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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

April 15, 2024

### **Rattrapage Tutoring**

Royal West teachers began offering additional tutoring over and above their normal remediation. The MEQ provided schools with funding to offer Rattrapage tutoring for students at risk. This program is in addition to the MEQ tutoring which began during the pandemic and continued into this school year. Presently, 222 students have taken advantage of these programs.

### **Lock-Down Drill**

As part of its annual emergency response plan, RWA held a lockdown drill on April 3 in the presence of our SPVM Community Officers. Lockdowns are used in response to acts or threats of violence that directly affect students and staff. Students and staff responded quickly to our lockdown instructions. The SPVM provided valuable feedback to the school after our lockdown drill. Lockdowns are an important safety measure practiced in all EMSB schools similarly to a fire drill.

### **Dance Show**

RWA presented its annual Dance Show 2024. Utopia- Dystopia was a huge success. Students worked tirelessly all year to produce a tremendous show that included a performance by the RWA staff. Proceeds from the show will be donated to Dans la Rue. Since 2008, the RWA Dance Show has raised over \$90,000 for Dans la Rue. Special thanks to Ms. Cayer and Mr. Zigby for their tireless efforts and their guidance of the student executives who produced the show.

### **Dessert Concert**

On Friday, April 5 RWA music students performed at our annual Dessert Concert in support of the RWA Foundation. Over \$3,000 was raised to support the foundation's Active Learning Classroom campaign. Special thanks to all our bakers, the parent volunteers and Ms. Purdy and Ms. Macleod for their efforts.

### **Grade 7 Public Speaking Competition**

Grade 7 students gathered in the auditorium for this year's Public Speaking Competition. Students were selected to participate based on their performances in the English Language Arts classes. Congratulations to this year's winner was Violet Lamoureux.

### **Grade 11 U. N. Debate**

We were thrilled that the Grade 11 U.N debate returned to its pre-pandemic format. Senior students debated a simulated crisis in the South China Sea regarding disputes over territorial waters and access to resources and international shipping lanes. This full day educational

experience was prepared through our school's Contemporary World classes. Special thanks to our Contemporary World teachers, Ms Holloway (Ms Bateman) and Ms Belina for offering this rewarding and enriching experience

### **Washington Trip**

Secondary 3 students have been anxiously awaiting the Washington D.C trip grade level trip. Students will be traveling to Washington between April 15-19. Special thanks to all our staff, particularly Mr. Wilson our trip organizer for offering this valuable opportunity to our students.

### **Honour Band Trip**

Honour Band members will be traveling to Philadelphia between April 25-28. Students will combine performances while enjoying the sights of the city. Special thanks to the chaperones and Ms Purdy for offering this great experience.

### **Battle of the Books**

The EMSB kicked off the Battle of the Books competition on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the east and west competition. Royal West Academy students were able to win the west finals against James Lyng High School, Westmount High School, and LaurenHill Academy. The RWA team moves on to the EMSB final on Thursday, April 11. Good luck to all our readers.

### **Regional Science Fair**

RWA science students continued their impressive performances at the Regional Science Fair. The following RWA students were honoured at this year's awards ceremony.

- Jacob Falvo-Schrider and Noah Vezina received a Great Distinction Certificate and a McGill University - Faculty of Science - Geography Award
- Cassidy Engo and Lauren Engo received a Highest Distinction Certificate and Hydro-Quebec Energy Award
- Regan Forneck and Mathilda Keightley Karpati received a Distinction Certificate
- Sophie Iny and Jake Gurevitch received a Distinction certificate and a McGill University - Faculty of Science - Chemistry Award
- Abby Iny and Beatrice Reynolds received a Distinction Certificate
- Sae Ah Park and Sumin Woo received a Great Distinction certificate and a McGill University - Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Science, School of Human Nutrition Award
- Eolande Ma and Rebecca O'Neill received a Great Distinction certificate and a McGill University - Department of Mining & Materials Engineering - Materials Engineering Award
- Anubhab Bhowmick and Srijith Pradeep Kumar received a Highest Distinction Certificate and a McGill University - Department of Civil Engineering Award, a McGill University - Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering Award, in addition to this they received the **Super Expo-Science Hydro Quebec (SESHQ) Participation award and will be moving on to the Provincial Science Fair!!!**

### **Variety Show**

The RWA community was treated to the talents of our young performing students and our staff at our Annual Variety Show. Proceeds from the show will be donated to a local charity. Special thanks to Ms. Macleod for organizing this event for our students.

## **Classe vert**

We are very pleased to announce Royal West Academy's first Classe verte, a day dedicated to increasing awareness and appreciation for the environment, as well as experiencing the outdoors and the richness of nature. On April 18th, 2024 all grade seven students will be participate in one of three activities. These activities will help kick-start our Earth Week activities the following week. Each student will go to one of the following options and all costs are covered by RWA:

1. A guided nature tour of a Montreal area park with the environmental organization GUEPE (activities include: intro to types of forests, food chain, characteristics of local forest, identification of insect and bird species, preservation of natural habitats)
2. A hike/treasure hunt and picnic lunch on Mont-Royal
3. School-based activities that rotate among multiple workshops (activities include: intro to Fat Bikes, walk along the Falaise, gardening, baking, candle-making)