Deep Knee Bends
Edvard Schroeder	Bronze medal winner	Project Green Skies

KELLS SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:

JUNIOR LEVEL

Grade 7:

Noah Landsman	1st place	He Shoots, He Scores
Yasmine Dabbous	3rd place	Safe & Healthy Cleaning Products

Grade 8:

Sophia Quach	3rd place	Batteries
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Grade 9:

Federica Rinaldi & Amy Nguyen	2nd place	Making Paper
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SENIOR LEVEL

Grade 10:

Soojin Kil	2nd place	Anti-EMS phone project
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Grade 11:

Haya Aziz	1st place	AR in Prostate Cancer
Edvard Schroeder	2nd place	Project Green Skies
J.P. Falet	3rd place	Thermoelectric Body Pads

money. In just one week's time, the students of Kells Academy had not only reached the set goal of \$2000, they surpassed it by raising a total of \$2600!

Not only did students give generously, they also displayed their sense of compassion and humanitarianism as they gave of their time organizing and carrying out the fundraising activities as well as spreading awareness to their friends and family as they collected funds. Their kindness inspired many staff members and parents to contribute to the cause. In recognition of the students' display of empathy and charity as they opened up their hearts to helping the people of Haiti, Ms. Woods generously matched the total amount raised, making the grand total \$5200! A big round of applause to all who got involved! The road to healing Haiti is a long one but together we can help pave the path.

Donna D'Amato
English Department Head



KELLS FOR HAITI



Devastation descended upon the Haitian capital of Port au Prince on January 12th, 2010. The 7.0 magnitude earthquake trapped and killed thousands and left millions homeless and hungry. The overwhelming images presented by the media were horrifying and heart-wrenching.

Like the rest of the world, Kells Academy responded. The English Depart-

ment set a goal of \$2000 for Haiti Relief and began collecting pocket change on January 15th. On January 18th and 19th, baked goods were sold, on January 20th, a balloon popping for prizes activity was held and on January 22nd, students had a free-dress day to raise



ALOUETTES VISIT KELLS ACADEMY

On Monday, February 8th, 2010, Kells Academy's entire school population was visited by two members of the Montreal Alouettes professional football club. Anwar Stewart, defensive end, and Avon Cobourne, running back, were members of the 2009 Grey Cup winning team.

As part of the "Adopt an Alouette" program, players from the team visit Montreal area high schools to discuss life skills and share their experiences with students. Anwar Stewart talked about the meaning of respect, and how it is so important for him, as captain of his team, to gain the respect of his teammates, but also to show respect towards them, his wife, and his fam-

ily. He looked back on his high school days, where he tried his best to respect his teachers and to choose the path of academic success, instead of following some of his friends, who fell into trouble with the law.



Avon Cobourne & Anwar Stewart

"The choices you make in life, even now, can affect your whole life," he explained.

He also discussed the meaning of leadership, and how communication is so important.

"A leader is one who makes everyone around him better," said Stewart, adding that his aim was to "leave a legacy" with the team and with his family that he could be proud of.

Kells' students were given a chance to ask numerous questions of the athletes and received autographs from the players. Many thanks go to Mr. Cairns, our P.E. teacher, who organized this special occasion.

Don Houston

OVERCOMING THE ODDS



Guest speaker Denys Heward

On April 6th, we had the opportunity to welcome author Denys Heward, a former teacher and assistant director at Lower Canada College middle school. Mr. Heward inspired our grades 7, 8, and 9 students, recounting stories of his past, first as a student with learning disabilities, and then as a teacher.

"Awesome," is how one of the students described the presenter. "It was amazing to hear him talk about the

same problems I had in the classroom."

Inspired by reading Mr. Heward's book, *The Bugle Sounded One Note*, we made the decision to invite him to share his experiences with our students. As expected from a master teacher, one who was determined to overcome all odds, we were not disappointed. For over an hour, he regaled us with his stories as a struggling student whose journey led him to find a passion in life that would ultimately become his career.

