



LAVAL JUNIOR ACADEMY



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STRIVING FOR GROWTH
AND KNOWLEDGE

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Ms. Rose as early as possible at 450-680-3044 ext. 8827
You can leave a message on our voicemail, day or night!
You can also email rhuss@swlauriersb.qc.ca



Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for up-to-date news and pictures of our school happenings. Click on the Facebook logo to the left to like us!

We also have a separate Facebook page for our library! Which can be reached with the picture to the right.



Community Breakfast

December 22, 2017

Join us for breakfast
to celebrate the
beginning of the
winter holidays!



Great food!
Awesome activities!

Tickets at the office!

\$5.00



LJA Food Drive 2017

Every year at LJA we collect non-perishables for those in our community who could use a little extra help at this time of year. Students are asked to bring donations in to their Day 1, period 1 teachers. To many of us, we won't even notice some of the things taken from our cupboards, but for some others, it will mean the world. Please give generously.

The week of November 27th, students are encouraged to bring in standard non-perishables (canned goods-rice-pasta-cereal etc) and pasta, sauces, and Kraft dinner.

The week of December 4th, students are encouraged to bring in standard non-perishables, and we would like to encourage students to bring in any toiletries like toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, napkins, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products.

The week of December 11th, once again, standard non-perishables and we encourage students to bring in breakfast related foods and desserts such as cereals, bars and oatmeal pouches, cake mixes, boxed cookies, crackers, etc.

The week of December 18th we would like to focus on standard canned goods and any cleaning products such as Tide, Vim etc., and baby products (diapers, baby food, formula, wipes, etc.)

Wonder Movie Outing November 17th

By: *Daniella Renda*
Secondary 1 student, LJA

Julia Roberts
Owen Wilson
Jacob Tremblay
wonder

On November 17, 2017 all the students of LJA went to see the movie, "Wonder", based on the book by R.J. Palacio.

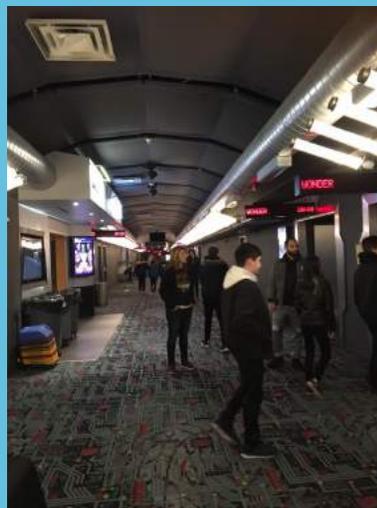
Wonder is the heart warming story of Auggie Pullman; a boy with facial deformities, who has always been home schooled. Auggie's parents decide he is now ready to go to a regular school to begin 5th grade. The story of Wonder shows Auggie's struggles as he deals with mean comments, finding good friends and fitting in,

even though he was born to **stand out**.

I think I speak for all of LJA when I say this movie was amazing! It was funny, interesting and touching – everything you would want in a movie. It is a great movie for all ages and an excellent way to teach children how to accept differences. Also, it is very similar to the book. So if you are a fan of the book, like I am, you will love the movie. I really enjoyed the way Auggie's story was told through different perspectives, just like it was in the book.

The movie is a definite must see for everybody. The staff of LJA made a great decision to choose this movie for us to watch. I would personally rate this movie 5/5. My only critique is that the movie should advise the audience to bring a Kleenex box. I didn't have any Kleenex so I had nothing to blow my nose and dry my eyes at touching parts of the movie!

I hope this movie inspires everyone to always choose kind and accept everyone for who they are and not for what they look like. If you want to read the book, we have it at the library.



Remembrance Day in Ottawa

On Saturday, November 11th, Student Council and Advanced Student Leadership students went to Ottawa for the Remembrance Day celebrations.

The Canadian War Museum's Veterans' event. This year's educational topics focused on the anniversaries of, 100 years since Vimy Ridge, 75th year of the Raid on Dieppe, 10th Anniversary of Kandahar, Afghanistan, and included a speech by Harjit Singh, Minister of National Defense.

