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Our Mission

The Western Québec School Board is committed to developing lifelong learners who actively contribute to society and are well prepared for the future.



A Message from George



Across our school board throughout the month of April, staff, students, and parents participated in numerous activities to mark Autism Appreciation Month. While a few of the events are chronicled in this edition of the Gazette, our collective dedication to ensure all students thrive is evident and is not restricted to one month out of the year. May is Speech and Hearing Month and I encourage everyone to read the article by our team in Complementary Services for the latest strategies and approaches to support students with hearing or speech difficulties (see article in this edition for more on this).

The articles in this month's Gazette, whether they be the sharing and celebration of stories about our staff or the events they plan, highlight a deep commitment to our students and to our ideals as an organization. I hope you will find them to be a source of pride and inspiration, and will underscore for you, as they do for me, the strength of our organization: our people.

I would like to thank the communications department and their contributing writers for their work on this edition of the Gazette. Happy reading. Take good care, g



PETES Autism Walk in partnership with Trait d'Union Outaouais Inc. Photo by, Laura D'Alessandro

Laura D'Alessandro

Autism Walk Partnership with Trait d'Union

Feature Article

Across the Western Québec School Board, schools and centres proudly educate and support hundreds of autistic students. The work to incorporate effective strategies, inclusive practices, and programs to support them is never-ending.

This year, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School (PETES) partnered with the non-profit organization Trait d'Union Outaouais Inc. (TUOI) to host the largest Autism Walk in the neighborhood to date. This organization supports the social integration of individuals with ASD.

Though past Autism Walks at the school have been successful, Project Development Officer Jennifer McNeil thought a joint walk with TUOI, might enhance the event. She was right. The partnership created greater participation for the event and greater presence in the community.

The WQSB's Re-Adaptation Officers, Michele Elstone, Janet Sauvé and Carlee St. Denis were also in attendance. Their job title is "à propos" referring to their support of school and centre staff with strategies that need constant re-adaptation to meet the unique needs of each autistic student. The three are part of the Complementary Services department, and each officer has designated schools and students they support-throughout the school year. They work fully in service of supporting, listening to and amplifying the voices and perspectives of autistic students.

It takes a host of people to put on a walk of this scale. "The biggest challenge is always finding volunteers who will be available to help, especially since it is on a weekend," shares Mr. Patricio, the walk's lead organizer. In addition to the crew of their dedicated (PETES) members of staff, and members of the Complementary Services department, they also had parent volunteers and a Chelsea Elementary staff member volunteering. Several grade 6 students also gave their time to volunteer for the walk.

This year's Autism Walk was a hit, with several hundred people taking part! [Full Story](#)



Earth Day Every Day on PG. 6.

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Educational Spotlight

Spotlight on the Resource Centre at Hadley Junior/Philemon Wright High School



A collaborative approach to resource support for students at Hadley Junior and Philemon Wright High School is impacting student success on many levels. Student James offers high praise for the Resource Center, sharing that “This is my home. Kids feel so safe here.”

Staffed by seven teachers working in one space, the Resource Center provides comprehensive support to students. The team consists of: Jessica Stevens: Resource Lead/ELA, Megan Mullin: ELA/History, Dermot Guinnane: Gr. 7-8 Math, Matt McKechnie: Gr. 9-11 Math and Science, Genevieve Forget: French/Service d’Accueil, Alain Thibault: French/Service d’Accueil and Lea Mahaux: French/Service d’Accueil.

Resource Lead Jessica Stevens credits the teaching team for creating an atmosphere that is inclusive and appreciated by students, sharing that, “We all value education and have high expectations of our students, but we put relationships first. We know that without that foundation, no learning is going to happen, especially if a student is struggling. The door is always open to any student who wants to come in; students from all over the school, including the centers, come visit our fish and gecko; students come to eat lunch here with their friends; some students won’t ask for food anywhere but here, even though they are hungry.”

This caring environment is contributing to academic success as well. Stevens proudly notes that “Every student who came to resource support for history passed the January exam re-write. Many students who could not speak a word of French are now greeting us in French and answering questions we ask them in French. Students who have a classic case of “I can’t learn math!” are now comfortable trying and are seeing success. Students who were not completing English assignments are completing assignments and handing more work in.”

Upon entering the Resource Center, visitors will feel as though they are entering a friend’s home, with snacks on the table, tea and coffee on offer and smiling faces asking them how their day is going.

