

Elementary School
Middle School
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Grade 12

Newsletter



We Made it!

The Convocation for the graduating class of 2021 is one for the history books. An academic year like no other, culminated in a Graduation ceremony like no other!

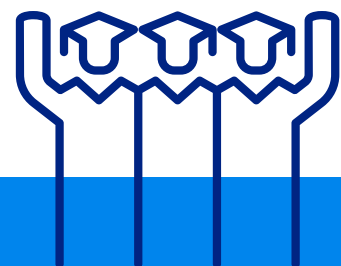
The event was held on June 18th, 2021 at the Kells Middle School Campus. No parents, family members or guests were invited as safety precautions and social distancing protocols were strictly followed. Students remained masked throughout the event and stayed with their homeroom groups. Although an audience could not be present, the parents, families and friends of the graduating students watched the ceremony via live streaming from the comfort of their homes.

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The Extraordinary Convocation in the Year of Covid

Despite a challenging year due to the global health pandemic, it was an extraordinary year for the students of Grades 11 and 12. The indomitable school spirit prevailed despite the restrictions, as students continued to participate in the Regional Science Fair, Debating; Robotics and Chess Tournaments, Free Dress Days and activities during Health & Wellness Month. New traditions were also established such as the Student Council Treat Train and our participation in eSports Leagues.



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The ceremony commenced with the singing of the national anthem by Hong Minh Le, a 9th grade student. Masked, but donned in their convocation gowns and caps and accompanied by their classmates, the students were invited by homeroom groups into the Middle School Cafeteria, which was transformed into the venue for the ceremony. Ms. Desmangles, the Physical Education teacher, called the students forward while Principal Najma Ali presented each graduate with their diploma. The teachers then announced the recipient of their respective subject award and/or special recognition awards.





Overall, Kells Academy had an outstanding year in the STEM related competitions, winning competitions at the local, national and international levels. The list of accomplishments was long and it was impressive what the students had achieved in one of the most unpredictable years in the history of the school. In the Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair, for example, Kells Academy won 21 awards across all categories, with many students earning great distinction for their projects. A contingent of 23 students from Grades 9 through 11 competed in the Mathematics Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contest administered by the University of Waterloo. Kells won 3 medals and 14 certificates of distinction and was declared Champion School for the second year in a row. To recognize these achievements, for the first time in Kells' history, a special award was presented to Kaifan Duanat at the Convocation for Distinction in Competitive Mathematics. It was a special graduation for the Grade 12 students. Accepted in Programs ranging from the Life Sciences to Business and Commerce, their hard work and achievements were honored as they prepared to enter Universities ranging from Concordia, McMasters and the University of Toronto.

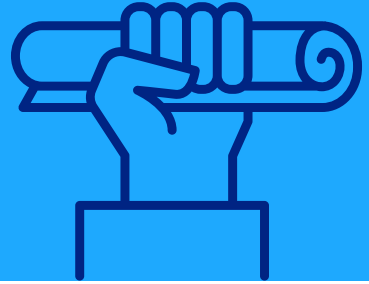
The class valedictorian, Katarina Bunakova, who also earned the Governor General's award for achieving the highest average in the graduating class, closed the convocation sharing wise words from her academic and school life experience at Kells. In addition, each Homeroom Bubble had selected a class representative who shared anecdotes about their year together. It was apparent that the challenges of the year had not dampened their enthusiasm. Rather it brought out their best and spurred them to even greater heights of achievement. The event concluded with the Principal Najma Ali congratulating the graduates and wishing them success and good wishes for the future. The graduates ended their momentous day with a celebratory meal with their friends in their homeroom classes.

Good luck and Congratulations on a fantastic year, Class of 2021!





Congratulations, 2021 graduates!



