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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



Dear staff, students, parents, and school commissioners,

As we close the 2023-2024 school year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your commitment to education. Your dedication has been the cornerstone of our success, and I am immensely proud of the progress we've made together. Our teachers and support staff have gone above and beyond to create a nurturing environment for our students, and parents have been invaluable partners in their children's learning journey. To our school commissioners, thank you for your tireless advocacy and governance.

As we head into the summer break, I wish everyone a safe, restful, and joyous time with family and friends. Hopefully, we can all take advantage of the warm days ahead and return in the fall with renewed energy and enthusiasm. I, along with the senior director team look forward to continuing our learning journey with all of you.

Warm regards, g.



Happy Summer! Board Office is closed July 22-Aug 02. Rainbow T-Shirt Day at Namur, PG 5. Photo, Tammie Leggett.



Larissa Sansom and Sarah Kobia

Centralized ELA Marking

Feature Article

Centralized marking of the English Language Arts (ELA) Ministry exams has been practiced for over a decade at the Western Québec School Board. Marking in teacher triads or pairs not only ensures equitable marking practices for students, but also provides teachers with a second or third opinion, which is helpful in a subject such as ELA where marking can occasionally feel subjective.

This style of marking occurs for both the Grade 6 and Secondary V (Grade 11) ELA Ministry exams. Currently the Grade 6 marking centre takes place over one day centrally at the school board where teachers mark the reading competency of the exam. The writing portion is then marked independently in schools, often with teachers marking in school teams or even getting together with nearby local schools. Support is offered by the ELA consultant for narrative marking which teachers complete independently. Schools located at a significant distance from the school board come together to mark their papers led by an ELA consultant.

Conversely, the Secondary V marking centre takes place over five days in person at the school board. This is common practice in all boards and financial support is provided by the provincial Directors of English Education (DEEN) committee.

At a typical marking centre, exams are carefully identified then combined and distributed evenly amongst triad or duo marking groups. This ensures that each marking team has a random sampling of papers from each school in our board. It also helps teachers to mark objectively by reducing, or at times eliminating, their chances of marking their own students' papers.

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Educational Spotlight

The Power of Instant Challenges

We were thrilled to be selected as presenters at the ISTE Live Conference, one of the biggest education technology events organized by the International Society for Technology in Education. This year, it was held in Denver, Colorado, from June 23-26.

Instant Challenges are quick creative and critical-thinking exercises that build teamwork and reinforce problem-solving skills. These challenges get students to innovate on their feet, developing their 21st-century skills.

Last year, Stuart Gray, Lisa Diner, and Jeff Harvey ran a project with high school math and science teachers to introduce them to design thinking. We challenged them to incorporate these approaches into their lessons. Initially, we used Instant Challenges as icebreakers, but soon realized they could be the lesson itself.



The WQSB Design Thinking Team, including Stuart Gray, Lisa Diner, and Jeff Harvey, worked with 15 secondary math and science teachers for over a year. Through four sessions, teachers experienced Instant Challenges, linked them to their curriculum, and explored connections to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Project-Based Learning (PBL).



At ISTE Live 24, we led a live Instant Challenge, shared our journey with WQSB teachers, and provided a framework for others to use. We look forward to sharing our experiences and inspiring other educators to use Instant Challenges in their schools!

Claudia Loschmann

Human Resources

Join our team - WQSB Teaching Vacancies 2024-2025!



The Human Resources team at the WQSB is actively working with principals to post teaching positions for the fall and update our job listings weekly.

Please share this up-to-date resource by visiting the [Careers Page](#) of our website with candidates and contact the principal directly for each school's vacancies. Securing a position before summer makes for a great vacation!

The Western Quebec School Board is dedicated to developing lifelong learners who contribute positively to society. Our commitment includes academic excellence, social, emotional, and moral development.

We celebrate inclusion and cultural awareness across the WQSB and welcome applicants from diverse backgrounds.

We look forward to having you on our team!

