

# Kuper Academy



## Grade Six Graduation Adventure Through Ontario

Every spring the grade six graduating class takes a two-night field trip to celebrate a successful academic year. This year our students explored eastern Ontario, visting an aquarium and a variety of museums in downtown Toronto. The group then drove even further into the heart of the province, witnessing one of the seven wonders of the world-our very own Niagara Falls. This experience is often the first time that some of our students have spent more than one night away from their families, and it encourages them to explore their independence while being in a happy and secure environment with adults whom they trust and peers with whom they are comfortable with.





# French Public Speaking Competition



Kuper held its annual French public speaking competition this month. Each grade six student prepared a speech based on a theme that focused on the province of Quebec. The top three speakers from each class then participated in the larger competition, speaking in front of over a hundred other students. For anyone who was privy to watching the competition, it was obvious that the students had practiced their enunciation, their gestures, and their eye contact. They each showed a remarkable ability to connect with their audience, and each student engaged the spectators with interesting details about Quebec heritage and culture.



# End-Of-Year Awards

The end of the academic year provides the opportunity to celebrate success and to applaud the efforts of our many students. At Kuper, we acknowledge academic excellence as well as overall effort, hard work, leadership skills, student-athlete successes, and many other areas of achievement. It is important that our students graduate with well-rounded characters, understanding their strengths and appreciating that working hard is always worth the effort because success can arrive in an uncommon hour.



## Yearbook Committee ~ A Family Within A Family

Putting together a yearbook takes a group of committed people who have the ability to organize themselves, the self-discipline to get the work done, and the dedication to follow-up on plans and schedules. This year the yearbook team managed to create a yearbook that encompasses the Kuper experience through excellent photos and telling captions.

Thank you to our 2014-2015 yearbook committee for working hard to capture the essence of Kuper through this past academic year!

# Last Day of High School!



Kuper high school is a family. We love spending time together but we are also excited and happy to set off on adventures. Every spring when it comes time to say goodbye for the summer, our students get together and reminisce, talking eagerly about the upcoming months that they will spend traveling, working, and learning new things. They also anticipate the upcoming fall, when they will be together again within the halls of Kuper Academy, working as a family to continue their education in a supportive and enjoyable learning environment.



# High School Band Concert

The culmination of many months of practice resulted in a successful end-of-year band concert this past month. Students excelled in playing many different instruments on their own as well as within a band; and students also sang in unison, sharing their passion for music with the audience.



# Student Leaders Offer Encouragement & Support During Transition Period to High School



As part of Kuper's efforts to continually support students' mental health, members from the high school leadership group (S.O.S) recently presented a few short skits to the grade six graduating class. These skits helped them to understand more about peer pressure and gossip and encouraged them not to jump to conclusions but rather to take the time to listen to all sides when conflict arises.

Kuper aims to help students transition from the elementary school to the high school; and what better way to share important insight than having it come from the students who have themselves most recently been through the challenge of adapting to a new educational environment.

During the forty-five minute performance, grade seven and eight students presented an array of topics that they deal with, as well as positive approaches to dealing with them. The skits stressed the importance of saying sorry and the value of giving the benefit of the doubt. This is yet another example of the Kuper community working to grow together!



# Art Gala

Kuper high school students recently held their annual Art Gala to showcase their efforts over the course of the academic year. It is always a very rewarding experience as a parent or staff member to bear witness to the artistic works that our students have created. As you can see, many different approaches and many different colours were used to allow students to express themselves through art!