**You showed perseverance during a very tough academic year.
Wishing you the best in your chosen career!**

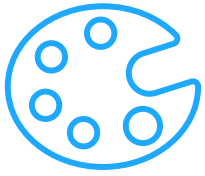
GRADE 11

Ryan Allatt • Suheil Almouhassel • Maya Aoun • William Kiril Auger • Anees Hussein Benayed Majd Boulos • Thien An Bui • Katarina Bunakova • Trinity Candappa • Yufan (Connor) Cao • Hongyin Chen Kun Chen • Xi (David) Chen • Yihui (Ethan) Chen • Celine Cho • Rafael Costa Jin Hong (Barry) Dai Ao (Oscar) Jiao • Lara Kammourie • Yoonyoung Kang • Sangmin (Daniel) Kim • Ege Kucukgirgin James Levitt • Yazhi Liu • Lingbo Li • Yufei (Mary) Li • Yixiang (Tony) Lu • Robert Macfarlane Shams Farzana Meem • Melina Melatti • Iman Molaei • Ahmed Moatassem Mohamed Mousa Huu Minh Quan (Pilot) Ngo • Minh Trung (Andy) Nguyen • Arman Soheili • Erfan Soheili Hamid Soltani • Alejandro Suarez Serrano • Valentina Suarez Serrano • Kexin (Aniya) Sun Letao Sun • Shenglei (Nina) Sun • Arshia Tahmaseb Nia • Edmond Tannous • Yosef Daron Thomas Yunjia (Justin) Tian • Arthur Tran • Ngoc Minh Anh (Anne) Tran • Marios Validakis • Brian Vine Hoang Bao Uyen Vo • Christina Demyttenaere • Stacey Deng • Adrien Di-Perna • Saina Divlakh Kaifan (Kevin) Duan • Alina Dzhaafar • Amirarshia Ghasri • Fatemeh Ghasemimoghaddam Liam Greenlaw • Alexander Grigoropoulos • Abeer Raza Ali Gulam • Mehmet Alp Gungor Mustafa Haddad • Arya Hajari • Arad Hajari • Marco Allen Herrera Cornelio Osayande Matthew (Ozzy) Isokpan • Thi Thu Thao (Cadie) Nguyen • William Nguyen • Allan Nounke Crystal Victoria Obando • Jenny Chiminecherem Okechukwu • Stephanie Chisom Okechukwu Lucas Joseph PEPE • Thi Anh Thu (Tio) Phan • Canh Lam (Lam) Quang • Elias Rebei • Lev Rudovskiy Laila Sarkis • Alvand Sedaghat • Sahand Sedaghat • Judy Shaaban • Sarah Smith • Jiayi (Mary) Wen Thomas Wu-Blouin • Yinuo Xu • Meihao Yang • Hsin-Jou Yen • Hongyi (Mark) Ye Boyang (Lucas) Yu • Jiasong Yu • Runyi Zhang • Tianyao Zhang • Yiping (Krystal) Zhai Junwen Zheng • Sitee (Esther) Zhou Yingxi (Rainy) Zhou • Zirou Zhu

GRADE 12

Abdul Aziz Al Masood • Chun Yeung Jeffrey Ha • Bohan (Eric) Jin • Alireza (Ali) Molaei • Phuoc Hong Anh Nguyen • Simone Pagani • Hyewon Park • Fatima Qureshi • Austin Winchcomb • Chi Zhang

SUBJECT AWARDS



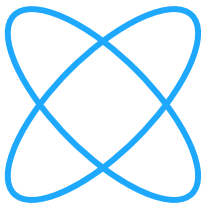
POLITICAL SCIENCE & ECONOMICS AWARD — James Levitt

CONTEMPORARY WORLD AWARD — Hongyin Chen

HISTORY OF QUEBEC & CANADA AWARD — Elias Rebei, Katarina Bunakova

PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Sitie Zhou

LEADERSHIP AWARD — James Levitt



MATH CST AWARD — Marco Allen Herrera Cornelio

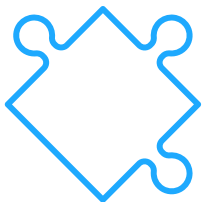
MATH (SN) SCIENCE AWARD — Alina Dzhaafar

FRENCH AWARD — Adrien Di Perna

FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AWARD — Allan Nounke

FRENCH AWARD (MOST IMPROVED) — Hongyi Ye

FRENCH AS A THIRD LANGUAGE AWARD (MOST IMPROVED) — Hongyin Chen



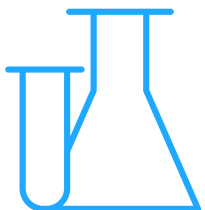
PHYSICS AWARD — Majd Boulos

CHEMISTRY AWARD — Alina Dzhaafar, Stacey Deng

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD — Marios Validakis

VISUAL ART AWARD — Hsin-Jou Yen

MULTIMEDIA AWARD — Sitie Zhou



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AWARD — Katarina Bunakova

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AWARD — Alejandro Serrano Suarez

ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE AWARD — Hsin-Jou Yen

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER AWARD — Shenglei Sun

DRAMA AWARD — Jiason Yu

SPECIAL AWARDS



PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD — Chi Zhang

VISUAL ART AWARD — Austin Winchcomb

MULTIMEDIA AWARD — Lucas Joseph Pepe

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AWARD — Christina Demyttenaere

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AWARD — Elias Rebei

ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE AWARD — Katarina Bunakova

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER AWARD — Katarina Bunakova

DRAMA AWARD — Arya Hajari



A Year Like No Other

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Kells students thrived in the 2020-2021 school year. A strong emphasis on science and mathematics, along with grit and determination, resulted in outstanding results in regional and national competitions.

