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Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair



Christina Papagiannis -
High Distinction and one hundred dollar
cash award from the McGill Physics
Department

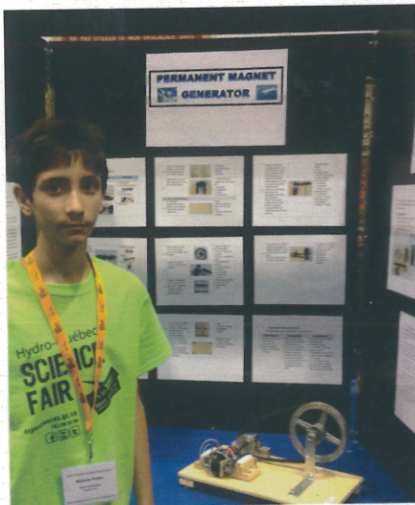


Jason Papagiannis -
High Distinction

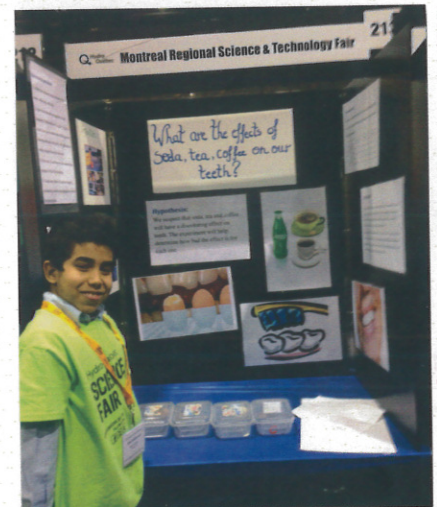
Students from all grades participated in the annual Kells Science Fair on January 24th, 2014. Presentations ranged from innovative design projects, to creative experiments.

The 28 participants were selected following class presentations in month of December. Judging the event, were professors from the Science Education Department of McGill University.

Kells winners qualified to participate in the Hydro Quebec Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair, from March 23rd-25th at John Abbott College. They represented our school well taking awards, medals of distinction and great distinction. Congratulations to all the participants.



