

# Kuper Academy



## Kuper Academy Remembers War Heroes

Believing in the importance of everyday acts of gratitude and understanding the value in the expression 'those who don't know history are bound to repeat it', Kuper Academy makes an annual effort to teach each and every student about Remembrance Day and the sacredness and importance of lending recognition where it is due. This year the entire Kuper community participated in the Remembrance Day ceremonies that were held in the three Kuper buildings. The kindergarten children prepared Canadian flags, gathered in the gymnasium, and walked around the 'Circle of Friendship' (as seen on the next page) in an effort to show respect and to embrace the value of diversity. After that they listened to music and stood very still and respectfully for a minute of silence. The older elementary school children hosted a bilingual ceremony in which they sang 'O Canada' and collectively presented information to the audience about the First World War, noting the fact that this year marks the one-hundred year anniversary of the start of WW1 and that thirty seven million people gave their lives throughout the duration of the first world war. In the high school, the ceremony took on an even more serious tone where Mrs. Salette, Headmaster and owner of Kuper Academy, shared with the students recollections from her father's experiences with war, allowing students and staff to take the time to visualize and contextualize the reality that our veterans lived. The ceremony also included a multilingual version of Flanders Fields. In sharing our human history through the recitation of poetry, through song, and through ceremony, the Kuper community is able to garner appreciation for the past and to work towards building a collective future based on mutual respect, friendship, and peace.



A Sacred Time to Give  
Respect & Thanks To  
Those Who Have Made  
our World Safe



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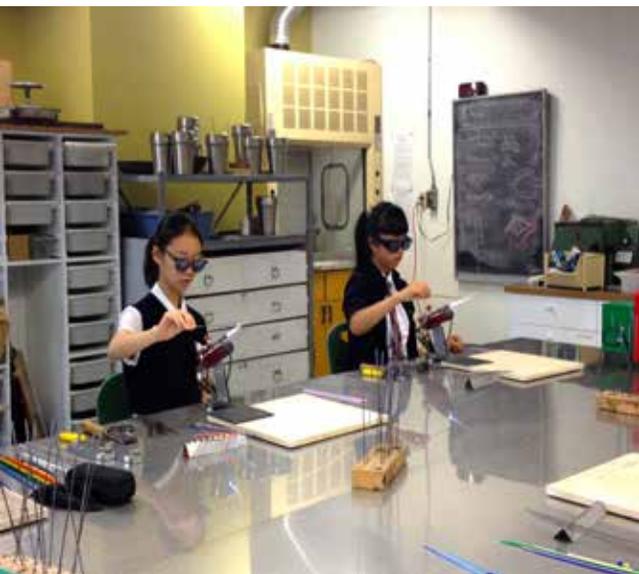
## Elementary Soccer Provides Outlet and Forum For Success

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Kuper students have the option to play many sports in each of the three athletic seasons. Soccer is one of the most popular forms of team play that Kuper kids embrace, no matter what the age group. Kuper fields several teams that compete within the regional elementary divisions as well as many teams that compete within the various high school divisions. Since many of our student-athletes compete regionally and provincially throughout the summer, they get to school in the fall and are in shape and ready to get running. Here we see the story through pictures. It's a story of fun, friendship, team play, exercise, competition, and individual growth. Go Kuper!

# High School Art Club Studies Glassblowing

Of the many extra-curricular activities that are offered to students, who would think to look for glassblowing among them? The art of glassblowing is defined as 'the art of shaping a mass of glass that has been softened by heat by blowing air into it through a tube'. This year's high school Art Club recently went on a field trip to Espace VERRE to further explore this creative endeavour. Espace VERRE is a non-profit organisation with the mission of offering services to the Quebec glass artists in three ways: Teaching glass techniques, promoting glass art, and offering services to professional glass artists. During the visit the students learned how to make glass beads, decorate them, manipulate them, and shape them. They also gained knowledge with respect to adding the important details that define works of art, which include color, texture, and shape. While at Espaces Verre, students were taught what happens when the glass cools too quickly (it explodes!) and they were informed that when they are working with glass and it remains orange in colour, that indicates that it is moving and thus the shape can still be manipulated! This experiential learning compliments what the students are learning in the classroom during Art Club time, where they are focused on learning how to create various types of jewellery using wooden beads and other materials.