The teaching team supports students and one another to be their best. It is an example of exceptional professionalism and collaboration within our school board, where the focus is on making students’ lives better and brighter.

Carole Belanger, Dana Johannsen, Leah MacQuarrie, Isabella Poitras, and Lori Watson

Speech and Language Support in Our Schools

May is [Speech and Hearing Month](#)

The Speech and Language team is excited to provide an update on our new service delivery model.

Grounded in extensive research and recommendations from the professional order, L’Ordre des Orthophonistes et Audiologistes du Québec (OOAQ), our school-based strategies prioritize meeting students’ speech and language needs in the classroom.

We’ve employed various interventions, including teacher consultations, small group therapy, and classroom intervention, like Shared Storybook Reading and phonological awareness activities.

Working within classrooms enables us to prevent, identify, and support students’ needs effectively.

Your enthusiastic support in implementing these services has been invaluable. We’re excited about the positive impact on our students’ development and look forward to expanding our offerings in the future.

Connect with us for classroom support!

[Click HERE to view Western Québec’s Speech & Language Pathology \(SLP\) Milestones](#)



Stuart Gray and Lisa Diner

Education Technology Spotlight

Did you know?



Did you know...that your Education Technology Consultants, Lisa Diner and Stuart Gray, are available to do in-class workshops with students?

Thanks to Principal Cathy Nugent and ICT Teacher Leader Sofia Ferreira, Lisa and Stuart have been conducting monthly full-day workshops at Onslow Elementary throughout the 2023-2024 school year. Topics include hardware (iPads, Chromebooks), software (Microsoft 365, Read&Write, Google Earth, Scratch), video editing, music production, podcasting, and robotics (Bee Bots, microbits, Spheros). [Click here](#) to learn more.

Board Office Ghost Writer

Time Capsule



This WQSB employee is very observant, has done some modelling and often asks others what they think of her reflection. The one thing to note is she always has very good intentions. She looks for and sees people’s strengths and is engaged in helping them be even better. If you do a quick walkabout everyone you see will tell you she is a good tipper! Find the answer to the Time Capsule mystery by visiting the Resources for Staff on our WQSB webpage.

Jenny Svetec

HR Spotlight

Nominations are a Bright Success!

WQSB 2024 Outstanding Employee Nominations are a Bright Success, thanks to you!



Photo by Laura D'Alessandro.

On May 14, 2024, WQSB is certain to shine bright, as we celebrate our 2024 Outstanding Employees Awards.

The WQSB Recognition Committee is grateful for all 107 WQSB staff who took the time to salute the following:

- 38 support staff
- 32 teachers
- 8 professionals
- 10 administrators

Congratulations to all who were nominated! The *You Shine Awards* celebrate WQSB employees who exemplify:

- Innovation
- Community Building
- Extra-curricular dedication and involvement
- Pedagogical expertise
- Leadership
- Mentorship
- Commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Commitment to student well-being and success
- Commitment to a positive and supportive work environment
- On-going growth and professional learning
- Professionalism

The Selections Committee is reviewing all submissions and will reach out to the winners and nominees in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your participation in recognizing the efforts of our employees across all our centers, schools, and departments.

Without a doubt, People Make Western Québec. People just like you.

Communications Team

Share your stories

We want to hear from you!

The COMMS team eagerly awaits your stories! We are passionate about spotlighting our staff through articles on our website, social media, and through this staff newsletter. Let's share, learn, and inspire as a community. Send us your stories [here!](#)



Erin Millar

April Book List

Autism Acceptance Month

It's been said that if you've met one person with Autism, you've met one person with Autism. It was my goal to ensure this month's book list reflects that truth.



Inclusive messaging welcomes students at Buckingham Elementary's library.

Autism presents differently in every person, so it's important for people who are neurotypical to do the work to understand how we can be a positive community to people who are on the Autism spectrum. This list of books and resources will only grow as the world catches up and becomes more universally inclusive of all human beings, regardless of perceived differences.

Dr. Temple Grandin said it perfectly: "I am different, not less." April is Autism Awareness month, but many people have suggested that we go beyond awareness and celebrate Autism Acceptance. And of course, not just in April but all year long.

Happy reading!

[See Book List and Resources Here](#)

Submitted by: Julia Horner

Rock, Paper, Scissors

School spirit and camaraderie



Eardley Elementary introduced its own "Rock, Paper, Scissors Championship", fostering community and teaching valuable life lessons.