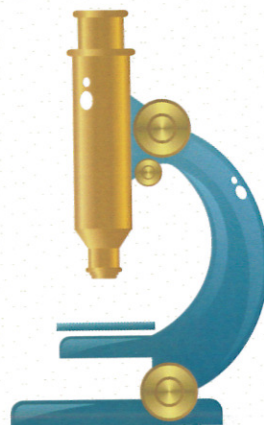
William Paltin - Distinction



Ziad Abdel Hamid -
Honorable Mention



Lovely Andalay & Hana Kashaf -
Distinction



Hoang Thuan Pham (Josh)
Honorable Mention

Science Fair Representatives



Kells Science Fair

Kells Science Fair Winners

Junior Level

First Place: William Paltin

Second Place: Jason Papagiannis

Third Place: Omar Alaws

Honorable Mention: Charlotte Walsh & Diana Britvina

Intermediate Level

First Place: Lovely Andalay & Hana Kashaf

Second Place: Chloe Goldenberg

Khalil Rifai

Third Place: Ziad Abdel Hamid

Honorable Mention: Isabelle Guertin

Senior Level

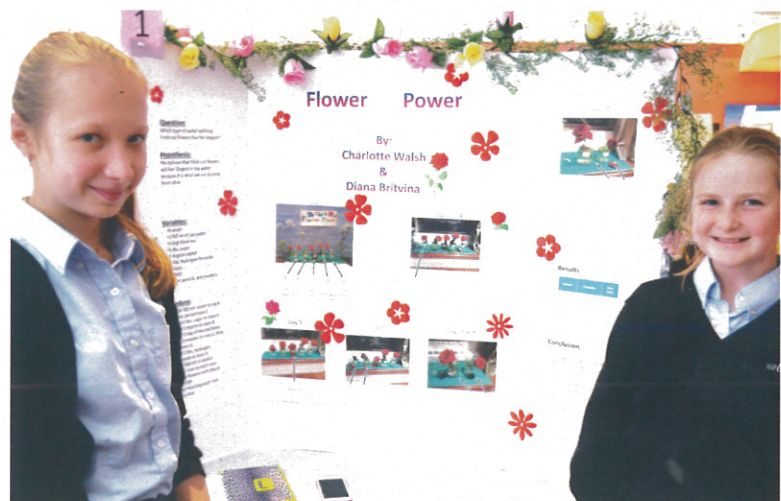
First Place: Abdulrahim Ibrahim

Second Place: Christina Papagiannis

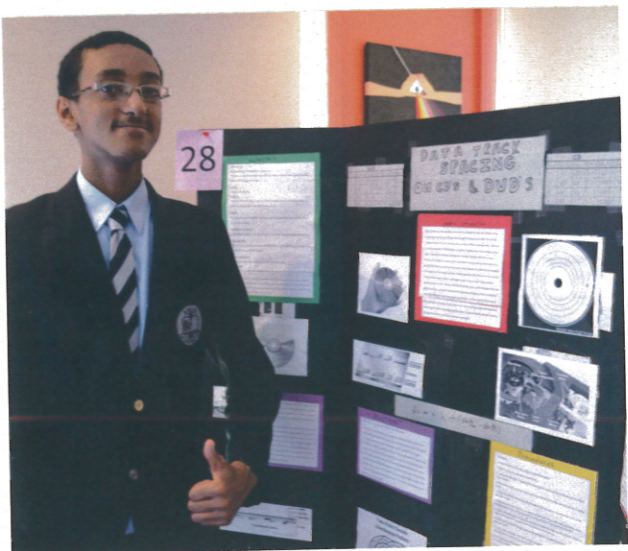
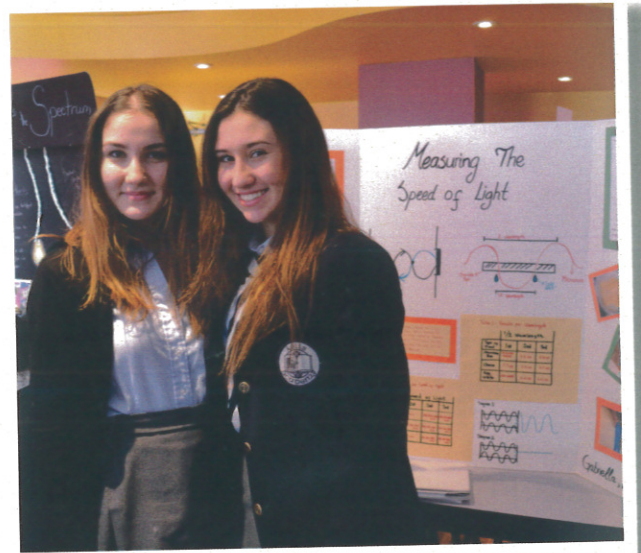
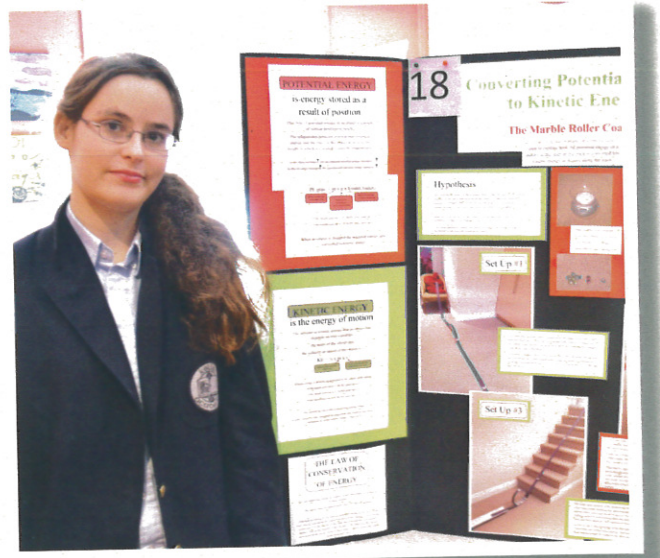
Third Place: Yasmine Dabbous & Yasmeeen Dajani

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Honorable Mention: Hoang Thuan Pham (Josh)



Kells Science Fair



Bravo to the Term II Honor Roll Recipients!

Congratulations to the following students who achieved an overall average of 85% or more. We are proud of their hard work and success in achieving academic excellence.

Keep up the outstanding work!