Using many anecdotes from his days as a student, he described his humiliation at not being able to read, write or do math while other students seemed to acquire these skills almost effortlessly. In addition to these challenges, he was left-handed at a time when that too was unacceptable, and was thus forced to write with his right hand. In spite of these struggles, he somehow knew he could succeed.

His parents agreed and decided to send him to Lower Canada College in grade 4. His struggle continued, since in those days schools were not familiar with what is now called Dyslexia. He was later diagnosed as having ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). Luckily, as often happens, one teacher made all the difference.

The kindness and understanding of his grade 4 teacher made the classroom a meaningful experience. He became involved in many aspects of school life and developed a deep interest for what was to become a lifelong passion for the events of the past, and the rest, as they say, is history.

His enthusiasm for this subject ultimately gave him the drive and determination to go on to college and earn a degree. After graduating, he was invited back to Lower Canada College as a member of the faculty. This was the beginning of a career spanning 35 years.

As the parent of one of his students, I can attest to how he enriched the lives of his pupils. My son recalls the way he brought historical figures to life through drama. His great contribution to LCC is the annual "History Night," which continues today.

We are grateful to Mr. Heward for coming to Kells to share his experiences with our students. His story showed us that no matter what the obstacle is, great things can happen with motivation, passion, hard work and determination.

Irene Woods

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To purchase a copy of *The Bugle Sounded One Note*, please contact Mr. Heward at denysheward@hotmail.com

VIVA L'ESPAÑA ¡HOLA!

This year, a handful of senior students from grades 10 and 11 traveled to the beautiful country of España for the 2010 Europe trip. For 10 days, students were immersed in the language, history, culture and food of their Spanish friends.

They started their trip in Madrid, and although it was quite rainy and cold, this was a great start to what would become an even better trip! Students traveled to historic old Sevilla where they explored the 3rd largest cathedral in Europe and one of the final resting places of Christopher Columbus.

Next, they journeyed to Costa del Sol that lived up to its name and provided them with beautiful weather and breathtaking views. It was here that students took a day-trip to Gibraltar, where they played with the only monkeys on the continent of Europe, explored caves, and stared across the



water at the coast of Morocco.

They continued their journey through Valencia and spent one morning exploring the largest aquarium in Europe. They took in a dolphin show, walked alongside swimming sharks, and gazed at spider crabs.

Finally, they ended their journey in historic and beautiful Barcelona where they explored the city, taking in an appreciation for the interesting and captivating art of Antoni Gaudi. They spent the morning visiting La Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's still unfinished cathedral. Then, they spent their last afternoon shopping and wandering the famous street Las Ramblas, where

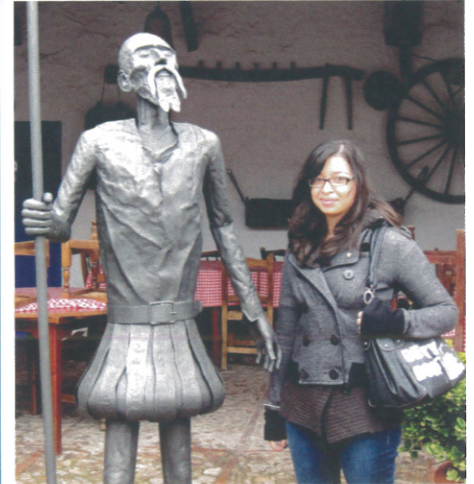
they interacted with street vendors and posed for pictures with the animated street artists.

All in all, Spain provided this year's travelers with challenges and adventures that they never expected to face, and provided them with enough memories to last a lifetime!

¡Hasta luego!

