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The Pearson Educational Foundation has two foci to its mission: enriching the educational experience for all LBPSB students with hands-on projects that bring the curriculum to life, supplying materials not funded by the MELS budget, and support for our socio-economically disadvantaged students.

The **PEF Rona Cupak Fund** supplies winter wear, jackets, pants, boots and accessories for children in need throughout the board. As they notice children arriving without these necessities, principals simply email the requirement, size and gender to the PEF office. The items are delivered to the school within a few days all winter. Proper gym shoes that fit are also furnished. The need this year, exacerbated by the extreme cold last week, is great.

*Thank you to Dorval Elementary School* for donating to this initiative all the new hats, mitts, gloves and scarves from their Christmas “Hat and Mitts Tree”. It is a long time tradition in Dorval for the families and staff to decorate their tree with these gifts, reflecting the true meaning of the season. Every item has already been put to good use.

And

*Thank you to Leanne Durocher.* In memory of her mother, on Mothers’ Day weekend, Lea will walk 105 kilometres round trip between her store in Hudson and St-Lawrence Senior in Lasalle where her mother was both an educator and a volunteer feeding hungry children, from previous board times when it was Laurendeau-Dutton School until her retirement a few years ago. Collecting pledges from her extensive network as well as through the board, Lea’s goal is \$20,000 for **Mum’s Walk**. The proceeds will support the Hungry Kids program, nourishing LBPSB elementary and secondary students. While the money allocated by the school board is augmented year over year, it runs out and PEF will be able to top up. Hunger in May is no easier than hunger in January.

One high school in 2011. Two in 2012. Three in 2013. Likely Five in 2014.

LBPSB schools competing in the CRC Robotics Competition are growing each year, with registrations paid from the **PEF Experiential STEM Fund**. Come and support our schools and see amazing technical know-how and fun at Velistics 2013 on February 21, 22, 23 at Laval Liberty High School.

Last week, the Grants Committee awarded **PEF Grants to Schools and Classrooms** from amongst the applications received before Christmas for teacher-designed class projects. Through the use of proceeds from Gala 2012, general donations, and Experiential STEM, \$41,700 was allocated to 22 projects which satisfy the criteria: non-consumable, reusable materials enabling sustainable programs, which will serve the school for years to come.

Respectfully submitted  
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