Fallen soldier, Sgt. Chris Karigiannis, 31 at the time, who grew up in Laval, was one of three Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan when their small all-terrain vehicle hit a roadside bomb west of Kandahar city. Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Daniel Johnson spoke of LSA's adoption of, and our continued affiliation with his brother soldiers, from the PPCLI.



Brigades Culinaires

On Tuesday, November 14, 25 Laval Junior students from Secondary 1 and 2 succeeded in preparing 250 dry soup packages in under 30 minutes.

The five Brigades Culinaires teams, guided by Chef Christele, had their first friendly competition of the year during Lunch. While preparing the bags, the students also gave proof of teamwork and social skills, as many curious spectators came by their booths in Block C and asked questions about the activity.

At the end of the day, all the 250 delicious packages were picked up by Mission Laval and will be donated to community charities.



A Hero in 30

As part of being in Leadership at LJA, our students are certified by the Heart and Stroke foundation. The course they receive is called "Hero in 30!"; a half an hour course which certifies our student for one year and teaches the basics of first aid which are CPR, Heimlich maneuver (for situations involving choking), as well as how to use an A.E.D (automated external defibrillator). Good Job Leadership and special thanks to Jamie Brasseur who is their amazing instructor.



Every Thursday beginning Nov. 23rd!

Students can order a cup of **Chocolate/Vanilla Swirl frozen yogurt** or **Orange Sorbet (for Lactose Intolerance)** for **\$3.00 (cash only please)**, every Thursday during lunch!



TCBY yogurt and Sorbet are 100% peanut, nut, kosher and gluten free. All funds raised will go towards special projects to enrich our children's learning environment.



tcbv the country's best yogurt.

"Kindness is like snow- It beautifies everything it covers."

-KAHLIL GIBRAN

Montreal Author Monique Polak Visits LJA

Kids Who Actually Enjoy Writing Exercises: Laval Junior Academy

By Monique Polak (with permission from her [Blog](#))



There's something special going on at Laval Junior High School. This is how I know: the kids I worked with today actually like doing writing exercises. Usually, even in my own classroom at Marianopolis College, the students groan when I tell them they're going to be doing in-class writing. But this morning, when I was working with Miss Milea's Grade Seven class, a student named John asked for MORE WRITING EXERCISES! (YAY!!!!)

This was the first of four days of writing workshops I'll be doing at LJA. I'm also working with Miss Farrell's students. Miss Farrell and I go WAY back -- we met when I came to Mother Teresa Junior High School (that was the former name of LJA) for a Blue Metropolis Literary Foundation project.

I spent the morning with Miss Milea's classes (one Grade Eight, then the Grade Seven group), and I finished the day with Miss Farrell's Grade Seven class. As usual, I have lots to tell. Often, I tell you funny stories about my school visits, but today, I have EDUCATIONAL STORIES for you. Here goes.

In the first class, two students were teasing each other. It all started when a guy named Nicholas called out, "Can you write a book about me?" Then a student named Jessie called back, "There isn't much to tell." Nicholas wasn't going to let the matter rest at that point, so he retaliated by shooting back, "Rapunzel!" (This was a reference to the fact that Nicholas wears his hair kind of long.) Now here comes the teaching moment. Because I found the conversation funny, I started taking notes. I was asking Nicholas exactly what he'd said when another student named Lucas piped in: "There's already a book about Rapunzel." What's interesting is that when I investigated a little further, I learned that that wasn't exactly what Nicholas had said. (He'd just called out the name Rapunzel.) So what happened is that **Lucas REWROTE the conversation**. There's my first lesson for today: writers need to rewrite. (So do storytellers!!)

Second lesson came in the second class. And hey, it also has to do with rewriting. I asked the kids, "What do I do when I finish my first draft?" (I was looking for the answer "Rewrite.") But instead, a student named Luca (not to be confused with Lucas from the first class) answered, "**Reread**." Then a student named Alexia answered, "**Add**." Then I added "**Subtract**." And finally a student named Emanuele said, "**Rewrite**." But you know what? All those answers together really explain the rewriting process. First you have to REREAD. Then you may have to ADD material. You will certainly have to SUBTRACT material! And that process is called REWRITING.

