

Kuper Academy



2014-2015

Welcome
To
Kuper
Academy!





S.O.S Initiative Starts The Year Off Right!

It's back to school for Kuper kids this month. For some of them that means seeing old friends and catching up with teachers from years past. But for other students, including our grade seven student body, the beginning of this academic year means new beginnings, new friendships, and new routines. The S.O.S. (Supporting Our Students) initiative exists to support transitions such as this one, and the S.O.S. group has already taken on its first task: to help acclimatize the younger students to the high school experience. A thoughtful group of grade eleven students came forward, volunteering to spend their lunch hour with a group of grade seven students. The students were then paired up with the purpose of encouraging them to get adjust to the new experience and to help them understand that there are many friendly older faces in the hallways. During this experience, students had the opportunity ask questions of their older peers while simultaneously starting the year off well by making new friends.

Students Learn About Ethics, Challenge, and Dilemma Through Living Examples

Last week, one grade five class hosted a few furry guests in an effort to understand the ethics behind animal adoption as well as the importance of reflection when faced with making big life decisions. The grade five students have been learning about the definition of ethics and what it means to encounter a dilemma and to resolve it through critical thinking. The surprise visit of a volunteer from a local animal shelter, along with three puppies, allowed for engaging dialogue around what it means to accept responsibility and understand the difference between a challenge versus a dilemma. This is a perfect example of how Kuper Academy teachers and administrators work to bring real-life examples in to the classroom to complement the theory that is built into the curriculum.



Kuper Clubs 2014-2015

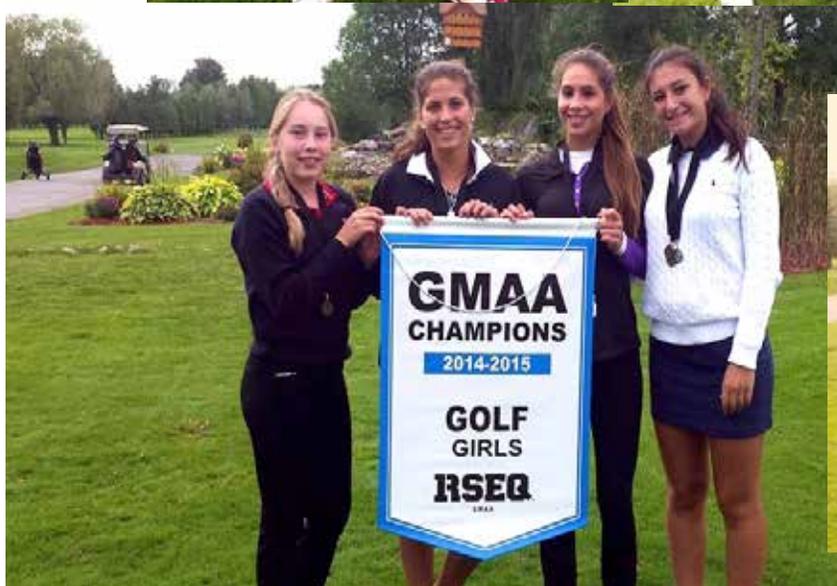
Kuper Academy offers clubs, sports, outings, activities, and committees to students of all ages all year long. We believe that through active involvement students are able to develop and strengthen the many different sides of themselves. The following Kuper clubs are offered to students throughout the year:

High School: SOS Leadership Club, Student Council, Aviation Club, Cheerleading Club, Visual Arts Club, Leukemia and Lymphoma Club, Glee Club, Table-Tennis, Foosball, Free the Children, Board Games, Drama Club, Tech Team, Grad Committee, Chess Club, Film Club, Green Team, Saving Mothers, MS Group, Locks of Love, Yearbook, Blood Drive Committee, Weight Training/Fitness Club, Curling Club, War Amps, Talent Show, First Aid, CPR, Yoga, and more!

Elementary School: Halo Run, Geography Bee, Chantons & Dansons, Parlons Francais, Chess, Folk dancing, Grade 4 Play, Division 1 & 2 Hockey, Intramural basketball, Division 1 & 2 Basketball, Curling, French Play, Chainmaille Jewellery Club, Division 1 & 2 Soccer, Choir, Skipping Club, Cross Country Club, Terry Fox Fundraiser, Theatre Club, Math Whiz, Soccer, Cooking Classes, The Skupe, Robotics, Talent Show, Scrapbook Club, Geography Bee, Soapmaking, Talentshow, Arts and Crafts, Intramural Soccer, Lunch Intramurals, Piece de Theatre, Curling, Club, Tennis Team, and more!

Kuper Dominates at GMAA Golf Competition

The Kuper high school golf team swung its way to success recently in the GMAA championship tournament at Caughnawaga Golf Club. Kuper boasted a team of eleven students and each participant played with discipline and team spirit, making Kuper proud. The girls team beat out Sacred Heart and Westwood high school to end up in first place, winning the girls banner for the first time ever, with Maxine Donaldson coming in second place overall. Anna Zachary came in fifth place, Valerie Daigneault ended up in seventh, and Kendall Horn came in eighth place. The boys team also fared well, earning second place, with Philip Morgan capturing seventh place and Matt McLaughlin capturing eighth place. Teammates James Donaldson, Tyler Behl, Massimo Tauvette, Kyle Ferguson, and Brandon Azzi competed successfully by also finishing with excellent scores.



FALL SEASON MEANS... FUN!



Houses!
A Team Building
Experience

The Kuper elementary school instills leadership skills in its students through a variety of practices and traditions. Students are divided into groups (called 'Houses') regardless of age, where they learn to identify with each other in smaller teams, thus developing a sense of camaraderie and belonging. Our elementary curriculum seeks to develop a foundation of competencies that will allow children to generate and communicate ideas. As you can see from these photos, we reach out to our students outside of the classroom as well, and our teachers encourage each child to develop an active imagination and social skills, which are developed through interaction with other children during free play and group activities.

Ice Bucket Challenge!



Kuper staff and students held an assembly this month to bring increased awareness to ALS and to honour Michael Soles, former Montreal Alouette teammate of Kuper Athletic Director Mr. George Martin. This assembly encouraged staff and students to get together in order to give back to the community through their donations as well as through individual action. In this one day Kuper raised \$1000 and came together joining in the Ice Bucket Challenge. Way to go Kuper family!