Detailed rules, including borrowing beads for participation, were crafted to ensure smooth operation. While not initially tied to the school motto, "Spirit, Strength, Wisdom," the championship naturally embodies its values, promoting school spirit, camaraderie, and teaches humility in both victory and defeat. The championship has become a beacon of character development at Eardley Elementary.

Laura D'Alessandro

Kindness Week

Buckingham Elementary

The Western Québec School Board is dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment in all our schools and centers. The annual Anti-Bullying and Violence Prevention (ABVP) Kindness Week at Buckingham Elementary School supports this goal beautifully, with a week full of activities celebrating diversity and encouraging kindness. This year, their slogan was "United in Kindness, Embracing Our Differences".



Group photo, L-R: Jaaji of Twin Flames, Chairman Wayne Daly, Principal James Price, Director of Education Jennifer Dubeau, and Chelsey June of Twin Flames

The ABVP committee, comprised of Buckingham teachers Christina Howard, Andrea Scholar and Delorean Clark, spearheaded the event, organizing resources and activities. The school secretary, Cindy Larin, was also key in organizing the week's activities.

[Full Story](#)

Love is Louder Organizing Committee

Love is Louder!

The power of love

Former VP

Constance George introduced the Love is Louder

movement (2013) to Symmes D'Arcy,

aiming to highlight the school's cultural diversity and emphasize the power of love over bullying, hate, and other obstacles faced by today's teens.

Led by the student services department, administration team, and dedicated teachers, Love is Louder (LIL) involves brainstorming sessions, planning meetings, and delegated roles for staff members.

The week-long celebration features lunch hour events and activities, and a Friday evening community performance showcasing Symmes D'Arcy's talents in music and the arts.



Laura D'Alessandro

Meet Jeremy Wouda!

The new Vice-principal at Hadley Junior/Philemon Wright

At the Western Québec School Board, hard work, leadership, and passion for education are highly valued characteristics.

Jeremy Wouda thoroughly embodies these values, and we are proud to warmly welcome him in his new administrative position as Vice-principal at Hadley Junior/Philemon Wright High School!



Mr. Wouda grew up in Huntsville, Ontario, where he and his four siblings were homeschooled by their Dutch immigrant parents. Jeremy had planned to be a youth pastor, and to better prepare for post-secondary, he asked to do his last two years at the local high school. It was during this time that he fell in love with education, as well as with his wife of 18 years, Alison.

During Mr. Wouda's time in high school, he realized that the world is a mix of opinions and ways of being. On the field of education, he noted, "I was hooked, and I decided that I wanted to be a part of this world." After completing his degree in English and a Bachelor of Education, he accepted a full-time teaching position at Golden Valley School in Val d'Or. During his seven years at the school, Jeremy had several different opportunities in leadership positions, including being the Staff Assistant for five years. This is where he first thought about moving to administration.

He then transferred to Hadley Junior/Philemon Wright High School where he taught English. "I love the energy of PWHS." Now in his administrative role as Hadley Junior's Vice-principal, Mr. Wouda finds his circle of impact much larger, which he feels is both incredibly fulfilling and humbling. The decisions he makes, and the directions he suggests make a huge difference in the school community.

Continue reading the [Full Story](#)

Debra Stephens

Service-to-Business

WQSB Helping our communities!

Did you know that the WQSB has a Services-to-Business sector?

To our larger community, we offer training and certification through Skilled Trades Certificates (STC). We also offer specialized training specific to certain work sectors.



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This year, we have offered courses in the Safe Transfer of Students with Reduced Mobility, Microsoft Certifications, Standard First Aid and CPR, Law 90 (Administration of Medication and Invasive Care), Conversational French classes, Conversational Spanish classes, and Safety in Construction. We are also

running an online Skilled Trades Certificate for the School Daycare Educator Program.

The potential our Services-to-Business sector provides is empowering for our communities and exciting to see.

Erick Tremblay

South Hull #1 in QC

Terry Fox Event

South Hull raised over \$31,000 this year for the Terry Fox event, ranking #1 in Quebec. Fred Fox, Terry Fox' brother, reached out to celebrate this achievement. Staff members Pierre Brodeur and Chris Beauchamp spearheaded the organization of this special event.



Fred Fox visiting WQSB schools in 2024.

The Terry Fox run has long been a cornerstone of the South Hull community, showcasing the perseverance of our students and staff. "I feel fortunate to witness such dedication," shared Principal Erick Tremblay, of South Hull School community.