As we race to the finish of another academic year and classes, activities and events wind down, it is a valuable exercise to take a moment and reflect on the triumphs of the past year.

In retrospect – it has been a year like no other. The pandemic and its impact on all aspects of life was the overwhelming global concern. For educational institutions like ours, that translated into a number of issues and challenges. From a mandated shutting down of all classroom learning to ensuring the safety and return of our international students to their respective countries and then back again, we were constantly navigating between ministerial dictates and the responsibilities towards our students. It is a testimony to our resilience and the dedication of our staff that student performance this year has been outstanding and one of the best in the history of Kells Academy.



Nothing Can Stop Us Now!

Though sports activities were curtailed due to obvious health reasons, our students excelled in every other activity that they participated in – from academics to extra-curricular activities. This was not just in their own classroom but across inter-school and national competitions.

We are particularly proud of our performance in the STEM related competitions. For example, in the Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair, Kells Academy won 21 awards across all categories, with many students earning great distinction for their projects.

A 23 member team of Grades 9 through 11 represented Kells at the Mathematics Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Mathematics Contests administered by the University of Waterloo in February 2021. Once again, Kells walked away with 3 medals and 14 certificates of distinction and was declared Champion School for the second year in a row.

In the CRC Robotics INVICTA Competition, that also had to be held virtually on Zoom because of the pandemic, Kells placed 1st in programming and 3rd overall among 12 teams from various schools and CEGEP's across Quebec.

Our Grade 9 Debate Club students won the Virtual Junior Debate Tournament hosted by Lower Canada College in May 2021, while our Middle School Chess Team made the playoffs in the True North ESports League and won the GMAA Silver Medal.

Our FLEX programs have been a great success in helping students dabble in various interests outside academics and further develop critical and creative thinking. Due to the pandemic, however, it was a challenge to adapt some of those courses on-line. We therefore introduced and encouraged students to take up a number of new activities in the Creative Arts like the Spring Journal Contest, Photography and Modern Art and to channelize their energies more productively. The results have been surprising and stunning!

The list of accomplishments is long. From Community Services to Social Work, we are impressed by what the students have been able to attain in one of the most unpredictable years in the history of the school.

We are proud to say that the challenges of the year did not weigh us down. Rather, as you will read in the stories that follow, it brought out the best in all of us and through sheer grit and determination, spurred us to even greater heights of achievement.

All of this could not have happened without the effort, help and dedicated work of Najma Ali our high school principal, Janice Ewanyshyn our middle school coordinator, Maria Perlman our elementary school principal and all the teachers and the administrative staff who work tirelessly day after day to ensure that we continuously raise the bar in our performance.

We are also grateful to the parents who continue to cooperate and support us.

After three years as our language school coordinator and one year as principal, Ms. Ali will be leaving us to take up a position at another school. We wish Ms. Ali every success in her future position and thank her for all her hard work and dedication while at Kells. We look forward to keeping in touch.

At the same time we are happy to welcome middle school coordinator Janice Ewanyshyn to take up the position as high school principal. We look forward to an easy transition since through Flex and middle school Ms. Ewanyshyn knows the teachers and most of the students.

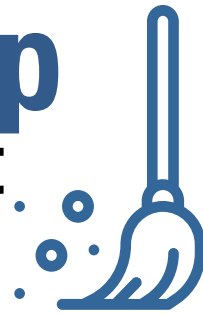
Irene Woods
Director





Science Fair Sweep

Kells Makes a Clean Sweep at the MRSTF Awards



Kells students cleaned up at the Hydro-Québec Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair Online Awards, having the most participants, winning across categories, and bringing home a total of TWENTY-ONE awards.

The Annual Science Fair is a Kells tradition, and even a global pandemic was not going to come in the way of our participation! Held virtually for the first time, students began working on their projects early in September 2020.

As always, the top projects from each class were selected to move on to the Kells-wide Science Fair. On January 22nd 2021, guest judges from McGill University and Kells' science teachers explored the 30 projects presented by 42 students (grades 7-11) on topics ranging from designing a War Game Playing Robot to Composting at Home. It was apparent from the exhibits that the students were enthusiastic and had a thorough understanding of the scientific principles behind their projects. It was a tough decision, but 11 projects were selected to represent Kells at the Hydro-Quebec Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair (MRSTF).

