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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



In reviewing the articles in the Gazette, I find myself reflecting on the numerous events that have taken place in our schools and centres since early September. At this time of the year, as you engage in culminating activities such as trips, tournaments, end-of-year productions and graduations, we need to thank you: the organizers, committees, coaches, and supervisors. The time and effort required to provide a holistic educational experience for our students have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for going above and beyond each day. As highlighted in one of this month's articles, we were recognized by the Terry Fox Foundation for the fundraising efforts in our schools. Promoting Terry's Marathon of Hope is something of which we should all be proud as an organization.

In this last month of learning, I want to wish our staff and students, on behalf of the senior directors' table, best of luck in the end-of-year assessments and exams.

Enjoy this latest edition of the WQSB Gazette from our Communications team and ever-growing list of contributors. Take good care, g



The Western Québec School Board's evening gala celebrating exceptional staff members, held on Tuesday, May 14th at the beautiful Gatineau Golf Club in Aylmer. Photo by Laura D'Alessandro

Laura D'Alessandro

The 2024 You Shine Awards

Feature Article

Every year, the Western Québec School Board hosts an evening gala to proudly recognize and celebrate exceptional staff members across its vast territory. This year's event was held on Tuesday, May 14th at the beautiful Gatineau Golf Club in Aylmer.

Upon arrival, many guests enjoyed catching up with colleagues from across the WQSB which underscored the sense of community often felt during these board-wide gatherings. Once everyone was seated a delicious dinner and dessert were served before the awards show.

The You Shine Awards proudly celebrated all categories of employment this year support staff, teachers, managers, and professionals being recognized for their excellence. Our employees work as a team, with each member playing a vital role for our schools, centres, and central office to run smoothly and to best serve our students.

There was an unprecedented response to the call for nominations, with 104 names submitted for the awards. Twenty-six individuals were finally chosen to be recognized by a selection committee.

The hosts for the gala were DG George Singfield and ADG Pascal Proulx, who called upon recipients to be presented their awards by those who had nominated them. WQSB Chairperson, Wayne Daly, concluded the ceremony with closing remarks, pointing to the great work of our employees in bringing about our reputation for excellence across the WQSB.

The Western Québec School Board extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the winners of this year's You Shine Awards. Your passion, creativity, talent, kindness, dedication, and outstanding work ethic elevate the standard of care and education to our students. People make Western Québec.

Preparation and planning for the You Shine Awards starts at the beginning of the school year and takes a dedicated Recognition Committee to organize. Special thank you to this year's Recognition Committee members, Amy Curry, Laura D'Alessandro, Andrea Gage, Jo-Anne Georgeadis, Eldon Keon, Claudia Loschmann, James Price, Jenny Svetec, Rachel Vincent and Wendy Wesley for organizing a wonderful celebration.

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Educational Spotlight

Math Carnival at Symmes-D'Arcy McGee

A rare mix of sugary treats and games of chance were tested earlier this month in the Symmes / D'Arcy McGee library. The results were quite promising for the annual and ever-growing event. Over one hundred Grade 11 students are enrolled in the Cultural, Social and Technical math course! Under the tutelage of teachers Sherri-Lynn Brown and Rein Kelly, students showed off their creativity and understanding of mathematical probability by creating and operating carnival games of chance. It was a wonderful event.

Action occurred in all corners of the room as students, teachers and principals were invited to play games, win edible prizes, and vote for their favourite game. The event was very lively, and at any given moment one might witness a participant intensely focused on tossing a frog plushie onto a lily pad precipice, groups of students cheering because they scored three baskets in a row on a mini basketball hoop, or collective groans from the invested players who just lost the million-dollar briefcase in a game of Deal or No Deal.



There was certainly no shortage of well-earned pride amongst the game creators. Homemade Plinko boards, 3D printed games, original card games, computer programs, unusual memory games, beautifully crafted spinning wheels, Dungeons and Dragons' adventures and tests of hand-eye coordination populated the landscape.

