

Kuper Academy

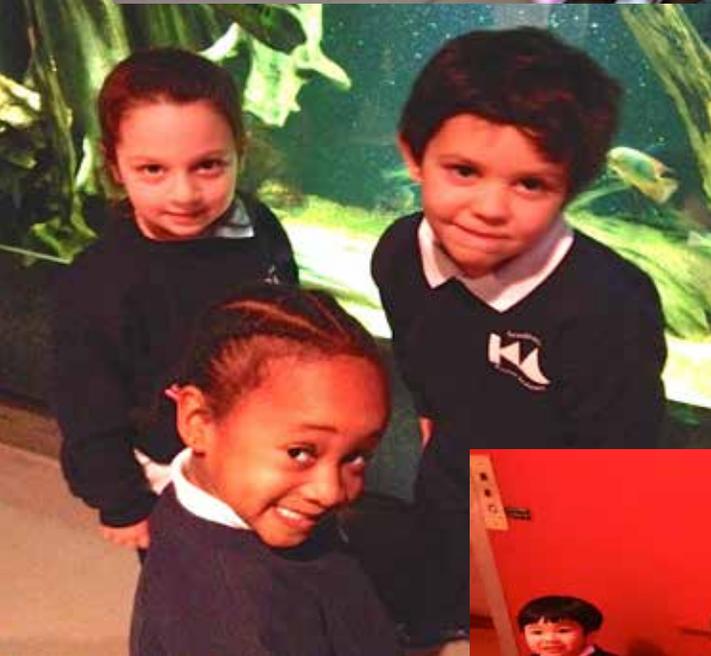


~The Environment Matters ~ Get Involved!

This year at Kuper we are encouraging everyone to step beyond participation and into wholehearted involvement because we believe that this builds a better community and spreads happiness. We are urging our students, faculty, and staff to step out from the fringe and to engage in activities and events that will help them grow and connect with each other outside of the classroom. The Green Team is Kuper Academy's environmental group and they work to involve the Kuper community in various campaigns throughout the year that target reducing, re-using, and recycling. How do they do this? In addition to members of the Green Team collecting (weekly) all of the recycling boxes from the entire high school, upcoming campaigns include the collection of old batteries, the recycling of soda cans and beer bottles, and the collecting of old electronics (phones, computers, lap tops, ipads). Green Team members have noticed the large amount of wasted paper and have taken initiative to encourage others to reduce waste- one person at a time- and to be more conscientious about the amount of paper we all use. Increasing awareness is a big first step, and, together, the Kuper community is working to grow and adapt as our finite resources become more and more precious in a globalizing world.

K4 Biodome Field Trip: A Combination of Exploration & Independence

At Kuper Academy, we embrace the idea of a well-rounded learner who not only works hard in the classroom, but who nurtures extracurricular interests as well. At an early age we begin taking students on unique field trips to stimulating places which allows them to put into practice what they are learning in the classroom and to see real-life examples of topics that they discuss. No matter what topic or activity they prefer, Kuper students become citizens of the world through experiential learning and by participating in the community that surrounds them.



Grade Eight Students Explore Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

At Kuper Academy, the intent of art education is to develop visual thinkers and to encourage creative problem solving. The visual arts program in the elementary and high schools promotes visual literacy through the creation of art, through studies in art history and aesthetics, and through art appreciation and criticism. Here we see a group of grade eight students on a tour of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, where they were able to peruse the various pieces of art and ask questions about the artist, the intent of the artist, and the context within which they created the art.



Kuper Embracing Culture!



“The Game Changers” Performance Emphasizes Inclusion and The Practice of Non-Judgement

Grades one through six had the pleasure of watching a live performance recently that focused on embracing diversity and practicing non-judgment. “The Game Changers”, a play put on by Geordie (a Montreal-based theatre company), emphasized the importance of tolerance and inclusion through a funny performance that took place in a make-believe world. “The Game Changers”, by Alexander Haber, examines how we are more similar than different. Underneath what we choose to wear, be it jeans, a dress, a kilt, or a hijab, we are all people and what we share because of our humanity makes us more alike than different. The students were immediately engaged in the performance and they laughed along with the two main protagonists as the actors worked to figure out the right perspective to adopt when in the midst of exclusion and judgement. The delivery was a perfect combination of a humorous tone and positive messaging through storytelling. As a result of the multiculturalism at Kuper Academy, students learn acceptance and non-judgment and they learn to respect and value differences. We firmly believe that this will help them adjust and succeed as they grow into adults within a globalized world.



Elementary Friendship & Fun!

For anyone privy to roaming the hallways during an elementary school day, what you find and see and hear is happiness, laughter, friendship, and learning. It is obvious that Kuper students are having fun and it that this energy and enthusiasm is contagious. When the time comes to pose for the camera, students scramble to include each other, making sure that everyone gets a chance to shine and making sure to share all that they're learning and doing through giggles and laughter.



High School Students Dance Through Winter

This winter, a group of high school girls had the opportunity to take a breakdancing class through an effort to support their physical education curriculum and to give them exposure to yet another form of movement and exercise. Kuper faculty members understand that variety is integral to a well-rounded education, and this is an example of them creating an environment conducive to fun, learning, and personal growth.