Tim Miller

Automotive Workshop

The best way to learn is to teach

The automotive workshop at WQCC on April 18, 2024, was a success, showcasing first-year student-led workstations.



Teacher Tim Miller with student-led automotive stations.

Open to all center students and staff, this free event began with an orientation in the automotive classroom before moving on to hands-on learning in the garage.

Under the guidance of first-year automotive students, attendees were instructed in various essential skills, including jump-starting a car, changing a tire, fluid checks, diagnosing sounds, savvy used car purchasing, light bulb replacement, windshield wiper installation, and identifying car parts.

The event exemplified leadership, with plans already in motion for future workshops, continuing to empower and educate people in automotive maintenance and awareness.

Ginger Howell

Drama Workshops With Jean-Michel LeGal

Jean-Michel LeGal, a professional theatre and film actor renowned for his expertise in conducting workshops, was the ideal choice for our drama sessions at Onslow Elementary School.



Drama session with Jean Michel-LeGal at Onslow

The event was a collaborative effort led by teachers Mallory Peck, Kayla Savard, and Ginger Howell, along with Principal Cathy Nugent.

The students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in creative expression, stepping away from desks and technology to explore storytelling through movement.

Under Jean-Michel's guidance, they discovered the transformative power of drama, embodying characters and exploring narrative arcs. The sessions perfectly aligned with our school motto, "Open to Learning, Open to the World," fostering essential skills for the future.

Reflecting on the experience, Jean-Michel commended Onslow for its commitment to excellence, stating, "I have never accomplished so much in such a short time with any school group. That is a reflection of the quality of the teaching and school. Bravo!"

Debra Stephens

Digital Arts Club Pontiac Continuing Education

A team of students from Pontiac Continuing Education Center, led by teachers Matt Lafleur and Adam



Thompson, recently collaborated with professional videographer Savanna Oliver from Unstoppable Films. They learned to plan, film, and create a promotional video highlighting the center's academic, health care, and commerce programs.

The Digital Arts Hub from Montreal, led by community development manager Vanessa Rigaux, facilitated this partnership. After the video project, students will participate in four workshops with social media strategist Aline Patcheva, focusing on social media promotion.

Meredith Daley

Sweeney Todd Reviving Musical Theatre



Student photographer Carter Lance-O'Neil shares beautiful photos of the performance of Sweeney Todd at Hadley Jr./Philemon Wright High School

After Covid, lockdowns, and limitations on what we can do at school, we wanted to come back to musical theatre with a show that had big numbers, impressive vocals, a gripping storyline, and something the students would be excited to be a part of; the answer was obvious, Sweeney Todd!

Meredith Daley and Maria Maclean have worked tirelessly since summer to prepare for the show, with Tracey Ludmer managing backstage operations since September. Catia Valela has led fundraising and promotion efforts since September, while Cameron Swann has provided invaluable expertise. The support of parents, who helped build the set, has been immense. Kassandra Johnson Desnoyers has led the Cappies Critics Team, adding depth to the production. Teachers have generously donated resources and time, allowing students to rehearse.



Student photographer Carter Lance-O'Neil

We always say that we are a family here at our school, and we have felt that love and support of our family.



Student photographer Carter Lance-O'Neil

The school moto: If you are part of the show, you **Work Hard. Be Yourself;** the audience wants to see your creativity. **Do the Right Thing** speaks to the commitment of being in a show.

Laura D'Alessandro

PETES Annual Musical A Collaborative Success



Grade 3 teacher Fiona Medley and parent volunteer Timothy Piper's annual PETES Musical Performance.

Ms. Medley and Mr. Piper began working together over 13 years ago when Mr. Piper's first child started kindergarten at PETES. A talented musician and composer, Tim played the piano for the school choir. Since then, Ms. Medley and Mr. Piper have enjoyed a creative partnership developing the music and creative arts at PETES. Over the years, the school choir turned into the PETES Performance Group (PPG), run by both Tim and his wife Laura Piper, with Ms. Medley providing a helping hand as staff facilitator. [Full Story](#)

Laura D'Alessandro

Photography Tips Make a world of difference!



Self-portrait of Laura D'Alessandro at G. Théberge School

Four essential photography tips:

1. Keep it clean

Regularly wipe your phone or camera's lens with a soft, clean cloth to avoid unwanted smudges or marks that can distort your images.

2. Focus on focus

Ensure your subject is sharp and clear by tapping on the screen to focus before taking the shot. This simple step can make a big difference in the overall quality of your photos.