The best part, aside from the candy and smiles, was hearing and seeing the enthusiastic game designers. Many a student precisely explained the theoretical odds of winning their game and noted with clarity that "the house always wins." Now that is an education with both book smarts AND street smarts! Well done.



Symmes/D'Arcy McGee's VP Chris Byrne with Principal Tara Laine

Claudia Loschmann

Human Resources

The WQSB's You Shine Award Winners!

The You Shine Award for 2024 honoured 26 colleagues from the Western Québec School Board for their outstanding excellence and contributions. This year's awards categories were given to Teachers, Managers, Support Staff, and Professionals.

To recognize those honoured, a gala was held on Tuesday, May 14, at Le Club de Golf Gatineau, hosted by Director General George Singfield and Assistant Director General Pascal Proulx.

In attendance were the award winners, their loved ones, and nominators alongside school board commissioners and Chairperson Mr. Wayne Daly.

The venue was charming, and the evening was heartfelt, filled with much laughter and celebration. Please join us in congratulating our award winners for their dedication and hard work, a significant achievement!

The table excerpt to the right is from the staff recognition gala award evening pamphlet, listing the award winners by position and place of work.

WINNER	POSITION	LOCATION
Alan Earwaker	Outdoor Ed. Teacher	Education Dept.
Cameron Christie	Vocational Ed. Teacher	WQCC
Cathy Girard	Special Ed. Technician	G. Théberge
Catia Valela	Secondary Teacher	Hadley / PWHS
Christine Emond	Resource Teacher	Dr. Wilbert Keon
Dodie Payne	Principal	Hadley / PWHS
Elise Ahern-Davy	Secondary Teacher	Maniwaki Woodlands
Erica Tomkinson	Social Worker	Comp. Services Dept.
Francine Bradley	Secretary	G. Théberge
Franny Maloney	Guidance Counsellor	Symmes / D'Arcy
Kassandra Johnson Desnoyers	Secondary Teacher	Hadley / PWHS
Konna Raby	Daycare Technician	Eardley
Len Beaudoin	Project Manager	Buildings Dept.
Luc Carriere	Maintenance Worker	Buildings Dept.
Mandy Last	Custodian	Poltimore
Nathalie Dagenais	Coordinator of Finance	Finance Dept.
Pascal Asselin	Special Ed. Technician	Pontiac HS
Paul Lamarche	Elementary Teacher	South Hull
Phil Miguel	Attendant	PETES
Pierre Brodeur	Elementary Teacher	South Hull
Rebecca Gilbert	Teacher	Symmes / D'Arcy
Ruth Hicks	Resource Teacher	PETES
Sarah Plue	Elementary Teacher	Greater Gatineau
Susanne Carlon	Attendant	PETES
Tammie Leggett	Attendant	Namur
Therese Garneau	Secretary	Maniwaki CEC

Stuart Gray and Lisa Diner

Technology

Did you know?

Did you know that we have a WQSB EdTech Library full of hardware to teach coding, robotics, computer science and more? These tools can be tested out in-person at the board office or booked for use within your classroom for weeks at a time! Some of the most popular devices include:



- [Lego SPIKE kits](#),
- [Sphero Bolt Class Packs \(15\)](#),
- [Dash & Dot Wonder Packs](#),
- [Bee-Bots](#),
- [Meta Quest 2 VR headsets](#), and [Cubelet Constructors Packs](#).

These tools can be used independently or to supplement school inventories. As a reminder, every school has been given one [Makey Makey STEM Pack \(12\)](#) and one [micro:bit v2 club pack \(10\)](#). Also, each elementary / K-11 school also has one [Ozobot Evo Classroom Kit \(12\)](#)

The following link includes a document outlining all the hardware available as well as a form to make a device reservation for independent use or with an accompanying PD session or class workshop delivered by Lisa or Stuart:
edtech.westernquebec.ca/resources/coding-robotics/robotics

Jane Wallace

Leonard Chief - College Bound!