GRADE 7:

India Kaeleigh Lagendyk 90%
Diana Britvina 85%

GRADE 8:

Benjamin Fisher 88%
Alexandre Mahutte 86%
Layan Ziad 86%
Omar Alaws 85%
Haya El Madhoun 85%

GRADE 9:

Jennifer Tanbe 90%
Simon Ahn 88%

GRADE 10:

Khalil Rifai 91%
Ipek Bozer 85%

GRADE 11:

Yasmine Dabbous 95%
Yasmeen Dajani 95%
Hoang Thuan Pham 92%
Clarisa Rengal 90%
Wael Jamal Alhashemi 89%
Emmanuelle Dastous-Sara 88%
Duc Huy Hoang 88%
Christina Papagiannis 88%
Adelaida Parsyan 88%
Abdulrahim Ibrahim 87%
Paule Lafrance 87%
Solene Pfund 87%
Ekin Ozdemir 86%
Peiyue Yan 86%
Beruk Demiss 85%
Abdulrahim Ibrahim



Kells Social Science Fair Winners

Social Science Fair "Positive Change Comes From Learning From Our Mistakes"

On November 1st, 2013, social science students across all grades at Kells participated in the first Annual Social Science Fair. The theme for this year's fair was "Positive Change Comes From Learning From Our Mistakes" and students embraced this theme in a variety of creative ways. From topics as diverse as the ancient world to the present day, the projects represented an immense variety of social science disciplines. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this interesting, educational fair.



Christina Papagiannis



Jason Papagiannis

Junior Level

1st Place: Jason Papagiannis
2nd Place: India Lagendyk
3rd Place: Ethan Skolnik
Honourable Mention : Asma Trabelsi

Senior Level

1st Place: Christina Papagiannis
2nd Place: Yasmine Dabbous
3rd Place: Chloe Goldenberg
Honourable Mention : Emma Dastous-Sara

Kells Students Excel in Debating and Prepare for this Year's Debate Competitions!

"I am a master of logic and a powerfully convincing debater. In fact, against my better judgment, I can talk myself out of doing anything." ~ Jarod Kintz

Students at Kells Academy were introduced to a new style of debating this year by the McGill Debating Union, and had the opportunity to train with other debaters from across Canada. In the British Parliamentary style (BP), each side is composed of two teams, supporting a similar stance, who try to convince the judges that they are more correct than the other group on their own side, as well as their opposition! Practicing with other debaters and participating in a seminar given by senior university debaters was a terrific experience.

Our debating students represented Kells well in competition. Senior students, Yasmeen Dajani and Clarisa Rengel, grade 11, took first place at the Aristotle Cup, hosted by the Marianopolis College Debating Society. Both students also won individual placements in the Speaker categories with Yasmeen taking first and Clarisa taking second place. Kells was also represented by grade 11 students Christina Papagiannis and Huy Hoang. A total of 28 teams from across Quebec competed in the first senior tournament of the year.

Yasmeen Dajani and Clarisa Rengel also competed in the 9th annual Oxford Cup Debating Tournament in Vancouver, BC. They faced six rounds of tough competition, debating against debaters on the Canadian World's team. The Kells team placed 29th out of the top 44 teams in Canada. A great accomplishment!

Yasmeen and Clarisa were the top Quebec team at the Queens University Tournament with 106 teams competing. Yasmeen was the top Quebec speaker at the tournament. These unstoppable debaters also ranked as the top Quebec team at the Osgoode Tournament at York University, with 72 teams competing.

In addition, Yasmeen and Clarisa attended the Durham Schools Debating Competition at Durham University, England on March 22nd, 2014 Junior debaters, Diana Britvina, India Lagendyk, Deneale Ryan-Stephens, and Charlotte Walsh, grade 7, participated in the "Shakespeare Challenge" junior debating tournament hosted by Vincent Massey Collegiate. Diana and Charlotte placed 13th out of 18 teams. Great work for their 2nd tournament! India and Deneale, in their first tournament, placed 19th and 23rd as individual speakers out of 36 debaters. Terrific!

Kells Academy was pleased to host the 4th Junior Debate Tournament of the Quebec Student Debating Association which was well attended by 7 Montreal private schools.

Coaches Chung and Campbell are extremely proud of all debaters who competed and look forward to many more successful debates.