Sarah Campbell

Social Science Teacher



Salima Medour, Spain 2010

MS. D'AMATO'S GRADE 10 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CLASS REMEMBERS J. D. SALINGER

J. D. Salinger was a writer who was able to influence an entire classroom with his strong words and deep story. Not only did he inspire the class, he motivated me and made me understand how judgmental the world can be. He also made us all understand how teenagers need to be guided because of how much they have to go through, not only at school but in their personal lives. May he rest in peace.— Nick Ayoub

On January 27th 2010, the world lost an American icon. J. D. Salinger, the author of such classics as *Nine Stories*, *Seymour: An Introduction*, and of course *The Catcher in the Rye*, passed away in his New Hampshire home. It is hard to say that it was then that the world lost him. In truth, we never really had him. Salinger lived alone and did not go out. No one had seen him in years and that was how he preferred it. While his books have received much

critical acclaim, he has never been a public figure or celebrity. It is truly his books that are famous, most notably *The Catcher in the Rye* that has been both loved and hated by millions and has been at the center of controversy for decades. Although he has died, his books will continue to be important figures in American culture for a long time to come. People do not live forever, but those with great legacies are remembered forever.— Bryant Richards

When I saw the headline announcing J. D. Salinger's death, I was very disappointed. *The Catcher in the Rye* was written in the 1950s and since then it has made teenagers around the world connect and relate to Holden Caulfield's life and thoughts. Salinger was able to make us develop a relationship with the characters in the book and feel for them. Even though Holden is more of a pessimist than most people,

we still understand the struggles that he faces. Although I have not read any other books by J. D. Salinger, he is one of my favorite authors. He had a brilliant mind to have been able to write a story as amazing as *The Catcher in the Rye*.— Anna Arrobas

The Catcher in the Rye, the most famous novel by J. D. Salinger, has become my favorite book. Despite the fact that the novel was written in the 1950s, a time when expressing one's pure thoughts and emotions was somewhat restricted, it seemed like Salinger broke the bubble and blew people's minds away with the character of the strong, shocking but yet innocent and extremely normal teenager, Holden Caulfield. It's a huge pity that the revolutionary author is gone but it is reassuring that his novels will last with great joy for generations to come.—

Soojin Kil

CABANE À SUCRE LA GOUDRELLE

Le temps des sucres est arrivé et le Département de français de Kells Academy ne pouvait pas laisser le temps passer sans organiser une sortie à la cabane à sucre La Goudrelle (Mont St. Grégoire).

C'était la première année quand nous avons choisi cette Cabane à sucre, à cause du terrible incendie qui a eu lieu à L'érablière Au Sous-Bois, où nous allions chaque année. Pourtant,

la nouvelle destination s'est tenue à la hauteur de nos attentes.

Pour le dîner, les élèves ont dégusté les plats traditionnels québécois: des petits pains chauds, de l'omelette au four, du jambon, des patates rôties, des fèves au lard, des oreilles de crisse, des marinades maison, etc.

Même si le matin s'annonçait pluvieux, nous avons eu la chance de passer



un bel après-midi en plein air. Les élèves ont pu visiter le parc d'animaux de ferme, faire un tour en calèche, pratiquer la danse ou bien, escalader la montagne qui offrait une vue splendide sur le village.

En faisant la file pour la tire sur la neige, les élèves ont regardé une vidéo sur la cueillette de la sève d'érable qui se faisait encore à l'ancienne, à l'aide des seaux. D'ailleurs, les produits d'érable sont fabriqués sur place, au délice des élèves qui ont vu tout ce processus.

À la fin de la journée, nous sommes rentrés à l'école contents d'avoir vu et essayé les traditions culinaires québécoises.

*Simona Iacobuta
Chef du Département de français*



KELLS COMES CLOSE

The soccer season started in February, and our team's objective was to compete and have fun. We did just that!

We finished just one win away from the playoffs, and unfortunately lost twice in the regular season in overtime, but we were proud nonetheless of our accomplishments and for outplaying many of the competitors.

Congratulations to Michael Chow who was given the MANAGERS' PLAYER award for his outstanding performance during the season. The PLAYERS' PLAYER award went to grade 9 student, Omar Refaat, who scored over 20 goals while competing against grade 10 & 11 students.