At the MRSTF, Kells made a clean sweep as each of the projects received certificates of distinction as well as numerous awards. Aziz Kitana, designer of the Wargaming Bot, was among the top 12 winners and went on to represent Kells at the Quebec Provincial Fair, Super Expo Sciences, in April 2021.



2021 Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair Winning Projects

Colouring Is Deceptive - Shivaani Mohanraj

Dawson College Science Award
Great Distinction
McGill University - Chemistry Award

Composting at Home - Ines Rebei

Great Distinction
McGill University - Earth and Planetary
Sciences Award
McGill University - Geography Award

Corn-Made Ethanol - Newsha Vakil Azad

Champlain College, St. Lambert Campus
Science Award
Distinction

Magic Plastic! - Hong Minh Le

Great Distinction
McGill University - Chemistry Award
McGill University - Earth and Planetary
Sciences Award

Mask: Usage / Bacterial Growth - Yufei Li and Shenglei Sun

Great Distinction
John Abbott College Science Award
Marianopolis College Science Award

NFC Magnetic Door Lock - Alejandro Suarez Serrano

Distinction
McGill University - School of Computer Science
(Non Robotics) Award

Rocket Fuel - Logan Meehan Mansi

Great Distinction
McGill University - Department of Chemical
Engineering Award

Squirrel Traps and Baits - Justin Clerk

Distinction
Vanier College Science Award

The Green Air Conditioner - Malek Haddad

American Meteorological Society Award
Great Distinction
McGill University - Department of Atmospheric and
Oceanic Sciences Award
McGill University - Geography Award
The Antidote Award for Quality of Language,
Intermediate

Wargaming Bot - Aziz Kitana

Bronze Medal - Senior
Highest Distinction
McGill University - Department of Electrical &
Computer Engineering Award
McGill University - School of Computer Science
(Robotics) Award
Super expo-sciences Hydro Québec (SESHQ)
Experimentation & Design Award

What a Picture! - Elias Rebei

Distinction
McGill University - Physics Award

Participating students received their certificates and awards during a special school assembly in March. We are so proud of all of them for their hard work and accomplishments, and already feel motivated to start planning for next year!

A big thank you to the teachers from our science department who mentored and guided the students, and an even bigger thank you to the students' supportive parents!



2021 Results School Wide Science Fair

Junior Level

1st Place
Omar Abdullah

2nd Place
Misheel Barkhasbadi & Lyna Ben Khelifa

3rd Place
Zoë Bartelse & Loïs Bartelse

Honorable Mention
Adam Qahawish

Intermediate Level

1st Place
Hong Minh Le

2nd Place
Newsha Vakil Azad

3rd Place
Malek Haddad

Honorable Mentions
Ines Rebei & Mariam Abouelmagd

Senior Level

1st Place
Elias Rebei

2nd Place
Alejandro Suarez Serrano

3rd Place
Aziz Kitana

Honorable Mentions
Shivaani Mohan Raj, Nina Sun & Mary Li Logan Meehan-Mansi, Justin Clerk

Kells Academy

We are The Champions!



University of Waterloo

Mathematics Contests



Sarina Mashreghimoghaddam (Grade 10)

Mathematics forms one of the cornerstones of education at Kells Academy and the results speak for themselves.

A team of 23 talented and determined students from Grades 9, 10 and 11 participated in the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Mathematics Contests administered by the University of Waterloo in February 2021. This demanding annual competition is written by secondary students across Canada and tests the student's logical thinking and problem-solving skills in mathematics.

Our students prepared diligently for this competition, meeting weekly to practice and develop strategies and the results were outstanding!

Our Grade 10 team placed 1st in the province, while the Grade 11 students ranked 1st in the Montreal area and 2nd in Quebec. In total, the students from Kells Academy won 3 medals and 14 certificates of distinction! While every student contributed to our overall success in the competitions, a couple of students deserve special mention for their exceptional performance.

One of our superstars was Sarina Mashreghimoghaddam (Grade 10) who achieved a perfect score in the Cayley competition. Another star was Kevin Duan (Grade 11) who was named Outstanding Achiever in the Fermat competition. He was invited to compete, together with other students with similar scores, in the University of Waterloo's 56th Annual Lloyd Auckland Invitational Mathematics Workshop held at the beginning of June.

Due to the high scores and the overall performance of our team, Kells Academy was declared Champion School in the Cayley and Fermat competitions for the second year in a row. Well done and congratulations to each of our team members for their outstanding achievement!

Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Mathematics Contests Administered by the University of Waterloo

Grade 9

Hong Minh Le

Grade 10

Sarina Mashreghimoghaddam
Minh Chau Ngo
Mohammadamin Tabarinia
Ada Naz Sayman
Zhenfeng Chen
Kexin Zhang

Grade 11

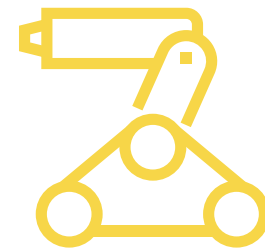
Kevin Duan
Majd Boulos
Zirou Zhu
Hongyi Ye
Alvand Sedaghat
Shenglei Sun
Yufei Li

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Well done and congratulations on achieving this high level of success!



CRC Competitions

- Kudos To Our Robotics Team!



Twelve participating teams from 11 high schools and CEGEPs from coast to coast, 3 days of competition, 1 Zoom event and countless memories to share for years to come!

Under the mentorship of Kells alumni Armin Mohebbipour and Alireza Naziri, Kells students competed once again in the CRC Robotics INVICTA Competition— and placed 1st in programming and 3rd overall among competitors in high school and CEGEPs across Canada!



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's competition was held virtually on Zoom, but our Friends-themed kiosk and gameboard were set up in the Middle School cafeteria. Huge congratulations to our Robotics Team for their hard work, perseverance and flexibility!

In addition to designing and programming their robot, students were also tasked with creating a video, website and tutorial, as well as presenting an "Elevator Pitch" describing the CRC experience on game day. We are tremendously proud of all of you for competing (and succeeding) at such a high level, and thank our alumni for their time and expertise!

Congratulations to our Robotics team who placed 1st in programming in the 2021 CRC Robotics INVICTA competition!



Kells Debate Team Excels

Don't Hate It, Just Debate It!

Our Grade 9 Debate Club students, Hong Minh Le and Julien Fournier, won the Virtual Junior Debate Tournament hosted by Lower Canada College on May 15, 2021.

Thirty-six teams from four different provinces participated in the tournament. Minh and Julien were undefeated in the first four rounds and finished 1st overall. They proceeded to the finals where they represented the opposition in the motion: "This house supports the restriction of the English Language in Quebec." Debating on Zoom against Lower Canada College's A team and in front of a virtual audience and judges, the Kells team brought up excellent points and argued for the assurance of rights for minorities, the importance of Quebec's continued economic growth and the historical legacy of English culture.



Following an hour of intense debate, the judges awarded the win to Minh and Julien and declared them tournament champions! Minh, as individual speaker, placed 5th out of 72 debaters and Julien placed 18th. These were their personal best scores of the year.

Congratulations to Minh, Julien, Coach Ms. Marissa and the entire team who worked so hard in their rookie year to achieve this incredible milestone. It was a fitting end to a great season!

Math Competition Club



The Kells Academy Mathematics Clubs gives our students the opportunity to enrich their mathematical experience in ways that are free from curriculum. Our main goal is to promote collaboration between students and deepen their math skills. The Math Club participants meet weekly on zoom or in person (socially distanced), both at the middle school and high school campuses, to also train for different math competitions offered by the University of Waterloo. These contests assess the students' mathematical ability to reason critically and apply their knowledge in constructing well-organized and elegant solutions to novel problems. Kells students, as a team, placed among the top five schools in the province, and several individuals achieved outstanding results compared to their peers nationwide, being awarded certificates of distinction and medals.



The Kells Chess Team

Take Home The GMAA Silver Medal!



The FLEX Chess course, offered in partnership with the Montreal Math & Chess Association, teaches students to play chess — while simultaneously developing concentration, memory, logical/strategic thinking, self-esteem, as well as collaboration and team-working skills. This year, the FLEX Chess students had the option to play in person and online using LICHESS and were also invited to participate in the GMAA Chess League.

The Kells Chess Team has made the playoffs in the True North ESports league and will be playing for the top position out of 15 players! Kells players currently hold the top 3 positions and are going into the tournament strong.



Congratulations to the Middle School Chess Team for making the playoffs in the True North ESports league!

Meet Our New Principal,



Ms. Janice Ewanyshyn!

We are excited to announce the appointment of Ms. Janice Ewanyshyn, our Middle School Coordinator, as the new Principal of the Kells Academy Middle and High School beginning September 2021. She will be filling the role vacated by Ms. Najma Ali.

Many of us already know Ms. Ewanyshyn, who has been with Kells the last 3 years as Middle School Coordinator. She comes into her new position with a very impressive scholastic background and broad teaching experience. Now celebrating 32 years as an educator, Ms. Ewanyshyn received her degree from McGill University specializing in Music and Education K-11, and began her career at Miss Edgar's & Miss Cramp's School (ECS). During her tenure at ECS, Ms. Ewanyshyn wore many hats. She was a member of their task force that first created and implemented the Middle School model. She later became the Middle School Director and focused on curriculum development, assisting in the integration of international students and Student Life. Ms. Ewanyshyn then followed her passion for Global Education to JPPS-Bialik as their International Baccalaureate Coordinator before joining us at Kells.



