

## Word from the assistant-director

Although we are still wearing our hats and boots, the warmer days and bright mornings tell us that spring is practically at our doorstep and that summer is not far behind. It is a sure indicator that it is time to register your children for summer camps and day programs, starting the process early as programs do fill up quickly. The warm weather also brings slushy and wet outside play conditions. To make these outside activities more enjoyable, please send your child to school with rubber boots, a water proof jacket and a change of clothes. In addition to these little reminders, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have attended our Parent Cafés. The last two evenings were a huge success. In April, we will be hosting another event in collaboration with a team of researchers from Concordia University. More information will be provided to you when we send out the invitation at the end of March. Enjoy the spring break !

Sherilyn Ami

### March Spring Break

School is closed for the Spring Break, from March 4 to 10 2012. The students and school personnel will benefit from a week of rest and will be back in school Monday March 12, 2012. Enjoy and be safe !

### D'un œil différent

La création,  
une affaire de QI ?



**Creativity, a matter of IQ ?** The gallery **D'un œil différent** (which can be translated as: A different outlook) main objective is to build a bridge between artists of all backgrounds with or without intellectual disabilities and to reveal to the community their talent and potential. The gallery **D'un-œil-différent** is thus hosting its 7<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition, reuniting more than 130 artists with or without intellectual disabilities. « The program includes a forum about the role of artists with intellectual impairment, artistic work-shops, a play and other artistic performances. » From March 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Gallery, 2050 Amherst, Montréal.

### Tandem Créatif



In continuation with the previous article on artistic talent and intellectual disabilities, you should also

check Tandem Créatif web site at [www.exeko.org/tandem](http://www.exeko.org/tandem) and find out how in collaboration with the Mile End self-

managed artists center **Articule**, emerging artists with intellectual disabilities are match-up with selected professional artists for 5 encounters, always accompanied by a mediator. The artwork, fruit of this collaboration, is then revealed to the public at 2 different exhibits.

**For a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year,  
\$1000. Grant  
for the Quimet Campus**

The Quimet Campus has been awarded a grant of \$1000 from the Metro



Green Apple School Program for a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, thanks to Jocelyne Schmidt's renewed efforts. The Green Apple School Program is a Metro initiative aimed at primary and secondary schools to promote recycling and encourage healthy living. Metro is awarding hundreds of \$1,000 grants to schools whose green projects have been selected. Jocelyne Schmidt, a staff member at Peter Hall School, submits every year a project that take into consideration the skills and motor abilities of the students in her group and the availability of recycling material. Her project of business cards holder with accordion pockets was accepted. This \$1000. Grant will help pay students festivities. Congratulations and thank you Jocelyne!



### Special Olympics

The Quebec Special Olympics team (QOS) will be back among us after the spring break. Similar to last June activities, the dedicated team will organize games and competition to better promote physical activities with our students with intellectual disabilities, with or without physical impairment or We strongly suggest you visit their web site to find out more :




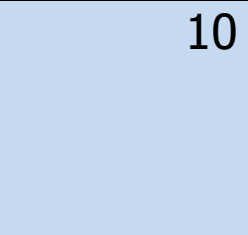




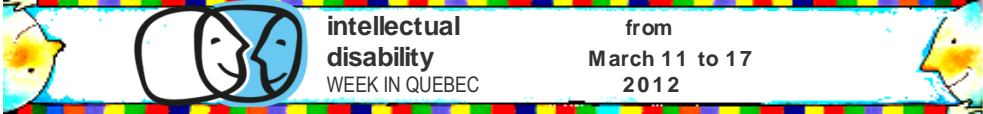


The Intellectual disability week in Quebec is held from March 11<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. For this occasion several organisations and associations in greater Montreal serving a clientele with intellectual disabilities have planned different activities to further promote better reinsertion and awareness : exhibitions, presentations of documentary films, fundraisers, etc. To find out more about these activities visit the Association for Community Living (AQIS) and the Quebec Institute for Intellectual Disability (IQDI)'s web site [www.aqis-iqdi.qc.ca/sqdi](http://www.aqis-iqdi.qc.ca/sqdi).

### Reminder : Re-registration for the 2012-2013 school year

If you have not yet returned the re-registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year that were sent to you on February 6<sup>th</sup>, please send them to us in your child's school as soon as possible since the date of return was February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# MARCH 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	 5	 6	 7	 8	 9	10
 11	12	13	 14	 15	16	17
Daylight saving time						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31