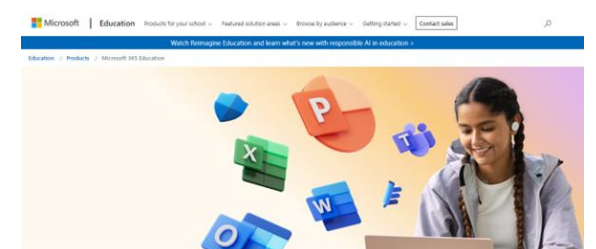
Note: the WQSB recognizes qualifications from other provinces across Canada.

[Careers Page](#)

Stuart Gray and Lisa Diner

Technology

Did you know?



Did you know that you have access to both to both [Microsoft 365 for Education](#) and [Google Workspace for Education](#), with your WQSB credentials?

This means you can use all of the [Microsoft 365 software](#) you use on a daily basis and also access Google tools such as a [Chrome browser profiles](#) and [Chromebooks](#), all with a single WQSB email and password.

Visit edtech.westernquebec.ca to learn more.

Stuart Gray & Lisa Diner

Loans of Service

Ministère de l'Éducation



The Ministère de l'Éducation hires employees of the education sector for temporary assignments. Interested candidates require a thorough understanding of the realities of the education system.

For more details, please [click here](#).

Laura D'Alessandro

Alan Earwaker

Accepts the QESBA Overall Award



We are pleased to announce one of our teachers, Alan Earwaker, was selected as the recipient of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Overall Award in Educational Experience, which was presented at the Spring Conference on May 10th.

Mr. Earwaker was

nominated by ten of our WQSB employees in the category of Innovation in Education, but after the adjudicators reviewed Alan's Environmental Awareness and Outdoor Life Skills program, they decided to award him the overall prize, which had not been given out in four years. The group of nominators included teachers, consultants and administrators who have had the pleasure of witnessing Mr. Earwaker's work in providing Outdoor Ed. experiences to students and staff over the past 20 years.

Mr. Earwaker was not able to attend the Spring Conference, as he was on a canoe/camping trip with Maniwaki Woodland School. In mid-June, Chairperson Wayne Daly, was able to personally congratulate and hand Alan Earwaker the QESBA Overall Award at the WQSB's central office, along with a letter of congratulations on behalf of the school board. Thank you for your outstanding service in educational excellence, Mr. E! [Alan's Letter](#)

Laura D'Alessandro

Meet Polly Green and Trisha Willcott!

Hull Adult Education Centre



Education isn't always a linear journey, and the Western Québec School Board's Adult Education centres are buildings committed to serving students who have made a conscious effort to further their learning. For some who have faced adversity along their path, the staff at the centres are key to their success. For many adult students, their studies are juggled with raising a family and working part-time and full-time jobs. Flexibility and guidance are essential in supporting their diverse needs.

Meet Polly Green and Trisha Willcott, the Academic Advisors at the Hull Adult Education Centre (HAEC). [Full Story](#)

Laura D'Alessandro

Meet Leona Lalonde!

Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary



"I encourage the kids to be great because when you believe you are great, greatness happens."

- Leona Lalonde

Secretaries are essential for schools and centres to run smoothly. Their duties are multifold and include attendance, finance, payroll, scheduling supply teachers, processing and posting report cards as well as the many tasks associated with reception.

Moreover, secretaries are the face of their schools and centres as they are often the first person to greet students, staff members, parents and other visitors coming into the building. [Full Story](#)

Jorden Kent

Coach Phil Holmes!

Pontiac High School



Pontiac High School proudly recognizes the outstanding achievements of Phil Holmes, a dedicated teacher who has had an exceptional year. Phil made significant contributions by orchestrating a captivating musical production and coaching our girls' rugby team to victory, winning the prestigious RSEQ banner.

Balancing early morning rugby practices, late-night musical rehearsals, mentoring a student teacher, and supporting administrative duties, Phil's commitment, and ability to inspire both in and out of the classroom are truly commendable. He embodies the spirit of excellence at Pontiac High School.