As Kells Academy's first Middle School Coordinator, Ms. Ewanyshyn worked with a dynamic team of teachers to build a nurturing yet rigorous program for Grades 7 and 8, one that focused on the social, emotional and academic needs of the individual student. Working diligently to build a community of learners who were committed to their studies and to "choosing kind", provided the foundation for success. Ms. Ewanyshyn helped teachers develop a variety of tools for differentiation through Station Rotations, scaffolding and incorporating the Design Cycle. In addition, Ms. Ewanyshyn expanded our signature FLEX Program, successfully introduced and mentored our CRC Robotics Team, revived the Debate Club and other student life activities.

Looking towards the future as Principal, Ms. Ewanyshyn's dedication to global education and serving Kells' unique and diverse student body promises to enrich the experience of our students as well as our staff. We are delighted to welcome her to her new position and are confident that Kells Academy will continue to grow and thrive under her capable leadership.



Kells Signature FLEX Program

Six years later, this unique program at Kells Academy continues to flourish and expand.

Unique to Kells Academy, the FLEX Program offers our students an opportunity to explore interests that go beyond the traditional curriculum.

Twice a week, students look forward to learning a new skill or developing a greater mastery of a subject or project they are passionate about, such as: Stop Motion Animation, Claymation, App Inventor, How to be a Disc Jockey, Chess, Citizenship, Coding - Robotics, CRC Robotics, Digital Music, Entrepreneurship, Film Critique, Film Production, Video Game Design, Graphic Arts, Academic Achievement - Math, French, History, Punchline and Science Fair.

These courses provide an exceptional opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and further develop critical and creative thinking in the arts, multimedia, science and technology.

In addition to courses led by Kells teaching staff, we have also partnered with Explorations, Engineeius, Santhei Media and the Chess 'n Math Association in order to meet the needs and diverse interests of our students.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed a particular challenge this school year, as courses needed to be adapted to online and in-person classes. We would like to thank our educators, both in the school and through our partnerships, for making this possible through their hard work and flexibility!

We look forward to announcing new FLEX options for the 2021-2022 school year soon.



Facilitating A Smoother Route to University via Grade 12

The sudden switch from a structured and supportive High School to the highly independent environment of a CEGEP can be daunting and a challenge for some students.

Fatima came to the Grade 12 Program at Kells Academy after just such a struggle at CEGEP. Graduating with a High School Diploma from a sheltered secondary school, the CEGEP system proved overwhelming for Fatima who enrolled in the Grade 12 Program at Kells. There has been no looking back. The small class sizes, individual care and support that she has received together with developing the independent skills that will be needed at University, has allowed Fatimah to thrive and obtain the grades she always knew she was capable of achieving.

“I love having my teachers readily available to help when I have a question,” says Fatima, who is currently deciding which university to attend next fall. Her excellent marks resulted in her getting admission to a number of top universities, including Concordia, Ryerson, McMaster and the University of Toronto. She is still anxiously awaiting to hear from McGill University.

The Grade 12 Program at Kells has been designed precisely for students like Fatima who can get admission straight from Grade 12 to university and skip the intermediary CEGEP level altogether. Our classroom tutorial approach — which allows for a high-degree of personal attention and daily after-school remediation — helps ensure that students enter university prepared to succeed. Kells educators and program coordinators work together to monitor and ensure student progress.

Grade 12 students can choose from one of four streams that best suit their interests — Science & Engineering, Health Sciences, Commerce or Liberal Arts. Upon completion, students graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and are eligible for admission to universities across North America and abroad. The Kells Program Coordinator is available to provide students with one-on-one academic advising to help them determine the most suitable stream based on their learning objectives and career goals, as well as to guide them through the process of choosing and applying to a university program.



If you are interested in talking to Fatima or any of the other Grade 12 spotlight students, please contact kadmin@kells.ca.



Food Photography From Snapshots to Great Shots

This year, Grade 11 students were introduced to the art of photography. Starting by examining compositional techniques, students put theory into practice with a series of photo challenges from practicing basic editing techniques lighting, saturation, contrast, etc. to visually enhancing a photograph in the post-edit phase.

Students also explored photography as a career by researching and presenting a successful photographer to the class. Finally, they produced a digital photobook on a theme of their choice — with undeniably impressive results!

