

What's New At St. Gabriel School

The Pre-K class at St. Gabriel has started a new tradition. Under the tutelage of Mme. Michelle Warner the Pre-K class has submitted an entry in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest at the Jardin botanique de Montreal. The students' entry was deposited in plenty of time for the contest judging.

Dubbed "Madame Cochon" by the children because of her gorgeous long newspaper hair and her beautiful flat green nose, this pumpkin was decorated solely by the nine children in the class (without any "teacher improvements").

The Pre-K class and Miss Samantha's Kindergarten class visited the Jardin Botanique Wednesday, October 16, to admire all the pumpkins on display and were amazed by all the fabulous decorated pumpkins!

All of these pumpkin masterpieces will be on display at the Jardin Botanique in the Main Exhibition Greenhouse until November 1. Come and visit our Pre-K's beautiful "Madame Cochon"!



Madame Cochon and Friends

As well, our students have also begun a number of fascinating and novel new projects this year. **The SEEDS 1 class** has been hard at work designing and making their own "stuffies". After carefully producing a detailed plan and picture of their individual stuffies, the children chose the materials they would need. They decided to use foam squares and various sized pillows to create them, choosing to cover them for the most part with colorful fake fur. One class member, Dayvid, has already finished his clever creature, made entirely of hand colored foam pieces. The other members of the class, working with pillows, foam pieces and "fur", are close to completing their stuffies.

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Dayvid's colorful creation

Ms. Anna Maria Loggia and Ms. Christelle Sleiman's Grade 3 classes have joined up to make mini doughnuts for sale. Using mini doughnut machines to make their doughnuts, they first had to learn how to read recipes, assemble the correct materials, and make the batter. Through trial and error and many taste-testing sessions, they are perfecting their doughnuts and plan to have their holiday-decorated doughnuts ready for sale in time for Halloween.

Ms. Rosie, the class student-teacher (shown below with Cali and Logan), started it all off by giving the students a measurement and vocabulary lesson.



Proceeds from the sales of these mini doughnuts will be donated to a neighborhood charity.

Ms. Elaina Uniat's Grade 4 class is busy designing and making colorful and fun friendship bracelets for sale. Sold in beautifully decorated packages of two ("One to wear and one to share"). They will start off their sales during Friendship Week (date to be determined) and will continue throughout the rest of this year. Monies raised will be used to purchase items for the school's "Senior Yard".

Shown below: pictures of some of the colorful bracelets and one of many bags of completed bracelets ready to be packaged and sold.



Ms. Alison's Prendergast's Grade 2 students are currently working on colorful mini calendars, which they will be selling in the near future. These cleverly hand-decorated one-of-a-kind calendars are no bigger than 4"X6" picture frames and come in either a magnetic or a stand-alone "desk" model. They hope to have a large number of these beautiful and unique calendars available for sale before the holidays. They can be purchased at the school or via children in Ms. Alison Prendergast's class. Proceeds from the sales of these calendars will be donated to a local charity.





Examples of magnetic mini-calendars



Examples of desk mini-calendars

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL HONEY EMPORIUM

Ms. Andrea Truffa's TRANSITIONS class is pleased to announce that the St. Gabriel bees have been busy this year collecting nectar and that the TRANSITIONS students have been learning how to take care of the bee hive, working closely with the Alvéole Organization.

The pure honey harvested this year has been packaged into 120 140g. jars. These jars are being sold by the TRANSITIONS students as a fundraiser and can be purchased for \$5 each.



Posing proudly with some of the honey for sale: Bryanna, Regan and Daniel from TRANSITIONS

This wonderful honey can be purchased at the school, in person, or via your child.

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED AND THESE JARS ARE ALREADY GOING QUICKLY. There are no reservations.