

April 2012 – 75th Issue

Word from the director

I would like to tell you about the next Parents Café that will take place at Cote-Vertu Campus on April 3rd at 19:30. As explained on the documentation that was sent to you in mid-March, a Research group from Concordia University will give a conference on that evening. Their research is aimed at families with children with autism spectrum disorder (ADS); their ways of coping with stress, the exceptional challenges, joys or difficulties they are facing on a daily basis, and more specifically the factors that keep these parents healthy and well. If you agree to take part in this study, you will receive a small compensation for your time. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter !

Maryvonne Robert



April is Autism and PDD (pervasive developmental disorder) awareness month in Quebec. Here is U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message for April 2nd, World Autism Awareness Day, "Together, let us travel this road toward a more caring and inclusive world." It is the opportunity to inform the community on autism and make them more aware of the reality people with autism are faced with daily. It is time to hush all prejudice and make room for people with autism in our community life, school life and work environment. Contact your regional association to find out what activities they have planned and join them.

2 holidays and 1 pedagogical day in April

Students will not be coming to school on the following days :

- Friday April 6th, Good Friday
- Monday April 9th, Easter Monday
- Friday April 20th, pedagogical day.



National volunteer week April 15 to 21, 2012

For the 2012 National volunteer week, we wish to express our gratitude to all our volunteers. Thank you for getting involved. Your help and support are important and we appreciate it profusely.










Fine artwork paid in hours

In conjunction with the National volunteer week, and for the very first time in Montreal, the **TIMERAISER** Organization is inviting you to an Art Auction where 30 artworks are opened for bidding. But, rather than bid money, you bid volunteer hours. This event is part volunteer fair, part silent art auction and part cocktail hour. During cocktails, you will have the opportunity to meet with different organizations and match your skills to their needs. Once you have made your pledge(s), you are eligible to bid on an artwork. If you get the winning bid, you have a year to complete your pledge before bringing home the artwork. The Auction is on Thursday April 12th, 2012, at the Bonsecours Market. (6:00 pm Doors Open, 7:30 pm Volunteer Matching Begins, 8:30 pm Art Auction Begins.) The entrance fee is of \$20.

TIMERAISER's head office is in Toronto with its Montreal agency **BÉNÉVOTEMPS**. Among its many achievements, Timeraiser has generated more than 100,000 volunteer hours and supported more than 400 different charities. To see a preview of the artworks that will be put up for auction, you can visit their web site : www.timeraiser.ca, then select Montreal.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	 2 "World Autism Awareness Day" UN.	3 Parent Café at Côte-Vertu Campus 19 :30 	4	5	 6 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY	7
 8 Happy Easter	9 EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	 18	 19	 20 PED. DAY	21
 You being there, makes all the difference National volunteer week, April 15-21, 2012			Special Olympics practice	Special Olympics practice		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					