Journey to Cooking Deliciousness Photobook

Esther Zhou



Whenever my mother had some rice left over from the previous night, she would make egg fried rice with rice, eggs, green beans and carrots for breakfast.
Simple - but always tasted good!



Once upon a time there was a pastry chef who silently repeated the name of his beloved while making cookies and then imprinted his hand on them as decoration.
This is how "Miss Margaret Cookies" got their name.

Modern Art Theory and Practice

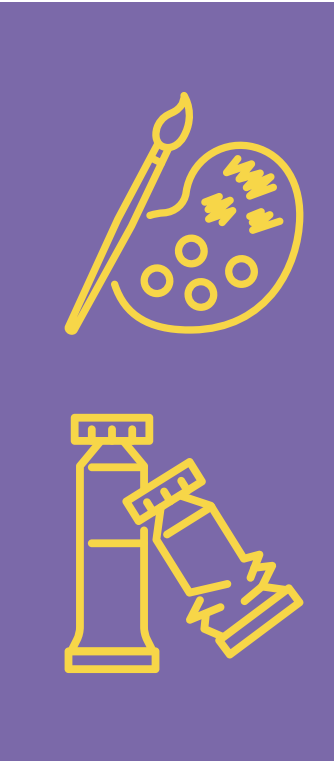
This past year, Kells used an innovative technique to help students get a thorough understanding of the complexities of Modern Art by combining the study of Art History with the actual practice of Art.

Individual art presentations to the entire class formed the practical side of the course. Each student had to select a representative artist from one of the Art Movements, recreate a painting by this artist and then paint an original picture in the same style as that of the artist. Needless to say that the course was very popular and a resounding success with the students!



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Students from Grade 10 and 11 were introduced to the different schools of painting ranging from Impressionism to German Expressionism. The historical aspect involved a class study of the various influences including rapid industrialization, changes in the urban landscape and the two World Wars — that shaped the work of the artists of the day.



Digital Self Portraits Our talented students created these compositions with their original photo and then rendered them with digital software to best describe and express “who you are”. Students had control over how realistic or how abstract their portrait would be and they added various effects and filters to change the way their portrait looked.



Photo Contests

They say a picture is worth a thousand words!



Julien Fournier - 1st place winner of the Autumn Photo Contest



Elias Rebei - 3rd place winner of the Autumn Photo Contest

Talent Blooms Spring Journal Contest

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March of 2020, Kells students had to adjust to a slew of new rules and regulations, including mandatory face masks and social distancing, as well as the uncertainty of a global health crisis.

These unprecedented times would test the mettle of the most resilient among us; this is why we chose Hope as the theme for our first-ever Spring Journal contest. The creative work of 20 talented students from Grades 2 to 12, who submitted their work for the contest, have been featured in the 2021 issue.



We're so proud of all of our students for continuing to excel despite a challenging year, and for displaying maturity and positivity throughout. We thank them for proving, again and again, that "there was never a night or a problem that could defeat sunrise or hope".

Congratulations To Our Contest Winners :

Elementary School

Bill Niu
Leonid Sukhikh
Anabel Gnugesser
Elsa Xu
Nadine Abdullah
Emma Diaco
Gavin Normandi
Sidi Abass
Zachary Botbol

Middle School

Seungbum Noh
Raphael Bernardi
Rania Taboubi

High School

Jamie Levitt
Aniya Sun
Hsin-Jou Yen
Yazhi Liu
Ethan Chen
Oscar Jiao
Philip Lawlor
Bao Nghi Nguyen

Athletics

Green Exercise at Kells Academy!



Green exercise is a relatively new term in the health and wellness sphere which describes the combined benefits of exercise and exposure to nature—both proven ways to improve physical and mental well-being.

To reap the benefits, Kells' PhysEd program moved outside for a variety of activities, including frisbee, golf, soccer, ice skating, hockey and building quinzhees!

For many students, it was their first time stepping onto the ice. Based on the photos, we'd say they enjoyed themselves! Great work, everyone! Keep on moving, exploring and smiling.





Community

Honoring Black History Month

For Black History Month, Kells students examined the different issues affecting people of color throughout history, including the Atlantic Slave Trade and the Black Lives Matter movement — particularly the protest art that arose in the summer following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, USA.



Through video and image references, students created visual journal reflections on the topics. Afterwards, they selected a prominent Black person in history and created a visual art piece to honor that person's contribution to their field (science, art, social justice, literature, etc).

Fundraising

Kells Makes a Difference



Holiday Cheer Campaign

COVID-19 ignited our spirit of giving!