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Debate Team

Kells Junior and Senior Debaters Go for a Clean Sweep During Round Three in Ottawa



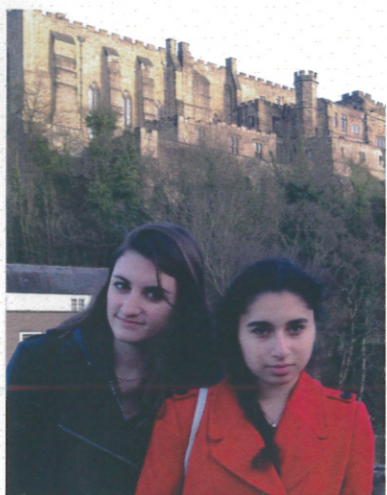
Junior Teams

India Lagendyk
Diana Britvina
Simon Ahn
Isabelle Guertin



Senior Teams

Yasmeen Dajani
Clarisa Rengel
Christina Papagiannis
Huy Hoang



Kells Debaters Compete in Durham, UK

On March 22 and 23, Kells Academy debaters Yasmeen Dajani and Clarisa Rengel competed at the Durham Schools Debating Competition, one of the largest in the United Kingdom. Kells was one of the one hundred and thirty two teams competing at this tournament . Kells students placed 35th and came very close breaking into the quarter finals. Yasmeen placed 35th while Clarisa placed 80th out of the 264 debaters from the UK, Greece, and the Netherlands and more.

Winter Day

On January 31, the entire school made the trip up north to Mont Avila for the annual Kells Winter Day. As part of their physical education program, students from all grade levels had the option of skiing, snowboarding or tubing. With an early start to the day, students waited anxiously to board one the buses bound for the hill. A quick hour ride later and we had arrived, ready to conquer the mountain.

First stop: Skiing and snowboarding. More experienced riders quickly gathered up their gear and made their way to the hill while others took the more scenic route and participated in group lessons to improve their techniques. Many students even graduated from the bunny hill after just a few runs! From the leisurely green circles to the challenging black diamonds, stu-

dents and teachers of all levels enjoyed the perfect powdery conditions.

Meanwhile at the tubing hill, students had the option of sliding down in the individual tubes or grouping up in a raft. Joined by Ms Fischer and Ms Malis, students spun and slid their way down the tracks time and time again, breaking only for some hot chocolate and a bit of lunch. We could not have asked for a better day than the weather cooperating beautifully with clear sunny skies, fresh powder snow and a warm temperature of zero degrees.



Kells Is Going Western with our Spring Concert!

On May 1, 2014, Kells Academy will proudly present GONE COUNTRY at Oscar Peterson Concert Hall. A combined elementary and high school concert showcasing country music's finest songs from its earliest days to the stylings of contemporary artists. Preparations for a night of song and dance are in full swing and the students look forward to sharing their talents with the Kells community. Our Prop department is desperately looking for a vintage jukebox for our main set and any parent who might be able to help us out should contact Kells administration.

Y'all come!



From The Coach's Corner - Sportsmanship and effort shown by Kells Athletes



The outdoor soccer season was a busy one with three teams competing in the GMAA league.

Our Midget boys earned a respectable fourth place finish and demonstrated commendable attitudes and excellent sportsmanship.

The Juvenile boys team finished third in their division and never gave up even though they were plagued throughout with injuries and bad weather.

The enthusiastic Juvenile girl's team showed great motivation and ambition despite being small in numbers and in size.

The majority of players were juniors, but they finished off the season on a positive note and are looking forward to starting practise for next season.

A big thank you goes out to Ms Fischer for her time and dedication!



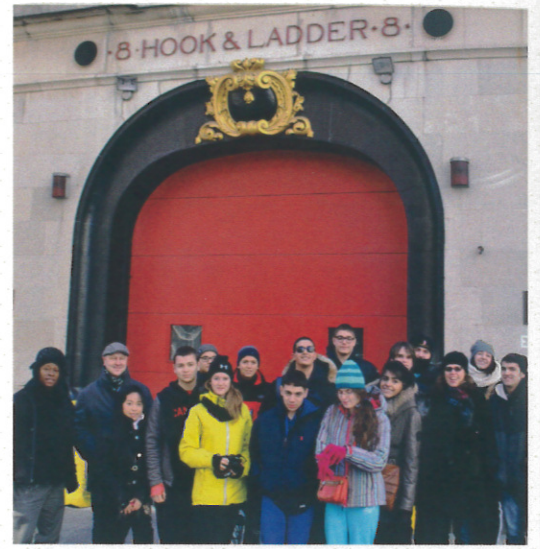
As one sports season ends, another has begun with the Kells Juvenile boy's basketball team competing in the GMAA. They are improving with each practice and have shown a lot of true sportsmanship and school spirit, both on and off the court. Come out to encourage them and cheer them on!