Anishnabe Adult Education Centre

A belief that many of us hold is that education is a life-long journey, and Leonard Chief, a student at Anishnabe Adult Education Centre, exemplifies this worthy notion. Leonard is a member of Timiskaming First Nation and later in life, he developed a strong desire to become a native counselor, someone who could nurture and support the very people from which he came. Leonard had been attending the centre for over a year when it was suggested that he might want to apply to a local college as a mature student, for acceptance into their Native Healer program.

With the help of the centre's staff, who contacted the college on his behalf, Leonard was accepted into the program of his dreams, that of Native Healer, with a start date of September 2024. This was indeed a huge accomplishment for Leonard, and we are incredibly proud of him, both for his innate desire and for his tenacity in working towards this worthy goal.

Congratulations, Leonard, from all of us here at Anishnabe Adult Education! You are an inspiration to everyone, and we wish you all the best as you pursue your dreams!



From left to right in the photo: Jennifer Dubeau (Director of Adult Education and Vocational Training), Elissa Marciel (teacher at Anishnabe Adult Ed), Leonard Chief, Jane Wallace (newly retired teacher at Anishnabe Adult Ed), Melissa Laporte (teacher at Anishnabe Adult Ed), Debra Stephens (Centre Director at Anishnabe Adult Ed)

A special note from Deb Stevens: This special day was made even more memorable as we also celebrated the retirement of Jane Wallace, who has been a dedicated teacher at the Anishnabe Centre. Jane's retirement marks the end of an era, and her contributions to the education and support of our students have been immeasurable.

Andrea Gage

Interest-Driven Learning

In Our Specialized Centers!

Fostering success for all students requires a student-focused approach and pedagogical flexibility. Whether in an integrated or specialized setting, teachers supporting students following the CASP 1 and CHALLENGES curricula know the importance of employing these strategies to engage and create success for their learners. WQSB has 5 elementary and 5 high schools with specialized settings that provide targeted instruction to help their students develop a love of learning and the skills necessary to engage fully in their class and school communities.

Our newest Center, at Buckingham Elementary School, is known as THE OASIS. This is not in reference to the rock band from Manchester, England (I've just aged myself), but to the ecological term for a rich habitat supporting an abundance of life. The Buckingham Oasis is a place for students to thrive and for diversity to be nourished. This is accomplished by a team of dedicated educators.

When the students in the center expressed their interest in zoos, the team capitalized on it and addressed student learning objectives through a Zoo-based project. Literacy was supported by identifying animals, learning about their life and habitat needs, and sharing this information with others. Math was made concrete as the students explored animal tracks, counted toes, found patterns, and compared shapes and sizes. Communication, collaboration, fine motor, and problem-solving skills were developed as students created their own zoo (out of paper) and prepared to 'open' it (with tickets) to other students in the school.

The best part about the Zoo project according to Jennifer Payne, the teacher in the Center, was that the students were extremely motivated. The Oasis team just needed to keep up with their ideas, grab a hold of the golden learning opportunities, and share in the students' enthusiasm!



Nancy Peterson

Red Dress Campaign

Pontiac Continuing Education

In support of the "Red Dress" campaign, which raises awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, students at Pontiac Continuing Education



Centre wore red or red dress pins to highlight this important issue. This initiative reflects our commitment to supporting critical causes and fostering awareness within our community.

Laura D'Alessandro

Canoe Camping

Maniwaki Woodland School



Learning in the natural world is a unique experience, and the lessons, experiences, and memories students make together outside the classroom are lasting.

The Western Québec School Board recognizes the immense value of learning outdoors and provides its students with opportunities throughout their education to learn in and from nature.

These overnight camping trips create an opportunity for interested students to learn invaluable outdoor life skills, and several of the students fished regularly throughout the trip.