3. Steady as you go

Maintain a stable stance when capturing your shot. Think of your body as a tripod—keep your knees bent, feet slightly wider than hip-width apart, arms close to your body, and hold your breath if needed to minimize camera shake.

4. Resolution matters

Opt for the highest resolution available on your phone or camera settings to ensure your photos are crisp and detailed. Aim for images that are at least 2000 pixels wide for optimal clarity and versatility.

Frankie Vermette

Earth Day Activities

Year-round curriculum

At G. Theberge, teachers integrate Earth Day activities into the curriculum year-round, addressing aspects of global warming and environmental issues.



Earth Day activities at G. Theberge

Leading up to Earth Day, students engage in educational books, research, and lessons on the day's significance and their role in environmental stewardship.

To prepare for Earth Day, announcements were made both within the school and online via social media about a contest offering a free family dinner at a local restaurant. Teachers like Jennifer Jones-Girard from the Grade 2/3 class organized garbage collection activities.

The entire school community, including support staff and teachers, actively participates in Earth Day, each contributing their unique and creative approaches to environmental awareness into lessons.

Board News

Staff Appreciation

Celebrating our team

In April, we honoured the commitment of our esteemed staff members throughout the Western Québec



School Board.

From April 8-12, we celebrated [Special Education Technicians Week](#), and [Support Staff Recognition Week \(April 22-26\)](#).

We extend our sincerest thanks for the invaluable contributions of our staff.

Samantha Nicholls

Our School Garden

Just in time for Earth Day!

Spring has arrived, bringing with it the warmth and excitement of gardening season.



WQCC's School Garden Project. Photo by Laura D'Alessandro

I'm excited to announce that our school garden project is now officially underway, coinciding perfectly with Earth Day! Our goal extends beyond nurturing plants; we aim to instill a sense of responsibility and enthusiasm among our students.

In recent months, I've reached out to our community for support, and the response has been overwhelming. A special thank you to Botanix Cloutier garden center for generously donating seeds to kickstart our project!

We've begun by planting a variety of flowers and veggies, proudly displayed in a central area of the school. A dedicated group of students is caring for them, and it is heartening to witness how these plants are enhancing our school environment.

The project stems from the expressed interest of many students in gardening, making it a true community effort. Our next step is to create a garden bed in our courtyard, where our seedlings will flourish. Soon, our courtyard, a daily retreat for students, will transform into a blossoming space for all to enjoy!

WQSB's OHS Committee

Occupational Health And Safety Committee

The WQSB's Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Committee, comprised of unions, associations, and administrative representatives, oversees workplace safety measures.



Reporting near-misses or incidents, no matter how minor, can significantly enhance safety. Don't hesitate to report any potential hazards or safety concerns that you come across.

Your vigilance promotes a safer environment for all. [Resources Here](#)

Colin Bunge

The Earthday Bike

A school challenge



Inspiration can strike at any moment, even during a teacher's relaxing bike ride on a Sunday night. That's exactly how the idea for Hadley/Philemon Wright's Earth Day Bike School Challenge originated. Always on the lookout for ways to inspire our students, the concept emerged to encourage active transport while combating the climate crisis.

Starting on Earth Day and continuing until the end of May, the challenge invites students from the school to hop on their bikes and participate by simply sending their name and distance details to be counted in the competition. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs!

This initiative wouldn't be possible without the incredible teamwork at Hadley/Philemon Wright. Together, we're turning ideas into action, creating visible efforts to address environmental concerns and empower students through active transportation.

Sofia Ferreira

Bug Hotels Earth Day in Kinder

As Earth Day approached at Onslow Elementary School, Ms. Ferreira's kindergarten class delved into the world of insects and their vital role in the ecosystem.



Ms. Ferreira's kindergarten class's bug hotels

In a creative endeavour to celebrate Earth Day and support the environment, the class embarked on a project to build bug hotels.

These shelters provide insects with habitats in which to live, lay eggs, and hibernate.

Using natural materials sourced from our gardens and forests, the students crafted bug hotels designed to attract and accommodate various bug species.

We're confident that our bug hotels will become sought-after residences for bugs seeking a cozy home in our school's ecosystem.



Photo by Student photographer Carter Lance-O'Neil of the performance of Sweeney Todd at Hadley Jr./Philemon Wright High School

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Photo by Laura D'Alessandro at Buckingham Elementary School

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