In November, 2020, the Middle School Student Council launched the first HOLIDAY CHEER CAMPAIGN. Kells students from Grades 7-11—as well as the language center—participated in giving campaigns for several local charities over the holidays.



The Shoebox Project

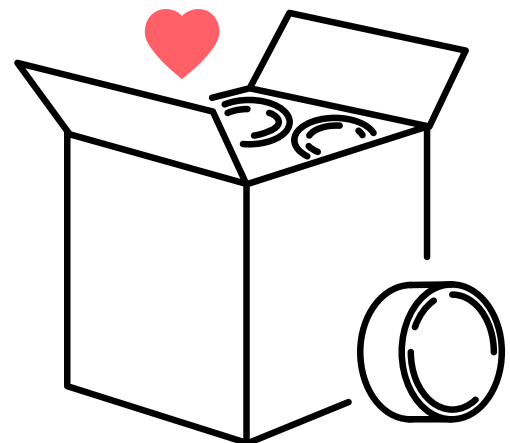
The Shoebox Project collects gift-filled shoeboxes to women impacted by homelessness across Canada. This year, Kells students filled and delivered 23 Holiday Shoeboxes to the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal, which offers support and frontline services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis (Aboriginal) women and children.

Supporting the NDG Food Depot

Students collected money for the NDG Food Depot throughout the month of December, and the total was generously matched by Mrs. Woods for a total donation of \$1,000. Congratulations to MS105 and 407, who were awarded with a Free Dress Day in recognition of their generous contributions!

Warm the Soles Initiative

Students donated nearly 300 pairs of new winter socks to the Welcome Hall mission that provides food, housing and health services to thousands of Montrealers in need. We thank all of our Kells families who generously donated to these campaigns, and to our students, who continue to look for ways to show kindness and pay it forward!



Principal's message - Congratulations and Farewell



The 2020-2021 school year has been like no other! Since the pandemic began in March of 2020 and the doors of all the schools in Quebec were suddenly shuttered, many factors have affected the learning process. An overnight switch from classroom to remote learning, a near-absolute reliance on technology, hybrid schedules, new health and safety regulations — both students and educators have had to adjust to the new normal.

Despite all these changes and challenges, Kells' technological dexterity, state-of-the-art facilities and equipment allowed us to react instantly to the changes, with classes resuming the very next day after the provincial closure. A big thanks to our hard-working team of IT professionals, our administrative team and teachers for making this smooth transition possible!

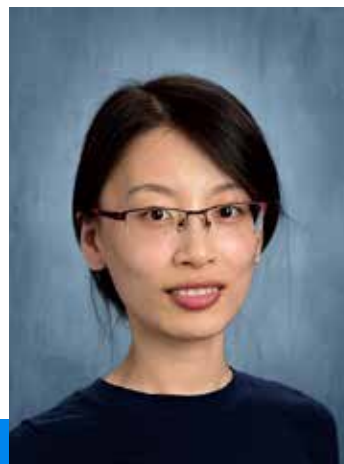
In the face of uncertainty and constantly shifting mandates dictated by the severity of the pandemic, our students have been resilient and worked very hard to excel during the 2020-2021 school year. From mid-term exams to extracurricular activities, nationally-ranked STEM competitions to sports, their flexibility and positive attitude has helped them achieve outstanding results in regional and national competitions!

I am very proud of Kells' students and staff for making the most of this pandemic year. It became apparent that changes were something to get used to. The Kells community stepped up to the challenge and set a beautiful example of how teachers, students, parents and the administration can work together to create the best of a difficult situation. Another change to mention is that I will be leaving Kells after 4 wonderful years. It has been a pleasure being a witness to incredible successes, from the creation of the Language Centre to the opening of the Middle School. I leave the principalship in good hands with Ms. Janice Ewanyshyn who will continue to lead Kells to even brighter days.

Congratulations to each and every one of them for a job very well done — **we are all tremendously proud.**

We Miss You!

This year we say goodbye to two dynamic administrators, Mengyi Guo and Alexandrina Delage. Whether you're enjoying some well-deserved R&R or starting an exciting new adventure in a new city, we miss you both and wish you all the best for the future!



Grade 12 at Kells

Your Fast Track To University



The advantages of the 1-year Kells Academy Grade 12 program are well recognized.

Our students graduate with an Ontario grade 12 diploma (OSSD) and can apply to universities around the world, including Quebec.

Students can choose from four program streams:

Science and Engineering
Commerce
Social Science
Health Science

- Full-day, in-person classes from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Personalized attention, customized programs and smaller group settings.
- Devoted staff provide guidance and support for the university application process.

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