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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

February 13, 2024

Winter Concert

The Music Department hosted its annual Winter Concerts on January 17th and January 18th. These events allow music students to show how they have progressed in class or through our music ECAs.

Winter Carnival

On Tuesday, January 22 over 700 students took a break from their academic work to enjoy their time in the snow, on the ice, on the wall and in the gym. Special thanks to the SLA and Mr. Zigby for all the work they put into organizing this annual event for RWA students!!

Grade 8 and 10 Ski Trip

Over 300 students participated in this year's grade level ski trips for grades 8 and 10 between January 3rd and February 2nd. The staff received emails of appreciation from parents. Ski Evolution also sent an email congratulating us on the work of our staff and the students' behavior and enthusiasm during the trip. Special thanks to our trip organizers, Mr Zigby and Mme. Belina.

Grade 11 New York

Secondary 5 students were excited to see the Secondary 5 New York trip back again! Students loaded onto buses for the long-awaited trip which is taking place between February 6th and February 9th. Special thanks to Ms. Suarez and Ms. Cayer for organizing the trip.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Action Against Islamophobia

RWA commemorated International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Action Against Islamophobia Day with a school-wide announcement and a moment of silence. Our school library also created a display with reading materials available at the RWA library.

Black History Month

Activities are planned to mark the month of February which is Black History Month. On February 8th we celebrate Black History Month, with the sweet sound of steel pan music in the RWA cafeteria during the lunch hour.

National Suicide Prevention Week

During National Suicide Prevention Week which takes place between February 5-9, RWA is emphasizing important resources that are available to students both within the school and the greater Montreal area.

\$5,000 Entrepreneurial Grant

We are thrilled to announce that RWA was awarded an entrepreneurial grant of \$5,000 in support of the RWA Dance Show. The dance show is a wonderful event which showcases our student's talent and raises money for an important cause – Dans la rue. Since 2008, RWA has raised over \$80,000 for Dans la rue. Special thanks to Ms Cayer and Mr. Zigby for their efforts.

Science Department Events

We are looking forward to our annual Secondary 1 Invention Convention which will take place on Wednesday, February 14th. We hope parents attend this event which showcases our young scientists and entrepreneurs.

On Thursday, February 15th Secondary 2-5 students will participate in our annual RWA Science Fair. We would like to thank all the science teachers and lab technicians led by Mr. Wiltzer, our Coordinator, Ms. Pevec, as well as the judges that will volunteer their valuable time. Winners of the fair qualify for the Regional Science Fair.

Musical Ticket Sales.

Tickets for the RWA Musical 'Lucky Stiff' (Feb. 19th to 22nd) will be on sale starting Thursday, Feb. 8th at lunch outside room 216. (Cash or cheque). Student tickets are \$10.00 EXCEPT for Feb. 19th (\$5 for students only) Adults \$15.00 all performances. We encourage everyone to come out and support our talented performers.

Pedagogical Days

The EMSB sent out a letter to parents informing them that the March 15 Ped Day will be moved to April 8. This will not be the case at RWA. The March 15 Ped Day must be maintained at RWA due to the Parent Teacher Interviews on March 14. However, the March 18 Ped Day will be moved to April 8 to conform with the directives from the EMSB. March 18 will now become a Day 4.