

2011-2012 Grants to Schools

Allion Elementary

Strength & Solidarity Through Sport

The aim of this project is to provide Allion students with a well structured environment which encourages physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. The objective will be met by a Volleyball Program; Strength and Solidarity through Sport. Particularly this extracurricular activity will give girls the chance to be on a team, develop a sense of self and unity and be infused with critical skills and confidence to be successful in other areas of their lives.

Beacon Hill Elementary

Robotics

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Beaconsfield High

Helping Parents of Sick Children

This is a community outreach project initiated by students, teachers and volunteers to provide articles for parents whose children have a critical illness. Students will be involved by putting together kits for the parents and delivering them to the Montreal Children's Hospital, thus extending humanitarian values into the community.

Kilometer of Courage: Student Mentoring

This project pairs physical education students with students with special needs. They will participate in a 1 km run/walk after training together. This will engage special needs students in physical activity and the opportunity to be involved in school wide activities while providing leadership roles for seniors. The project meets the needs of inclusive education, community outreach and volunteerism.

Birchwood Elementary

Murals for Birchwood

As a celebration of its inaugural year, Birchwood School is planning a mural to create a sense of welcome, cheer and belonging. The project addresses the importance of culture and pride, while teaching the various painting techniques involved in murals.

Dawson Alternative

Writers in the Community

PEF is proud to partner with the Quebec Writers' Federation in sponsoring a writer in the school for a series of workshops. This is the third year of this successful project. Students are engaged in the writing process and learn to express themselves through poetry. Each year they produce a chapbook of the group's work. The project is part of the "Circle of Courage" philosophy at Dawson. This writing gives voice to students and allows them to write about the human experience through their own eyes.

Horizon Alternative High School

Cooking Program

The Cooking Program at Horizon High School has become a major component of the overall school experience. It provides students with the opportunity to cook, to learn proper etiquette and prepare for work in the restaurant business. Through this program school attendance has improved, as has attitude and cooperation. PEF continues to support this worthwhile venture.

John Rennie High School

Tools for Schools

The "Green Team" of teachers and students will reclaim the John Rennie Haden Garden as a learning environment. This outdoor classroom will promote constructive ways of using a unique space for fostering learning.

A Pond to Ponder Ecology Project

This project will create a maintenance program for the eutrophic pond in Haden Garden while Secondary Five and Cycle One students learn about ecology and eutrophication. Once the pond has returned to its original state, critically endangered fish species will be introduced. John Rennie was the first high school in Lester B Pearson to become a Brundtland Green School and PEF welcomes the opportunity to partner with them in this initiative.

Lakeside Academy

Food for "OUR" World

The aim of this project is to help students gain work skills in the field of food service and hospitality.

Take a Break – Concentrate

There is a positive correlation between exercise and learning for all students. This project aims to extend the influence of exercise to students with learning differences such as Asperger's and ADHD. A classroom will be set up with accessibility to exercise equipment so that students may take a

break, then return to their desk and continue their work. It aims to maximize the learning of at risk students in a pathway that suits their learning style.

Lindsay Place High School

Junior Homework Program

This grant will provide the seeds for an after school project for Cycle One students who require a stable homework situation. The goal is to develop independence, lifelong learning and increased academic performance.

Macdonald High School

Remembrance Day at Macdonald

PEF sponsored a tent for the veterans attending the Remembrance Day Ceremony which links past, present and future. The graduating class plays a key role, and local elementary schools are invited to attend this exceptional ceremony.

Shutterbugs Digital Photography Club

This project is in its second year at Macdonald High. It was no surprise that it attracted students who have an interest in digital art and a desire to belong to a team. The student testimonials highlight their enthusiasm. The project involves building a photo lab, teaching about conformed consent and digital citizenship, showcasing student photography and fostering mentorship. At the same time, students are learning valuable life skills and a sense of community.