*Well done Kells' Soccer stars!
Graham Cairns
Phys. Ed. Teacher*



EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In term 3, Kells introduced several extra-curricular activities for students. Hip Hop dance and ESL are regularly scheduled for Mondays after school. Arabic study, for both speakers and

beginners, is also available, and is very popular amongst our non-Arabic speaking students.

During junior lunch, an outdoor sports program has been introduced.

Students are always encouraged to participate and take advantage of these opportunities.



WELCOME BACK MS. LINA

The entire Kells community extends a warm welcome to Ms. Lina Zavaglia after a short absence. Students, parents, and staff are all delighted to have Ms. Zava-



glia back in the administrative position she held for twenty-four years. We are all thrilled to work with her once again and are appreciative of her kind, calm nature and professionalism. It is great to have you back on board!

KELLS EXPLORES THE OTTAWA REGION

On Thursday April 15th the entire Grade 10 class took part in a History and Citizenship Field trip to the nation's capital, Ottawa.

The morning was spent at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, examining the cultures as well as the history of Canada, from the Stone Age to the modern day.

A small group of art students was then dropped off to explore the National Gallery, while the remainder of the group continued on to the new War Museum where they walked through a summary of the nation's conflicts from the early days of the French-English Wars to the

more recent actions involving Peace-keeping and the mission in Afghanistan.

Students arrived back at school by 5:30, tired but more aware of the nation's past.

Don Houston



AN ALUMNI STORY...

“What is your dream?” asked Miss Craton as I was waiting for my 9 a.m. calculus class. I looked her in the eye and told her that my dream would be to study medicine at McGill University one day and become an amazing doctor. Miss Craton replied, “With enough hard work and persistence you will get there.” At that point in time, that dream seemed so far away and out of reach. I just smiled and deep inside hoped that she was right.

After graduating from Kells Academy in 2002, I got accepted to my first choice college, Marianopolis. Graduating from there in 2004, I started my undergraduate degree in Physiology at McGill University, still dreaming of becoming a doctor one day. In addition to my studies, I undertook many extracurricular activities: I started working with the St. John Ambulance, volunteering in hospitals, participating in medical-journal writing and working with disabled individuals. These experiences helped me grow as a person and I have learned so much from coming into contact with so many amazing

people. Looking back, I remember the hard work, the long hours, sleepless nights and killer exams I went through in my three years of undergraduate studies.

After finishing my undergraduate degree in 2007, I decided to do a year of research in the Department of Surgery at Montreal General Hospital with Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg. I enjoyed the constant new challenges and learning experiences and continued the journey to becoming a doctor.

Finally in 2008, I was accepted in the medical program in McGill University. In the past two years, I have been enjoying my studies and my time doing clinical work in the hospital. Learning the art of medicine and applying it at the bedside made me more certain that this is where I belong. I feel tremendous satisfaction in helping patients and I am extremely privileged to be part of a program that involves a high degree of integrity, honesty and hard work. I continue on this path striving to learn every day and improve both as a professional and as an individual.

Looking back at this long journey, there were times that I felt helpless and lost. There were indeed setbacks and disappointment, but Miss Craton was right. With hard work, everything is possible. I have realized that often the goal and the destination are not the most important things, but rather it is how one gets there that counts. It is the journey that teaches us the most valuable life lessons and provides us with the opportunity to meet unique and inspiring individuals who ultimately make us who we are. I will never forget the encouraging words of my teachers – Miss Craton, Mr. Sarkis, Mr. Robinson and Miss Lina. The teachers and staff in Kells Academy are genuine hardworking people who dedicate their time teaching, motivating and most importantly inspiring many students. I am very grateful to them and I am very happy that Kells Academy was able to give me a good head start and the proper armour on the long road that I took to realize my dreams.