Some were learning to fish for the first time, while others had been introduced to the activity on a previous years' canoe camping trip. A student who happened to be celebrating his birthday caught a beautiful trout near the end of the first night! [Full Story](#)

Alana Albert

Outdoor Learning

At Queen Elizabeth's School yard

Queen Elizabeth School's yard has been alive with activity over the last several weeks. Thanks to the help of Alan Earwaker from the school board and Jordan Kent from Pontiac High School. Mr. E built everything, and Mr. Kent assisted with the installation of the music walls, mud kitchens and bug hotels. The students have been rocking out and creating all kinds of percussive music; tapping, banging, and sliding out rhythms. The kitchens have been busy producing mud pies, mud muffins, mud stew, mud soup and many more mud-based culinary delights.



Many of the students have become amateur entomologists, and they have been buzzing around the yard creating different ecosystems for each floor of our bug hotels, as well as finding insects and checking them into the hotels. The staff and students want to thank Mr. E for all his hard work and dedication to the environment and to outdoor learning. You have really made a difference.

Lisa Diner

Introducing LittleBits

G. Théberge School

On May 16th, Lisa Diner and Stuart Gray spent a fun-filled day at G. Theberge School in Témiscaming. They introduced elementary teachers and students to a new kit for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education called LittleBits from Sphero. These easy-to-use electronic building blocks snap together with magnets, transforming ideas into inventions. They are a fantastic tool for teaching circuitry and electronics in an engaging and hands-on way.

The discovery began with exploring the pieces and the kits. With a low floor and high ceiling, the creations and excitement quickly grew. After the initial exploration, a simple circuit was created, ensuring a power supply, input, and output bits were used.



The LittleBits are color-coded, making it easy to understand what is needed to complete a circuit. Once the initial instructions were given, everyone was free to discover and create on their own.

These introductory sessions used the LittleBits right out of the box with no additional devices required. However, the tool can be expanded by using the fuse.littlebits.com website and connecting to one of the Bits via Bluetooth to enable block-based coding of creations. The best part of the experience for G. Theberge School was receiving a LittleBits STEAM+ Class Pack (containing ten kits) to add to their technology inventory. Thanks to a grant from the Ministry, Lisa and Stuart were able to purchase ten of these class packs this year and will acquire additional kits next year. This will ensure that each WQSB elementary and K-11 school receives one along with an introductory PD session by Lisa and Stuart.



Erick Tremblay

Le Grand Défi

South Hull Elementary



For the past couple of years, South Hull has been participating in the Energy Cubes Challenge which encourages students to be physically active from April 29th to May 20th, 2024. During these three weeks, any activity the students do that increases their heart rate counts towards collecting cubes. WQSB Director of Human Resources, Phil Bazinet, who will be participating on a team to cover 1,000 km in three days as part of Le grand Défi Pierre Lavoie donated \$1,000 to South Hull on May 1st. These funds will be used to purchase equipment to encourage the students to be more active.

The donation was presented during a school assembly, after several inspiring stories were shared about the importance of perseverance and consistency to maintain good physical health. The students were enthusiastic when Mr. Bazinet presented the generous donation, excited to get moving for the Energy Cubes Challenge!

Debra Ellison

Intergeneration Project

Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary



Partnering with Shawville's Centre d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée (CHSLD), along with k4 teachers Gillian Patenaude and Bayley Lemay recently initiated the ongoing Intergenerational Project. Once a month students visit and partner up with senior residents to create meaningful interactions. The project's goal is to build intergenerational opportunities for learning. Together, they work on various art activities with the underlying goal of helping the young students, as well as their parents and families, shape positive attitudes towards the elderly. This is all accomplished while providing an engaging activity for residents of the CHSLD to partake in.

Erin Millar

Book Lists

May Book and Resource Lists

We know that books can help foster understanding, reduce stigma, and offer profound insights into personal growth and empathy. Those are just some of the reasons diverse books are so important. All stories matter, and we can learn so much from one another.

In May we explore and celebrate two important themes: Mental Health Awareness and Asian Heritage Month in Canada. This month's lists of books and online resources have been chosen to inspire, educate, and broaden our perspectives on the world, and our own communities.

The Mental Health Awareness list features diverse characters and experiences that bring mental health into the spotlight.