Maria Maclean

The Cappies

Excellence in Theatre Arts

On Sunday, June 2nd, the annual gala for Excellence in Theatre Arts in the Regional High Schools of the National Capital region, known as the Cappies, took place. Productions from the Outaouais and Ottawa were evaluated by a panel of adjudicators.

This year, Philemon Wright's production of "Sweeney Todd" won:

- Best Choreographer:
Rory Piper
- Best Female Dancer:
Rory Piper
- Hair and Make-up:
Joey Isbister, Alexandra Stewart,
Daphné Tchana Ketchemen
- Best Supporting Actor in a Female Role:
Sophie Poirier
- Best Lead Actor in a Male Role:
Laim Maltus
- Best Song:
Epiphany
- Critic's Favorite Musical:
Philemon Wright's "Sweeney Todd"



Winning in even one category at the Cappies would be quite a feat. To win 7, including Favourite Musical, is outstanding. It is essential that students be afforded opportunities to become involved in the arts. A well-rounded education in academics, sports, and the arts creates a holistic educational experience. Congratulations to staff and parent volunteers at Philemon Wright High School for creating this wonderful opportunity for students.

Cathy Nugent

Top Four in County

Onslow Elementary

The Quebec Women's Institute hosts an annual story-writing competition for students in Grades 1-6, showcasing their creative writing skills. Since 1994, this opportunity has been available to elementary students in Quebec.

Students wrote about their everyday heroes, with Grade 1 students submitting 1-3 paragraphs and illustrations.



Winners received monetary prizes and certificates, and the top three advanced to the provincial level, receiving finalist ribbons and certificates.

Students from Onslow claimed the top four positions in the county:

- 1st place: Carson Correia - The Firefighter
- 2nd place: Brooklyn Dubeau - Celebrating Important Heroes in Her Life
- 3rd place: Liam Viser Milette - The Firefighter
- 4th place: Owen Bannan - Ms. Selina

Brooklyn Dubeau received an Honorable Mention at the provincial level. The students were recognized at a special assembly and during the school's Literacy and Math night, celebrating their success.

Sherri-Lynn Brown and Cameron Swann

Global Finals!

Destination Imagination

Introduction by Sherri-Lynn Brown



Competing at Destination Imagination (DI) Global Finals is a transformative experience. Teams from around the world gather to showcase their hard work. This year, 624 teams from 14 countries participated. In Western Quebec, Mr. Goodchild and I saw our "Space Monkeys" Symmes team grow from shy presenters into confident performers on the global stage.

Introduction by Cameron Swann



I am Cameron Swann, a teacher at Hadley Jr. & Philemon Wright High School and proud Team Manager for our DI teams. Alongside Alia Alnajjar, Belle Harrison, Clara Bilodeau, Leah Contois, Maeve Murphy, Louisiana Mae Saucier, and Carleigh Woodstock, we made history by winning the DI Regional Tournament in Grade 7 as the Cosmic Cows and in Grade 8 as the Distinguished Dinos. We were invited to the DI Global Finals in Kansas City, Missouri, from May 22-25, 2024.

The Journey to Global Finals

Our experiential learning included visits to historical sites, museums, and cultural landmarks. At the DI Global Finals, the "Space Monkeys" Symmes team connected with peers worldwide, forming bonds and exchanging gifts. This year's Technical Challenge involved creating a pinball machine with three unique modules, woven into a heroic journey story with an antihero. The Dinos' narrative featured a time-traveling circus battling evil chickens.

Since October 2023, our team prepared by writing scripts, building the machine, composing music, painting sets, and designing costumes. Their journey, supported by the Western Quebec School Board, school leadership, and the community, began with victory at the March 22, 2024, Regional Competition.

Special thanks to George Singfield, Pascal Proulx, Linda Cox, Lisa Diner, Steve Grieg, and Dodie Payne for their support.

