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## **JANUARY/ FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

### **ASD Family Workshop**

On January 15<sup>th</sup> parents were invited to attend a workshop put on by a Saint Laurent CLSC social worker. The session was on **Characteristics of ASD**: the impacts of the spectrum in each sphere: neuro-typical trouble, the degree of the different spectrums, social communication and social interaction. Childcare was offered by Lamiaa Benani who is a health and fitness and dance instructor.

The next workshop is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at **6:00 – 7:30 pm**. The topic will be **"Tools and Interventions"**.

### **Homework Strategies and Organizational Tricks**

Ms. Sharon Klar was here on January 16<sup>th</sup> to share her tips and strategies on Homework and Organizational skills with parents. They also learned ways to encourage their children to become independent learners.

### **Telus Wise Workshop**

On January 20<sup>th</sup> the Grades 4 and 5 students attended an in-school workshop presented by **Telus**. Topics included protecting ones online security, privacy, and reputation, rising above cyberbullying and using technology responsibly.

### **Brixology by Mad Science**

Some of our **Grades 4 and 5** students are participating in an eight week lunch time program every Wednesday called **Brixology**. Using Lego bricks, the students build different engineering theme projects such as: mechanical, structural, aerospace, nautical and bioengineering. The students also take home a small project at the end of each lunch period. The program will run from January 15 – March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tubing at Lac- Des-Castors**

Cycle 2 and 3 students participated in a tubing field trip to Lac-de-Castors on January 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. The students and staff members had a perfect day sliding and playing in the snow. Please see our pics on our twitter page (Parkdale twitter).



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### **Grade 4 field trip to Arsenal Contemporary Art Montreal**

On January 29<sup>th</sup> the Grade 4 students in Ms. Tsoupanarias and Ms. Kanellopoulos went on a field trip to **Arsenal Contemporary Art Montreal** to experience an immersive exhibition, entitled **Imagine Van Gogh**, featuring the works of **Vincent Van Gogh**. The students have been learning all about this very famous post-impressionist painter and his well-known paintings such as: Starry Night, Sunflowers and Irises. They will continue to study this famous painter in their art class.

### **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

Teacher/ Staff Appreciation week is from February 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>. Students and parents who wish to express their appreciation can send a card or a thank you note.

### **Ensemble Workshop**

The students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 participated in an anti-bullying workshop on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. **The Ensemble Caravan's** mission is to work and interact with young people to promote respect for differences and to engage in dialogue to build an environment free of discrimination and bullying.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Pedagogical Day. No school. Daycare Open.

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Report cards sent home

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Parent - teacher interviews: 4:00 - 8:30 pm. **By appointment only.**

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Pedagogical Day. No school. Daycare Open.

March 2 - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020: March Break. No school. Daycare close.

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Classes resume.

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