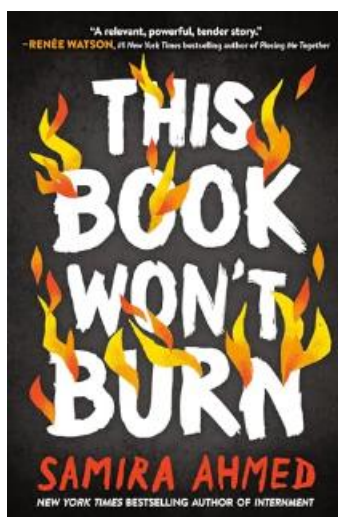
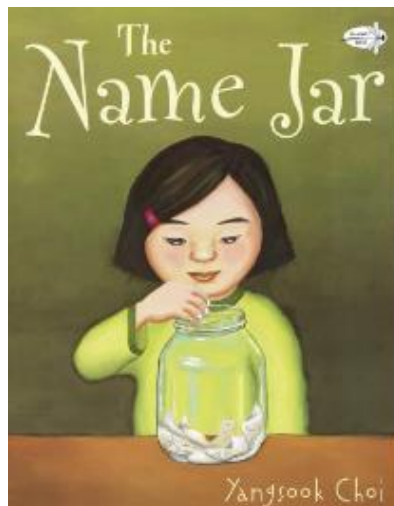
Asian Heritage Month in Canada is a time to honor the rich and diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian communities. Both lists also highlight some interesting and useful online resources.

While neither list could ever be exhaustive, each aims to represent as much of what's available as possible in this moment. We invite you to explore these lists, find new favourites, and share these resources with your circles all year long.

Happy reading and learning!

Book Lists:

- [Asian Heritage Month](#)
- [Mental Health Awareness](#)



Board Ghost Writer

Time Capsule

Can you guess who it is?

This photo was pulled from our WQSB time capsule.

Here's a clue: As a little girl, this WQSB employee enjoyed fishing, biking, and life on the farm. She would grow up to be an Attendant at Pontiac High School before becoming a Teacher at South Hull, Onslow, St-Mark's, Lord Aylmer, Chelsea, and McDowell. Later she would become a consultant and finally a Director of Services at the Board Office.

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



School Facebook Pages May 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 May. For detailed articles and more information, you may visit the specific Facebook pages of the school.

Pontiac High School

May 22, 2024 - Panther's Girls Rugby undefeated! Coached by Phil Holmes. Photo by Cindy Lottes



G. Théberge School

May 23, 2024 - Student exchange with G. Théberge and PETES elementary schools. Thanks to Kebaowek Education Department for a beautiful day.



Val-d'Or Continuing Education

May 31, 2024 - This year, the Val-d'Or Continuing Education Centre joined the Défi OSEntreprendre Abitibi-Témiscamingue to foster an entrepreneurial spirit using 3D printing. To give back to the Val-d'Or Native Friendship Centre for their weekly Indigenous cultural programs, students created and painted Medicine Wheel key chains.



Recognition Committee Gratitude for Heartwarming Gala



From Left to Right, Laura D'Alessandro, Wendy Wesley, Amy Curry, Jo-Anne Georgeadis, Rachel Vincent, Eldon Keon, Claudia Loschmann. Absent from the photo: Andrea Gage, Jenny Svetec and James Price.

A big thank you to the Recognition Committee for the effort, planning, and thoughtfulness that went into this year's You Shine Recognition Gala for staff.

Stephanie Frigon

Teacher Spotlight Golden Valley School

Meet Mr. Paul Burton, High School History, Law, and Geography teacher.



He's a long way from his hometown, which is Clarendville NL.

When he was asked what made him want to become a teacher, Paul had this to say,

"I struggled mightily with Math as a high school student and had a teacher who was incredibly patient with me and encouraged me to persevere and would not allow me to give up, even when I wanted to. He went above and beyond for me, and I know I would not be where I am today without him. I knew I was passionate about History and wanted to have a similar impact on students"

I think all the high school students at GVS would agree about the patience and kindness Mr. Burton has had for them.