Laura D'Alessandro

The Rainbow Club

Wakefield Elementary



The employees of the Western Québec School Board firmly believe every student deserves to feel safe, welcomed and included while they are on our grounds and in our care. June marks Pride Month in Canada but all year long, our schools and centres work to create a feeling of belonging for students and staff from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Some fly Pride flags and have Pride murals outside their schools, while others are peppered with inclusive messaging and images in their hallways and classrooms.

Another way some schools have chosen to accomplish this goal is through the creation of clubs that focus on inclusion. The Rainbow Club for Everyone at Wakefield Elementary, offered to Grade 1 to 6 students, does just that. It is a safe space for all students to learn in an age-appropriate way from different perspectives, celebrate diversity as well as to practice self-love and self-confidence.

[Full Story](#)

Written by Autumn Bastien, Submitted by Jennifer Plaxton

Celebrating Pride Month

Rainbow Day at Greater Gatineau Elementary

June is Pride Month, and across the WQSB, schools and centres celebrated the 2SLGBTQIA+ community with events like Rainbow Day at Greater Gatineau Elementary on June 14th. Students and staff were invited to wear rainbow colours, fostering unity and respect in the school.

This month provides educators a chance to teach about 2SLGBTQIA+ history and rights through activities such as reading diverse books and discussing the rainbow flag's significance. The rainbow flag symbolizes pride and inclusivity, with each colour representing different aspects of the community. Wearing these colours shows solidarity and celebrates diversity within our school and community.



Red for life, **Orange** for healing, **Yellow** for sunlight, **Green** for nature, **Blue** for harmony, **Purple** for spirit.

Rainbow Day promotes inclusion and acceptance, teaching our students to respect differences and create an inclusive environment from a young age.

Let's wear our colours proudly and celebrate our unique identities!

Tammy Downing

Rainbow T-Shirt Day

Namur Intermediate



Namur staff and students participated in the 3rd annual Colour Run and Rainbow T-Shirt Day on Friday, June 14th, celebrating inclusion and diversity. Initiated by administrative assistant Kim Diamond and teacher Sarah Fordy after COVID-19 to foster a sense of belonging and inclusion following a period of social isolation, this school-wide event has become a cherished tradition.



Staff and students designed and created their T-shirts, inviting friends and classmates to sign them, creating beautiful mementos of the school year. The fun continued outside, where students navigated a course while staff challenged them to crab walk, hop, backward walk, and dance through plumes of colorful powder. Each T-shirt emerged up uniquely different, embodying the event's message: embrace differences and celebrate your unique self with wonderful colors!



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Laura D'Alessandro

ProjectActive Eardley Elementary School



The Western Québec School Board serves numerous students with diverse needs, abilities and learning profiles. Our dedicated members of staff strive to ensure all students with exceptionalities benefit from a quality educational experience. This is accomplished through the delivery of dynamic lessons designed to meet the needs of all students. It is also accomplished through exposure to enriching experiences outside the classroom.

A group of WQSB staff members worked together to organize “ProjectActive,” a sporting event specifically catered to neurodivergent students. The event began in 2007 at Hadley Junior/Philemon Wright High School and ran until 2018. Special Education Technician Brad Snooks was the main coordinator for the event back then, with the support of the physical education department and their advanced physical education classes. [Full Story](#)

Le Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie (GDPL)

The 16th edition of the GDPL 1000 KM on June 14-16, 2024

Over three days, 215 teams of 5 cyclists covered 1000 km, divided into [12 stages](#).



Through these stages, cyclists rode in and around the Capitale-Nationale region. The GDPL distributed more than 3.4 million dollars in 2023 to promote healthy life habits among young people and to support research on orphan hereditary diseases. This was done by means of scholarships and grants awarded by the GDPL Foundation and through the school sponsorships of the teams in the 1000 KM. The WQSB was sponsoring South Hull Elementary School and was represented by Phil Bazinet. The GDPL 1000 KM offered its participants an exceptional human and sports event. It was the perfect opportunity to push for personal bests in many areas.