*Mandana Moosavi,
Kells Campus 2, Valedictorian 2002*

ALUMNI

CLASS OF 2009

Galal Abdulhamid	Vanier College
Matthew Bertrand	Trebas Institute in Music
Samad Bhimani	Vanier College in Business & Music
Tristan Buisson	LaSalle College
Michelle Chang	Vanier College in Commerce
Alex Hold	Automechanics at WICC
Varvara Kameneva	Vanier College in Communications
Yanjun Lu	Marianopolis College in Commerce
Hang Pham	Vanier College in Commerce
Tariq Popal	Lasalle College
Sarah Saad	Vanier College in Communications
Rose Tran	Vanier College in Commerce
Trang Trinh	Vanier College in Psychology
Duc Minh Vu	Vanier College in Health Sciences
Alex Weber	Vanier College in Social Sciences

CLASS OF 2008

Alex Corrado	Dawson College in Social Sciences
Sarya Lynn Majdalani	Studying Urban Planning
Cindy Wu	Vanier College in Health Science

CLASS OF 2007

Mina Soliman	Concordia University- John Molson School of Business
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CLASS OF 2005

Kristofer Borgstrom	Lasalle College in Graphic Design
Christina Eldada	Concordia University in Communication
Bernard Ferland	Graduated in Mechanics
Lisa Kikuchi- Geary	Concordia University in is majoring in Classical Civilization
Nathan Fagan Guimond	University College Cork in Philosophy

CLASS OF 2000

Julia Hornig	Ph.D. in Immunology in progress
Anna Urbanska	Graduated in Architecture

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Ms. Marla Perlman

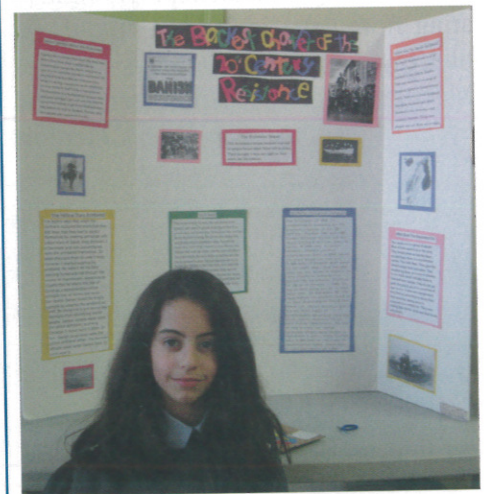
BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!

Our school-wide theme “Be the Change You Want to See”, has encouraged students to look beyond themselves, and view the world from a more compassionate perspective. Kells Elementary students welcomed parents and guests to a Humanitarianism Fair on Friday, December 11th, 2009. The fair was declared open in the gym, and began with a slideshow created by Aaron Douek and Mark Jarjour. Jonathan Balazic, Khalil Rifai, Brian Yoo, Cecilia Eraso, and Sean Featherstone presented quotations from legendary humanitarians. Lovely Andalay and Emily Arnovitz sang our Kells’ song composed by Mr. Jabbour. Guests then viewed individual and group projects about famous humanitarians and hu-

manitarian organizations. We learned about how various classes collected and donated food items to Project Chance and Share the Warmth, visited seniors at St. Andrew’s Residence, and made donations to Doctors without Borders and Plan Canada. Many students also took the challenge to “Be the Change,” in and out of school, and tracked their own individual humanitarian efforts within their communities. The grade 6 students enjoyed a presentation by Dr. Sasha Bernatsky, of Doctors without Borders, who talked about the Nobel Peace Prize-winning humanitarian organization, as well as her personal experience working in Indonesia.



Madison Benoit



Cecilia Eraso



Mark Brody



Ian Mahutte & Tommy Fuentes

2009-2010 READING CHALLENGE!



Brian Vine

Our Spirit Committee kicked off the 2009-2010 Reading Challenge with a song and cheer, reminding us to Pause And Grab an Exciting Story! Students submitted

weekly totals for their family’s reading pages and we watched our Catermeter-Reader grow all the way down the hallway. There were a few rewards along the way, such as extra recess and no homework day! Once we reached our goal of 125,000 pages, it was time to celebrate with a special afternoon. We welcomed



internationally acclaimed Canadian author C.J. Taylor, who spoke to our students about the process of writing a book and painting illustrations. We were also fortunate enough to hear Ms. Taylor read excerpts from her books, based on



C.J. Taylor, Canadian author

aboriginal legends, and view slides of her beautiful paintings. All students were then presented with their reading certificates, and special prizes. As always, we ended the day with refreshments in celebration of our achievement.