Stephanie Frigon

Teacher Spotlight

Golden Valley School

Meet Ms. Trish Fretwell, High School Math Teacher.



Most kids groan when they think about Math, but here at GVS we are blessed with the talented and dedicated Ms. Fretwell.

Her love for the subject is apparent as she says, *"I have always loved math and throughout my life as a student I saw so many people fear math. I made it my mission to help people enjoy it rather than fear it."*

Her ability to reach students who struggle and help them on the path towards understanding is impressive, so much so that when some students heard she came back from maternity leave this year they cheered.

Damian Curley

Excellence Recognized Congratulations!



Congratulations to Cameron Christie, Commerce Lead Teacher, and Sean Stewart, Welding Teacher, who both received awards of excellence recently. Cameron received an Outstanding Teacher Award at the WQSB *You Shine! Awards Gala*, and Sean was nominated for a Peer Recognition Award at the Provincial QACVE Conference for Vocational Training Teachers. If you see them, be sure to give them a high five 😊 Well done guys, you are awesome!

2024 You Shine Gala Photo Booth!



Our Schools' Outstanding Fundraising Efforts

The Terry Fox Foundation

The Terry Fox Foundation extends its gratitude to the schools in the WQSB for their exceptional support and effort in fundraising. George Singfield, the Director General, received a letter recognizing our schools that placed in the top 50 schools in the province for fundraising dollars raised:

- #1 South Hull Elementary
- #7 Lord Aylmer Elementary
- #30 Philemon Wright High
- #32 Greater Gatineau Elementary

Below are the links to the official letter from the Terry Fox Foundation and the list of the Top 50 Fundraisers of Québec. Amazing!

[Terry Fox Foundation Letter](#)
[Top 50 Fundraisers of Québec](#)

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

May 17, 2024

The WQSB issued a statement recognizing the progress made and the ongoing fight for the rights of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.



The board reaffirmed its commitment to promoting and celebrating equity, diversity, and inclusion, ensuring that everyone in our WQSB community feels accepted. [Statement](#)

Share your stories! Recognize and Inspire Staff



The WQSB communications team loves to hear from you! Share your stories with your colleagues to recognize and inspire staff from our amazing education community. [Contact us here!](#)

National School Principal's Day

May 1, 2024

On May 1, National School Principal's Day, George Singfield, Director General & Pascal Proulx, Assistant Director General extended appreciation to all the principals and vice-principals within the Western Quebec School Board for all they do to serve our students, staff and families on a daily basis.



“Your tireless dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to fostering a supportive and enriching learning environment do not go unnoticed.”

[Letter](#)

Join Our Team At the WQSB



We are currently seeking candidates for teaching positions, support staff roles, and professional categories at the Western Quebec School Board (WQSB).

The WQSB is dedicated to building an educational community focused on realizing the potential of all our students. We cultivate excellence in support, professional, teaching, and administrative roles.

We strive to hire individuals who reflect the communities we serve and who embody a passion for life-long learning, teamwork, and the highest professional ethics.

- Applications must be submitted through [ApplyToEducation](#).
- For more information on available positions, please visit [Vacancies](#).

Speech and Hearing Month in May!

Complementary Services

The complementary services team working with the Communications team posted a link on the WQSB homepage of the website to provide information on Speech and Hearing Month, officially celebrated in May! Below is a screenshot and link to the national organization in the post.



Rachel Vincent

Happy Birthday Inspiring Excellence at WQSB

Happy Birthday, George!



Your incredible dedication and passion for excellence at WQSB inspire us to aim higher. We wish you the happiest of birthdays on May 27, 2024!