The 1000 KM also means:

- Stepping out of one’s comfort zone to discover unsuspected inner strengths.
- Experiencing an unforgettable group adventure marked by moments of intense effort and euphoria, all shared with remarkable people who champion the same values.
- Asserting one’s commitment to taking a healthy turn for the better.

Julie Fram-Greig

Track & Field Day On June 17th in Wakefield

Wakefield School celebrated their Track & Field Day on Monday, June 17th, with all 325 students enthusiastically participating. This successful event marks the beginning of what we hope will become an annual tradition at our school.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to teacher Marco DeFranco for his dedicated organization of the day's activities, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. We also extend our gratitude to our Home and School volunteers whose support made the event possible.

Track & Field Day at Wakefield not only promoted physical activity and sportsmanship among our students but also fostered a sense of community spirit within our school.



We look forward to sharing more about this event in The Low Down, a newspaper published in Wakefield, Quebec, showcasing our students and staff.

Summer Fun!



Student volunteer at ProjectActive

Cathy Nugent

Take me Outside

Onslow Elementary Learning Challenge



Teacher Sofia Ferreira has been actively participating in the Take Me Outside Learning Challenge, an initiative designed to enhance learning through outdoor activities. Since the beginning of the school year, Sofia has led this endeavour with her class. Her students surpassed their target of 36 hours of outdoor learning for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Their class celebration photo was chosen and featured in the Take Me Outside Newsletter. As a reward, a mystery prize awaits them. Let the celebration of outdoor learning continue!

Annie Lance

Third Annual Showcase

St-Michael's High School

On May 16th, St-Michael's High School (SMHS) in Low hosted its third annual Student Showcase, featuring creative projects from various classes and new projects created specifically for the event. This year included a giant pyramid made in collaboration with the senior carpentry class.



The showcase displayed work from visual arts, junior and senior photography and multimedia, ELA book studies and poetry, French bandes dessinées, Spanish piñatas, carpentry, and physics projects like a Rube Goldberg machine and a potato cannon. The science class also had impressive projects on display. Additionally, there was a café-style talent show featuring music club students and individual performances.

This interactive event included collaborative projects, student-made coloring pages, and a button-making station.

Talented students drew "the faces of SMHS" on large windows. Significant effort and detailed planning were involved in setting up the showcase, with teachers and students from all grade levels working together. The event not only highlighted SMHS's talent but also demonstrated the power of large-scale collaboration.

Frankie Vermette

Donuts for Dad

G. Théberge School



We had an amazing afternoon at G. Théberge School with our first annual "Donuts for Dad" event. Fathers, stepfathers, granddads, and uncles filled the room, creating a heartwarming atmosphere of support and love.

Event Highlights:

- Students and their special guests worked on a project together, expressing appreciation and love through written facts about their father figures.
- Everyone enjoyed a delightful snack of donuts and beverages.
- Mary Down, one of our generous staff members, donated 150 ties, so each student walked in proudly wearing a tie, adding a special touch to the day.

This event was a wonderful opportunity to bring families together, a key aspect of growth and education.

We are excited to make "Donuts for Dad" an annual tradition at our school, fostering connections and creating lasting memories.

Laura D'Alessandro

Essential Photo Tips

For better picture quality



Poltimore Emotional Support Bunny
Photo credit, Laura D'Alessandro

1. Send JPEG as an attachment

Photos sent as attachments retain quality versus those embedded in a word document.

2. Wipe your lens

For clean pictures, clean your lens!
And photos will look sharp 😊

Laura D'Alessandro

Indigenous History Month

Across the Western Québec School Board



Photo credit, Lori Morrison

The Western Québec School Board acknowledges that the lands upon which we live, learn, play, and work are on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin/Anishinaabe people. We thank the Algonquin people for sharing these lands and commit, as an organization and as individuals, to an ongoing relationship that recognizes and respects the lands, traditions, and culture of the Algonquin/Anishinaabe people.