Margaret Manson Elementary

Environment Club

Margaret Manson's Environment Club was started by a grade five student who wanted to promote Earth Week and expand activities into yearly projects. He approached his teacher and invited his peers to join him. The response was outstanding. PEF is proud to sponsor this student and the school in its development of student Eco-Ambassadors who will be actively involves in teaching about recycling, reducing, composting and creating a sustainable garden.

Mount Pleasant Elementary

GPS Devices in the Classroom

Orchard Elementary

We Can Change the World

At Orchard Elementary School, a large proportion of the school population is of African-Canadian descent. Black History Month is an annual celebration of the diversity of the student body. This project aims to foster pride in students, their abilities, their heritage and their school. One of the many aspects of the project is dance lessons. It was with great pleasure that PEF was able to sponsor the purchase of tap dancing shoes for this creative endeavour.

Pearson Adult Career Centre

The Learning Centre (TLC)

The objective of this project is to create a drop in resource room at PACC Adult, specifically aimed at helping students develop literary skills. It will create a safe community for language learners and partnerships that will add immense value to the support of these learners.

Pierrefonds Comprehensive

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PCHS Bistro

This project allows students in Secondary Three and Five to learn all of the aspects of running a successful formal dining bistro. Students will be expected to decide on the theme, create the menus, act as hosts, wait staff, cook and chefs. It will encourage students who are struggling in regular classes to learn life skills and gain confidence in their ability to do so.

Place Cartier Adult Centre

Bridges to Peace

The objective of this project was to unite the students from Art class and Peace class to send a positive message celebrating differences to the entire school. This was achieved by a dynamic partnership with En Masse, whose aim is to build vibrant community spaces. A permanent multi-panelled large scale black and white mural was created as a living testimonial to the culture of the school.

Portage Alternate Centre

Partners in Prevention: Grade 6 Mentoring

Riverdale High School
Mentoring Program

Elementary Links Mentoring Program

The Riverdale Elementary Links Program is run by the Grade Ten Leadership students as a way of giving back to the community by creating bonds with students at the local elementary schools. It is designed to create a smoother transition to high school by informative and engaging activities.



Boys to Men Program

Boys to Men Riverdale is a mentoring network open to all Riverdale boys. It meets on a weekly basis with the goal of helping boys become better men. A

safe space is provided where men will speak of the challenges they face to encourage boys to do the same. The project will culminate in a Rite of Passage Adventure Weekend. The boys will gain a clearer vision of the man they want to become secure in the knowledge that they have a network of support on their journey.

St. Lawrence Academy Senior

Beyond the Holocaust

This project aims to increase the understanding of global issues while instilling the importance of taking an active role in making positive change through a study of the Holocaust by Grade Six students. The culmination is to have students deliver letters to the Holocaust Memorial and pledges of honour to survivors.

Sherwood Forest Elementary

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St. Anthony Elementary

St. Anthony Circus

This project encourages the development and love of the Arts, as well as organizational and leadership skills. It promotes physical activity. Students have a chance to shine in their roles as performers, set directors, stage managers, etc.

Student Services

Partners in Prevention

The Pearson Educational Foundation partnered with Student Services and other community organizations to support parents in the prevention of addiction-related high-risk behaviours among local youth. An inspiring and creative theatrical initiative will include monologues and poetry written by teens who are presently engaged in treatment. These events will offer parents a unique opportunity to open dialogue with their pre-teens about these issues.

Sunshine Academy

Robotics at Sunshine

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Verdun Elementary

Suspicious Fish Literacy & Arts Anthology

Verdun Elementary has made one of its goals the emphasis of the value of the Arts as a way to increase literacy skills and positive elements in the school. Students will make contributions of story, poems and art to The Suspicious Fish Anthology. A public reading is held to share with the community, furthering a sense of achievement and inspiration for tomorrow's artists and writers.

Westwood High Senior

Literacy Bridge: Senior Students Mentoring Elementary Students

Westwood Senior students are bridging the gap to local elementary schools as part of their Bridge to Burundi project. Funds were granted to facilitate the "Make it Happen Day." This project fosters literacy and community involvement through collaboration and leadership.