Laura D'Alessandro

Updated! Photo Tips Make more of a difference

Four essential photography tips:

1. **Keep it clean**
Regularly wipe your phone or camera's lens with a soft, clean cloth.
2. **Focus on focus**
Ensure your subject is sharp and clear by tapping on the screen to focus.
3. **Steady as you go**
Maintain a stable stance when capturing your shot. Think of your body as a tripod.
4. **Resolution matters**
Opt for the highest resolution available on your phone or camera settings.
5. **New! JPEG attachments**
Send JPEG attachments versus in-message photos to ensure quality photos for print.



Maniwaki Woodland School on a canoe camping trip with Alan Earwaker

Latest News @WQSB

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

- Canoe Camping with Mr. E and Maniwaki Woodland School <https://westernquebec.ca/canoe-camping-with-mr-e-and-maniwaki-woodland-school/>
- The 2024 You Shine Awards <https://westernquebec.ca/the-2024-you-shine-awards/>
- Autism Walk Partnership with Trait d'Union <https://westernquebec.ca/autism-walk-partnership-with-trait-dunion/>
- 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/>
- Destination Imagination! <https://westernquebec.ca/destination-imagination/>
- Grade 1 Class Hosts Math Games at Onslow Elementary <https://westernquebec.ca/grade-1-class-hosts-math-games-at-onslow-elementary/>
- Pink Shirt Day at G. Théberge School <https://westernquebec.ca/pink-shirt-day-at-g-theberge-school/>
- Black History Across the WQSB <https://westernquebec.ca/black-history-month-across-the-wqsb/>
- Enrichment Program Introducing Vocational Studies to Elementary Students: The WQCC and Eardley Partnership <https://westernquebec.ca/enrichment-program-introducing-vocational-studies-to-elementary-students-the-wqcc-and-eardley-partnership/>
- Ice Safety and Rescue Certification at St. Michael's High School <https://westernquebec.ca/ice-safety-and-rescue-certification-at-st-michaels-high-school/>
- Suicide Prevention Week - Week of Kindness and Life at the WQSB <https://westernquebec.ca/suicide-prevention-week-week-of-kindness-and-life-at-the-wqsb/>
- Teacher Appreciation Week <https://westernquebec.ca/teacher-appreciation-week-2/>
- Safeguarding Bus Transportation: WQSB's Commitment to Bus Safety <https://westernquebec.ca/safeguarding-bus-transportation-wqsbs-commitment-to-bus-safety/>
- Nature Immersion-Kindergarten Program Wins a Canadian Museum of Nature Inspiration Award <https://westernquebec.ca/nature-immersion-kindergarten-program-wins-a-canadian-museum-of-nature-inspiration-award/>
- The Spirit of Giving Across the WQSB <https://westernquebec.ca/the-spirit-of-giving-across-the-wqsb/>
- 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/>
- Dedicated Staff at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School Provide Accessible Halloween Evening for Students <https://westernquebec.ca/dedicated-staff-at-pierre-elliott-trudeau-elementary-school-provide-accessible-halloween-evening-for-students/>

New Staff Articles

- Meet Jeremy Wouda, the New Vice-Principal at Hadley Junior/Philemon Wright High School <https://westernquebec.ca/meet-jeremy-wouda-the-new-vice-principal-at-hadley-junior-philemon-wright-high-school/>
- Meet Graham Fong, the New Outdoor Education Teacher at Dr. Wilbert Keon School <https://westernquebec.ca/meet-graham-fong-the-new-outdoor-education-teacher-at-dr-wilbert-keon-school/>
- Meet Stephanie Frigon, the New Principal at Golden Valley School! <https://westernquebec.ca/meet-stephanie-frigon-the-new-principal-at-golden-valley-school/>
- Meet Graham Fleming, the New Vice-principal at Greater Gatineau Elementary! <https://westernquebec.ca/meet-graham-fleming-the-new-vice-principal-at-greater-gatineau-elementary/>
- Meet Hannah Patrick, the new Vice-principal at Lord Aylmer Elementary! <https://westernquebec.ca/meet-hannah-patrick-the-new-vice-principal-at-lord-aylmer-elementary/>



G. Théberge and PETES school students and staff on a recent student exchange

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