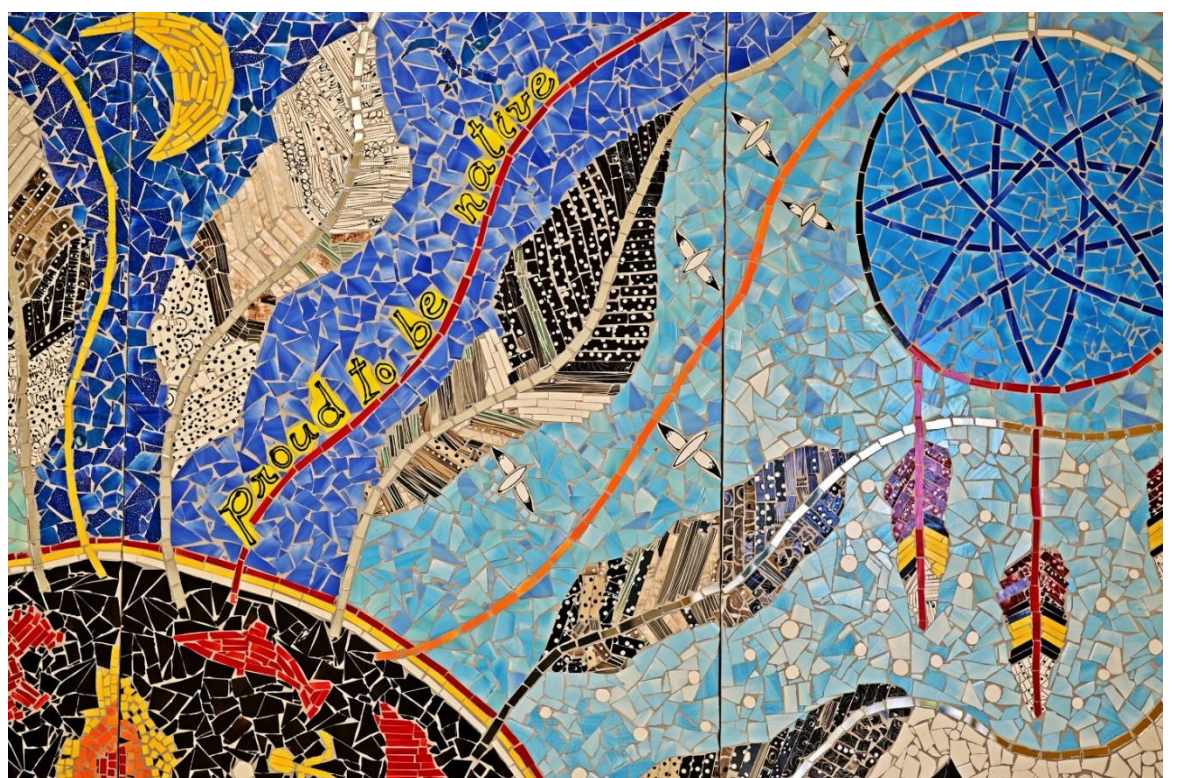
We recognize the importance of honouring the cultures and traditions of the First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities in Canada. We recognize and value the experiences, cultures, and traditions of our Indigenous communities. We are committed to listening, responding, supporting, and working together with our students, families, and communities.

In our work towards Truth and Reconciliation, Indigenous themes and perspectives are becoming more prominent across the Western Québec School Board's schools and centres. Originating from a traditional Potawatomi and Ojibwe story, the Seven Grandfather Teachings are used as guiding principles at some of our schools.

At Poltimore Elementary and Lord Aylmer Elementary, monthly assemblies begin with a Land Acknowledgment followed by their respective principals discussing the Seven Grandfather Teachings and how they can be applied in everyday life.

At Maniwaki Woodland School, teacher Drew Wapachee McDougall created the first Indigenous Studies class at the WQSB for high school students nine years ago and continues to review and refine programming every year. Representation and learning from an Indigenous perspective optimizes learning, and not just for Indigenous students, but also for non-Indigenous students. Normalizing Indigenous modalities of learning benefits every student and broadens their scope of knowledge and capacity for empathy.