Miss Farrell's students were a lively bunch, to say the least! I asked if any of them **hate their first drafts**. Sarah, Peter, Julianna, Massimo, Trinity, Dante, Ryan and Ahmed all raised their hands. I told them that was great news. If you hate your first draft, you could be a real writer!!

I don't usually give homework when I do school visits, but since I'll be seeing Miss Farrell's students FOUR TIMES, I decided I could! So I've asked them to find an old person (I suggested starting with a grandparent, but told them that if they don't have a grandparent, they should just go ahead and borrow someone else's!) and find out their SECRET. (Secrets make great stories!) I suggested they ask two questions (after some chitchat, and a cup of tea -- warm drinks tend to make people tell us more stuff). My questions are: 1. What is the hardest thing you ever went through? and 2. How did you get through it?

I'll be back at LJA next week. Do you think Miss Farrell's class will uncover some secrets for me by then?

Thanks to my friends at LJA for a great day. Thanks especially to Miss Milea and Miss Farrell for being wonderful -- and for sharing your kids with me.

What's to do at LJA?

DAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LUNCH ACTIVITIES	Anime Club A137 GHC Movies A204 Chess Club A207 Science Club A243 Student Council A140 Drama Club A244 World Wide Events A101	GHC Movies A249 Drama Club A244 Photography Club A242 Lunch Time Shows A236	Math Flair A104 Green Club Library Table Top Gaming A137 Music Club B107 Anime Club A137	GHC Movies A139 Science Club A243 Knitting / Crochet A234 VISTA Room A113 1 Drama Club A244 Lunch Time Shows A130	Knitting / Crochet A237 Music Club B107 Lunch Time Shows A238	Math Flair A104 Green Club Library Science Club A243 Art Club A138 Drama Club A244 Lunch Time Shows A231 Movies A208 Mural Club A133	Art Club A135 Drama Club A244 Lunch Time Shows A251	GHC Movies A253 Board Games A101 Photography Club A242	Green Club Library Sewing Club A137 VISTA Room A113 1 Music Club B107
	Chilling Lounge	Chilling Lounge	Chilling Lounge	Chilling Lounge Popcorn @ Lunch	Chilling Lounge	Chilling Lounge	Chilling Lounge	Chilling Lounge Popcorn @ Lunch	Chilling Lounge

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH	Pet Club			Pet Club	
AFTER SCHOOL	Band 3pm-4pm B127	Handball Practice 6-7:30 Brigades Culinaires	Imagin' Art 3-5 Cheerleading 3:20-4:50	Band 3pm-4pm B127	Handball Practice 6-8



LJA SCHOOL CALENDAR

26	27	28 Parent Teacher Night - Book Fair Open To Parents	29 PED DAY	30	DECEMBER	2
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY						
3	4	5	6 Basketball Boys 2 away @5:15 Gov. Board Meeting	7	8	9
10	11 Les mots s'animent assemblies	12 Hanukkah begins Basketball Boys 2 away @ 4:00	13 Basketball Girls away @ 5:00	14	15	16
17	18 Cosom Hockey HOME @ 4:30	19 Basketball Boys 3 away @ 4:30	20 Basketball Girls away @ 5:00	21 Dress Down Day	22 Community Breakfast	23
24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30
WINTER BREAK						
31	JANUARY New Year's Day	3	4	5	6	6
7	8 PED DAY	9	10 Basketball Boys 3 away @ 5:00	11	12 Basketball Girls away @ 5:00	13
14	15	16 Basketball Girls away @ 5:30 Futsal Boys HOME @ 5:15	17	18 Basketball Boys 3 HOME @ 4:45 Cosom Hockey away @ 3:45	19	20
21	22 Basketball Boys 2 away @ 5:00 Cosom Hockey away @ 4:45	23 Basketball Girls HOME @ 5:15 Futsal Boys HOME @ 5:15	24	25 Gov. Board Meeting	26 Sports Excellence Ski Trip Dress Down Day	27