New York

On February 27th, a group of grade 10 and 11 students boarded a coach for a trip to New York City. We arrived in time to see the famous skyline silhouetted against the sunset, then disembarked at our mid-town hotel and met our friendly tour guide, Alvin.

Over the next four days, our group explored the city by bus, on foot and even on a short subway trip. We went on a guided tour of famous movie and film locations in the city, climbed to the top of the Empire State Building and walked through beautiful Central Park. We admired some of the treasures of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, then visited the Lower East Side to glimpse graffiti by well-known artists, and students even created their own graffiti on t-shirts! Students had free time to shop and explore in Times Square and Fifth Avenue, and spent time visiting famous locations such as F.A.O. Schwarz, the Plaza Hotel and the world's largest store: Macy's.

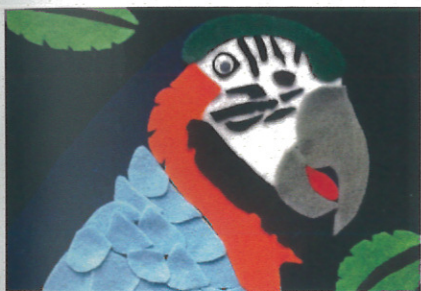
Each evening, our group had dinner in a different Times Square restaurant, where we enjoyed the lights and the energy of the big city. Our trip concluded with a voyage past the Statue of Liberty on board the Staten Island Ferry, then a last shopping excursion on Canal Street to see Chinatown and Little Italy. We got back to Montreal on Sunday evening, ready to start our March Break with lots of great memories, photos and souvenirs of our trip to the Big Apple.



Nature Themed Felt Quilt:



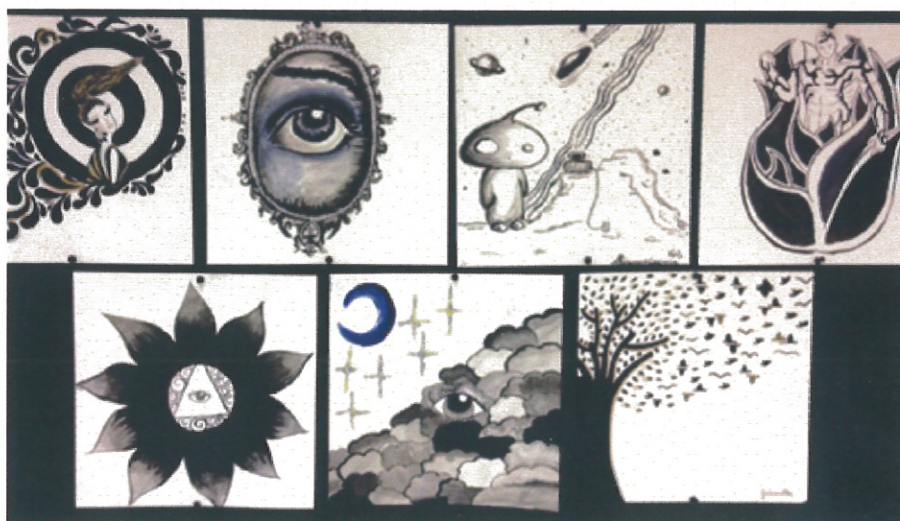
At the beginning of the school year every student in visual art from grade seven to eleven participated in the creation of a nature themed felt quilt. Each individual created a unique patch using felt pieces based on the themes from nature, which could be a landscape; animals, birds, flowers, etc. The individual patch on its own did not have the same impact as assembling all pieces together to make a whole quilt. The end product was a mass collaboration among students who showed love through art for our beautiful planet and mother nature.



Ink/Acrylic Mini-Paintings:

The grade elevens created stunning black & white paintings using acrylic mixed with india ink. Each painting is unique as it highlights the artist's personal artistic style. The students essentially illustrated and then painted whatever came to mind, and the results were absolutely beautiful. The mix of ink with acrylic created a bold and rich feel, and also using only black and white maintained a simple and clean look.

We are currently using these paintings as inspiration for the mural in the art room, which is a work in progress. Seeing is believing; we have some major talent in visual arts this year!



The artists from left to right (top) are: Ekin Ozdemir, Yasmeen Dajani, Christina Papagiannis, & Giljun Kwack.

The artists from left to right (bottom) are: Hisu Delaronde (1&2) & Gabriella Lemos de Almeida