Now, as the WQSB's first Indigenous Education Consultant, Ms. Wapachee McDougall hosts workshops and visits schools to help guide teachers in discovering ways they can incorporate Indigenous pedagogy into their curriculum. Her first step is to work with school staff to see what is envisioned for the school and to gauge cultural awareness with them. Different schools are at different places along this journey. "We're all just trying to figure it out," Drew shares. "If Indigenous students feel like their teachers are giving them space to practice and/or share culture, they feel there is more openness for understanding and that they have a place here."



[Full Story](#)

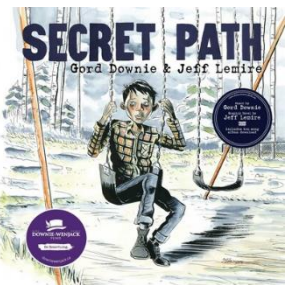
Erin Millar

Book Lists

June Book and Resource Lists

Here we are, it's June!

We're almost to the end of another school year, and before we go, I wanted to share a couple more book and online resource lists with you: one for National Indigenous History Month, and one for Pride.



I also wanted to share a quote by author Kate Di Camillo, one that I think captures the work of these lists perfectly: **“When we read together, we connect. Together, we see the world. Together, we see one another.”**

I wish you all a lovely summer. May what you choose to read this summer be the perfect thing!



Students reading in the Poltimore library.

Book Lists:

[2SLGBTQIA+ Books and Online Resources Awareness](#)

[National Indigenous History Month - Books and Web Resources](#)

Board Ghost Writer

Time Capsule

Can you guess who it is?

We found this photo in the WQSB Time Capsule and were wondering how many people could guess the identity of this little boy. This eight-year-old grew up in our system. For a time, his father was his school principal, and he learned a great deal about education from him.

He has worked as a librarian, caretaker, school secretary, attendant, technician, teacher, vice-principal, principal, and a few other jobs in the WQSB over the years.

Head over to our website's [Resources and Support for Staff](#) page for the answer!



School Facebook Pages

June Edition Re-Posts

Our school Facebook pages are packed with updates on local and outdoor excursions, as well as impressive sporting achievements throughout the month of June. For detailed articles and more information, please visit the Facebook pages of the school.

Pontiac High School

June 3, 2024 -PHS Girls Rugby Team Wins RSEQ Championship!!! #GoldMedal Coached by Phil Holmes.



Noranda School

June 10, 2024 - Congratulations Noranda School Graduates!



Poltimore Elementary

June 13, 2024 - Summer Family Literacy Kits delivered to Western Québec School Board partner schools by the WQLC's Family Literacy Club, promoting literacy through engaging activities. Below, Principal Melanie Hogan of Poltimore Elementary received the school's shipment of kits!





Classroom at Chelsea Elementary School

This Year's News @WQSB

Articles Showcasing the Wonderful Staff, Students, and Events Across Western Québec and Centers

- The Practice of Centralized Marking for the Ministry English Language Arts Exams <https://westernquebec.ca/the-practice-of-centralized-marking-for-the-english-language-arts-exit-exams/>
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- The PETES Annual Musical Performance - A Collaborative Success <https://westernquebec.ca/the-petes-annual-musical-performance-a-collaborative-success/>
- Anti-Bullying and Violence Prevention Kindness Week at Buckingham Elementary <https://westernquebec.ca/anti-bullying-and-violence-prevention-kindness-week-at-buckingham-elementary/>
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- Safeguarding Bus Transportation: WQSB's Commitment to Bus Safety <https://westernquebec.ca/safeguarding-bus-transportation-wqsbs-commitment-to-bus-safety/>
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- Orientation Day for Bishop's University Student-Teachers <https://westernquebec.ca/orientation-day-for-bishops-university-student-teachers/>
- Destination Leadership <https://westernquebec.ca/destination-leadership/>
- The Jim Howard Memorial Football Tournament <https://westernquebec.ca/the-john-howard-memorial-tournament/>
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Grade 6 Marking Centre at the WQSB central office

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