HIP AND HOP FOR HAITI

Following Haiti's devastating earthquake, elementary students were challenged to "Be the Change" by taking part in our fundraising activities. Students enjoyed a hot-chocolate sale,

"Crazy Hair Day," bake sale and a "Hip and Hop for Haiti" one-hour dance and physical-fitness marathon, while raising funds for this important cause. The elementary school was proud to raise

\$2,184.50. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from our elementary cookbook, Kells Kitchen, which is currently on sale, will also go to Haiti relief efforts.



James Mac Donald, Hugo Ingrouille



Sydney Zuckerman, Janine Ginena, Nicolas Unru, Brian Vine



Aya Rifai, Alessia Fiumidindisi, Madison Benoit

KELLS ELEMENTARY GOES FOR GOLD!

Grades 5 and 6 students began to feel the Olympic Spirit, as they lined Westminster Avenue in Montreal West, waiting to catch a glimpse of the Olympic flame during the Olympic Torch Relay. The anticipation built, as the official Olympic vehicles and floats passed by, and as we watched the Torchbearer running proudly, we realized that we were witnessing history.

The fervour continued to grow at the elementary school, as the Kells Olympic Torch was presented to the school for the beginning of the Kells Torch Relay. Each class had the opportunity to keep "the flame", before parading (with the Olympic theme music playing) to the next class to pass the torch.

We then officially began the 2010 Kells Elementary Winter Olympics with our own opening ceremony. The Kells Olympic Torch was carried in by Mrs. Sterling's grade 6 class. Students watched a film clip previewing the Vancouver Olympics, and learned about the seven core values that athletes must demonstrate.

Over the next two weeks, students, in their House Teams, competed in our own version of various Olympic sports.

On Friday, February 26th, we ended our Olympics with a closing ceremony. With the Canadian flag proudly waving, Ms. Sullivan, head of the "Kells Olympic Committee," declared the 2010 Kells Elementary Winter Olympic Games closed. A slide show of students taking part in Olympic events was shown, and wearing med-

als that they designed themselves, students had the opportunity to stand on the podium! A beautiful rendition of the Olympic song "I Believe" sung by Lovely Andalay, Ayana Potts and Quincy Okopie, accompanied by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Jabbour on guitar, ended the ceremony.



torchbearer Tyler Rosenoff



Lovely Andalay, Ayana Potts, Quincy Okopie





INteRNaTional Day



Always a special day at Kells Elementary, this year's International Day was once again a resounding success. With the purpose of teaching respect and tolerance, this long-standing tradition at Kells, celebrates our diverse multicultural student population with wonderful displays, music, activities and delicacies.

Along with La Tire sur la Neige, a Tim Horton's "scooter drive-through," a Mohawk display that included an appearance by guest Chief Two Rivers, the Canada room featured our own

"KBC Radio," with student disc jockeys playing music and conducting interviews. Students enjoyed the Philippine's national anthem sung by Lovely Andalay, Greek dancing, Irish Dance, both Moroccan and South African tea service, Egyptian belly dancing by Nadine Ginena, and delicious delicacies from over twenty countries from around the world.

Displays from Canada, the U.S., Ireland, the U.K., France, Greece, Italy, Romania, Hungary, Croatia, Armenia, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine,

Israel, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, India, South Africa, Argentina, Columbia, Nicaragua, China, South Korea, Russia, Greenland, and Trinidad included flags, posters, information, beautiful artifacts, music, instruments, traditional clothing, books, photos, and, of course, national delicacies. Many thanks to Mrs. Ruby Sterling, for organizing International Day, and to all the students, parents, guardians, relatives and guests, who generously contributed to displays, and enthusiastically took part in this event.



