



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY  
**GOVERNING BOARD**  
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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

May 23, 2024

### **Battle of the Books**

We are happy to share that the RWA Battle of the Books team emerged as the winners at the EMSB Board Battle. It took 4 rounds of tie breaking questions, but RWA took home the banner!

RWA finished second at the Ultimate Battle of the Books against the winners from the Lester B. Pearson School Board and the Independent Schools Association. Congratulations to all our avid readers and special thanks to our library staff for their support.

### **Go Green Grant**

Royal West was awarded a grant from the EMSB GOGREEN Committee in the amount of \$2,440. These funds were used to organized Royal West's first Classe Verte for Secondary 1 students. Thank you to all the staff who participated.

### **Cafeteria Service**

Cafeteria service will end on June 6. Parents and students will be reminded that all meal cards must be used by then. Meal cards do not roll over into the next school year and there are no refunds for unused cards.

### **Book Fair**

RWA held its annual Book Fair on May 8-9. Babar Books was on hand to offer our students and parents a convenient way to purchase summer reading novels. Special thanks to Ms. Supino, our librarian, and the volunteers from the Home & School Association for organizing this event.

### **Hispanic Culture Day**

RWA celebrated Hispanic Culture Day on May 7. A series of activities were organized by the Spanish classes taught by Ms. Almeida and Mr. Wilson. These included: salsa dancing, delicious food, face painting, and a pinata. The activities took place at lunch hour in the Memorial Gym.

### **Spring Concert and Art Vernissage**

RWA music students performed at the annual Spring Concerts on May 15 and 16. The concerts included all music students and ECA groups. The visual arts department will be exposing the wonderful work of our students on May 23. Students and parents are all welcome to attend and support our students.

## **Graduation Ceremony**

The class of 2024 will be honoured on June 20 at Salle Claude-Champagne. A short reception will be hosted by the Home & School Association immediately after the ceremony. Special thanks to Ms. Lumsden and Mr. Manstavich for organizing this great event for our students.

## **End of Year BBQ**

The RWA SLA will be organizing an End of Year BBQ for students on May 31 at lunch. Special thanks to Mr. Zigby for his efforts leading the SLA all year.

## **SLA Elections**

The 2023-2024 SLA was elected on May 10<sup>th</sup> by the students in all grades. Congratulation to our new SLA Co-Presidents Brad Coleman and Calli Ciccotosto-Pawsey. Brad and Calli will also become student representatives to the RWA Governing Board in 2024-25. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Eva Theodosopoulos and Eve Bercuvitz for their valuable input and support of all discussions at our Governing Board over the 2023-24 school year.

## **Canadian French National Debating Championship**

Between April 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, LCC hosted the largest Canadian National French Debating tournament to date; Royal West Academy was represented. Together with her partner, Shen Hudon (Sewlyn House), Anya Figlarz-Grassino placed 2<sup>nd</sup> team overall in the country! All the debates were done entirely in French. It was a great tournament and teams came in to debate from all over the country.

## **GIPS**

RWA participated in the national competition of Future Problem-Solving Program hosted at LaurenHill Academy. Over 100 guests gathered in the Agora room to celebrate our children' learning and their achievements in the Global Issues Problem Solving enrichment program, which is one of the four competitive components of the Future Problem-Solving Program International.

Successful competitors who qualified to the Nationals (Affiliate Bowl) developed a plan with creative and viable solutions for a future scene on Autonomous Transportation. RWA students scored first place in the Presentation of the Action Plans for both Middle and Senior Division.

RWA had teams who qualified to the International Competition to be hosted in June (4-9) at University of Indiana. 2000 problem solvers are expected at the International Competition of 2024 representing: Australia, China, France, India, Korea, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, USA, and of course Canada!

The two RWA team who qualified to the International Competition are:

**Senior Division:** Sumin Woo (sec 4), Sophie Iny (sec 4), (Talia) Yiran Lu (sec 5) & Naima Hottenroth (sec 3)

**Middle Division:** Rebecca O'Neill (sec 3), Beatrice Reynolds (sec 2) & Sparsh Nishit Shah (sec 2).

A banner and trophy are on display at the RWA office.

### **Science Fair**

Srijith Pradeep Kumar and Anubhab Bhowmick received the Minister of Transport and Sustainability award at the Provincial Science Fair which took place at the Cegep du Vieux Montréal. They received a prize of \$1500. Congratulations to the students and our Science Staff.

### **Let's Talk Science**

A RWA team participating in the science enrichment program, won first place in the Let's Talk Science Competition hosted by McGill University. Along with the award, each participant received a (Best Buy) gift card of \$70. The winning team (The Bioluminescent Cells) was made up of the following five Sec 1 students: Bella Flanz; Zack Crosbie; Seraphina Quash; Paige Foy; and Omar Aly. Congratulations!