# Annual Book Fair & Bake Sale Promotes Love of Learning

Every fall, Kuper staff and parents work diligently to gather the Kuper community together through the hosting of a Book Fair & Bake Sale. The goal of this fun event is multi-faceted and aims to raise money for the various libraries within the school while it also supports children's love for reading and creative expression through the written word. Throughout the day, each student has at least one opportunity to visit the Book Fair and to peruse the items offered for sale. In addition to delicious snacks, there are both new and used books for sale for children and teenagers of all ages and with varied interests. As you can see from the smiles in these pictures, Kuper kids love to read! And Kuper is happy to support passion for learning through any and every medium!



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# Nurse Visits Kuper Students To Teach About Helmet Safety

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The grade seven student body received a visit recently from Stacy Baker, a Registered Nurse who runs the “Wee Works” program which is a series of workshops focused on the prevention of childhood injuries. Although she came to Kuper as an individual who runs her own business, Stacy also works at the Montreal Children’s Hospital in emergency medicine, so she has much experience within the realm of childhood injury. During her visit to Kuper, Stacy spoke to the students about anaphylaxis (a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset) and she also spoke about head injuries and how to stay safe and prevent injury from occurring. The students had the opportunity to perform an experiment with watermelons and eggs to show just how fragile skulls are and to help them fully comprehend the importance of wearing a helmet when riding anything with wheels (bikes, scooters, skateboards, four-wheelers, etc.). Kuper believes in working towards the prevention of injury as well as the importance of taking personal responsibility for one’s actions; and this initiative proved valuable as the students were forced to reflect upon their actions and to train themselves to think prevention as opposed to facing unforeseen consequences from taking action without forethought. For more information on the workshops, please visit: [www.weeworkshops.com](http://www.weeworkshops.com)



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# History Professor Brian Farrell Visits Kuper High School

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Kuper prides itself on providing challenging academics to students of all ages. The focus within the high school is on the importance of nurturing self-discipline, critical thinking skills, and problem solving. In order to support student learning and to keep students engaged, Kuper hosts several academics during the year to expose students to the globalizing world around them that continues to change on a daily basis. Professor Brian Farrell is one of Kuper Academy’s most recent guests. Professor Farrell is currently the Chair of the History Department at the National University of Singapore, and he came to speak to a group of secondary four and five students on November 4th, sharing his expertise about political topics including foreign and international relations. When speaking with the secondary four students, Professor Farrell outlined some of the main reasons for the failure of the French Empire in North America. It was clear from his presentation that the French Empire followed a coherent strategy that was both necessary and effective, but was ultimately at the root of the British conquest once colonial division and British policy converged. This lecture proved challenging to students and forced them to listen attentively and with critical thoughts. And although this was a university-calibre lecture, students were familiar with the material and demonstrated a solid understanding of the issues while also challenging themselves to think quickly and critically about what they were hearing.

After his first presentation, Professor Farrell then spoke with a group of secondary five students who are currently studying the ‘Contemporary World’. Professor Farrell used an analytical approach to discuss Canada’s entry into the Great War. The lecture revolved around the importance of asking the right questions, and students were confronted with the notion that, although many years ago Canada was only a small colony of Great Britain, it engaged fully in the conflict because it was vital to Canada’s interest at the time. The students were quite intrigued and this proved to be a terrific opportunity for them to hear from a world class scholar willing to share his time and expertise.



## Team Buses Support Collective Athletic Success

Kuper Academy delights in having many sports teams that compete against various schools across the Island of Montreal. In order to support our student body and to build team spirit, we have several buses that take our student-athletes to their various destinations. This year, several of our buses will sport our team colours as well as photos of our athletes.