Zac Mehri, Adel Abdallah



Skander Daghfous



Lovely Andalay



Athena Nemeth



Charles Lee, Steven Kim, Muho Han, Simon Anh Int'l Day



Oualid Slaoui, Yasmine Mahrach



Serena Serelli, Matthew Cioffi



Maija Harper



James MacDonald



Nadine Ginena, Janine Ginena



Rebecca Kyte



Spencer Halickman



Congratulations to the following Elementary Cycle 3 students who took on the challenge of participating in the Q.A.M.T. (Quebec Association of Math Teachers) Mathematics Competition: Sung Bum Anh, Cecilia Eraso, Ben Grant, Muho Han, Alejandro Lacasia, Seungchan Lee, Joe Nemeth, Quincy Okopie, Brian Yoo. We are now anxiously awaiting the results.

KELLS ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY!



Spencer Halickman

Spencer Halickman was the lucky winner of our "Principal for a Day" draw. Beginning his day with a staff meeting, he was welcomed to his new position by the teachers, who were most interested to hear his plans. After

being introduced to the student body as their new Principal in a school-wide assembly, Mr. Halickman announced that each class would have an opportunity to spend some time out on the school grounds picking up garbage. Much to the delight of his peers, he also declared it a "No Homework Day." Mr. Halickman enjoyed his new office, took phone calls, gave a tour of the school, read with grade 3 students, answered questions from teachers, supervised lunch in the cafeteria, and even filled some requests for autographs. Mr. Halickman displayed strong leadership skills as he fulfilled his duties with maturity. Congratulations on a job well done!

Congratulations to Alessia Fiumidini, the Kells Elementary winner of the N.D.G. Police Anti-Racism Contest. Grade 6 students from N.D.G. schools were asked to submit drawings and slogans that reflected values of tolerance and respect for diversity. Alessia and winners from other schools, were treated to a lunch held at Loblaws, St. Jacques, where they were congratulated for their winning entries by police constables, and presented with prizes, including their framed original entries.



STARS OF TOMORROW!

We discovered the hidden talent in our elementary community when we ended the winter term with a Physical Education Dance Recital and a Talent Show. The K-4 classes performed the dances they had practised in physical education classes during the winter dance unit, followed by the grades 5 and 6 group dance. Always happy to be in the spotlight, our students performed for each other with exuberance. The recital ended with a special surprise... the teachers' dance number! Students were delighted to watch all their teachers take the stage, to perform the dance they had been secretly rehearsing after school.

Featuring song, dance, instrumental music, standup comedy and drama, presented by students of all grade levels, our talent show was a huge success. Thank you to Mr. Jabbour, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Del Torto for planning the event, and Mr. Jabbour, Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Sullivan for accompanying some of our acts on the guitar. Most of all, we thank our students for sharing their wonderful talents with us, and for being such an appreciative and respectful audience.

DR. JOE VISITS OUR GRADE 6 CLASS

To conclude their human body unit, the grade 6 classes welcomed Dr. Joe Nemeth (father of Joe, Athena and Cienna), a physician from the Montreal



Children's Hospital Emergency Room to talk about his job, good health, and the importance of working hard to realize your dreams. The students had

many health-related questions for our guest. Dr. Joe also brought a number of medical supplies for everyone to handle, such as stitches, syringes and a stethoscope. It is always so meaningful to have professionals visit our classes and we thank, Dr. Joe, for taking time out of his busy schedule to share his passion with us.



Alejandro Lacasia

"JUMP ROPE FOR HEART"

Elementary students hit the field for "Jump Rope for Heart" on the afternoon April 9th. Completing a circuit of various jump-rope events, students raised funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation while participating in heart-healthy physical activity.



PAJAMA DAY

Students of all grade levels enjoyed coming to school in their pajamas on April 1st. A fundraiser for the graduation committee, students and staff participated in Pajama Day showing school spirit and some very interesting sleepwear!



CABANE À SUCRE

