

# Kuper Academy



As children grow and learn about the world, their curiosity flourishes. Bearing witness to their excitement is one of the great pleasures that Kuper educators enjoy. The learning begins at a young age when everything is magical and there are surprises just around every corner. From Kindergarten on, students start to explore different subjects and test theories and ideas. At Kuper, we encourage them to explore their natural inclinations and interests and Kuper students become citizens of the world through experiential learning and by participating in the community that surrounds them.





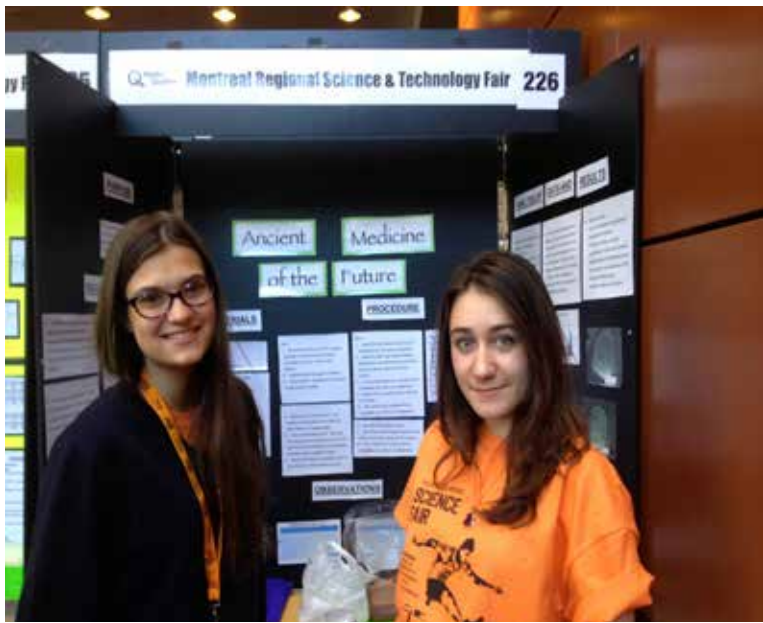
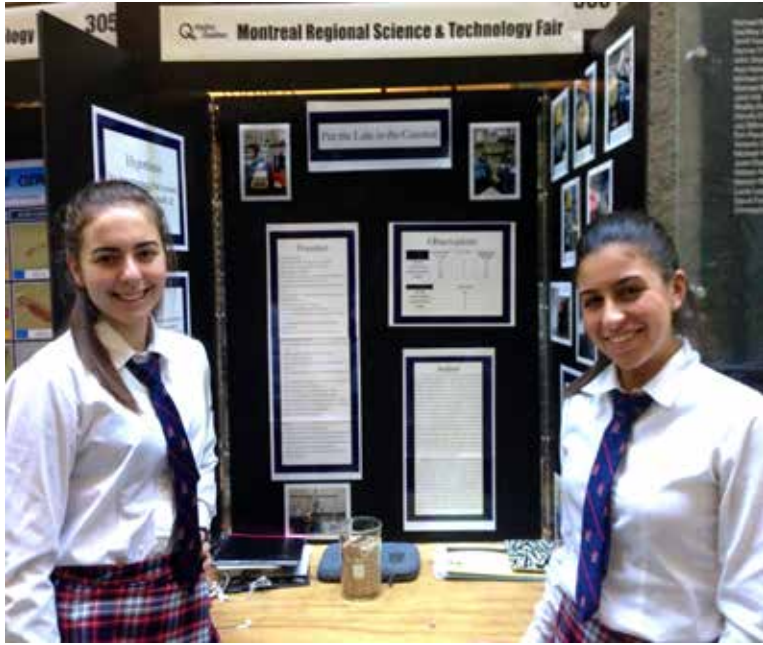
## Kuper Welcomes New Canadians at Inaugural Citizenship Ceremony

Kuper students live in an academic reality that reflects the global village. We have students who have moved to Montreal from many different countries and the student body reflects variety not only in terms of race, but also by embracing students of different religions and beliefs. In light of this, Kuper recently hosted a citizenship ceremony to welcome forty candidates (from twelve different countries) into Canada permanently as citizens. The ceremony was touching and heartfelt, and students heard from various local and provincial politicians as well as citizenship judge Mrs. Andrea Payne and former citizenship judge and Montreal Alouette, Mr. George Springate. During the ceremony, students were encouraged to respect people who have the courage to leave their home country to then become Canadian. Students were also urged to try to understand how fortunate we all are to be a part of the Canadian alliance, either through birth or through citizenship ceremony. Mr. Springate shared his thoughts with the Kuper community, saying: "Citizenship is an alliance between you and your country. What does Canada want from you? It wants you to do the best that you can, every day- either as new Canadians or as students. It also expects you to perform gratuitous acts of kindness and to respect your neighbours and to treat them with dignity, free of discrimination". If we can all remember this, Canada will be an even better place. And so will Kuper Academy!





# High School Students Fair Well in Regional Science Fair Held at Concordia University



Kuper high school boasts an excellent science program and every year some of our brightest and most passionate science students participate in the Montreal Regional Science Fair, held at Concordia University. This year was no exception and we are once again very proud of our students for participating as well as for taking home a few awards! Matthew Cecere & Amrit Das and Justin Cardona & Alex Merims won a distinction award; Daniel Phillips & Adam Rudolph won a great distinction award as well as the Concordia University Award for Outstanding Achievement in Building, Civil, and Environmental Engineering. Sarah Lapin & Kathryn Johnson won an honourable mention. Roland Riachi & Marc Stojda won a great distinction award as well as the McGill University Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Award. Thomas McGuinness & Mikhaela Zlatanovska won a great distinction award, and Alessia Sillian & Katy McCracken won a great distinction award as well as the McGill University Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Award. Congratulations to our scholars. Kuper is proud of your hard work and successful scientific endeavours!





# Working With Others ~ Kindergarten to High School

A well-rounded education means an emphasis on the development of both hard and soft skills. At Kuper, while we understand how important it is for children to learn reading, writing, and arithmetic, we also understand that we live in an increasingly competitive world where the marketplace demands knowledge specific to a certain role as well as soft skills such as the ability to express oneself, the ability to communicate with empathy, and the ability to embrace differences and to use them for good. We believe that by teaching students to work in small and large teams, they nurture these soft skills and gain increased emotional and social intelligence over the course of their education.



## Sharing and Creating Ideas



**Kuper teachers work to create an environment where students aren't afraid to share their thoughts and ideas and where they treat each other with respect by building on the ideas of others as opposed to looking for faults in them. As seen above, whether it be a written project with research involved, an art project, or an explosive science experiment, students learn not solely from the teachers, but from each other. That is what makes the Kuper community so strong and family-focused. Our graduates are happy, successful, kind, and hard-working individuals who not only work on self-development as they move forward with their lives, but who also continue to nurture their ability to work with and to understand others, no matter how similar or different they may be.**



# Cabane a Sucre



Everyone knows that spending a winter in Quebec means awaiting spring time in order to have the opportunity to visit one of the many sugar shacks (otherwise known as the “Cabanes a Sucre”) in Quebec’s rural areas. This year, our youngest students, from K4 to grade two, spent a day at the Chalet Des Erables, a sugar shack located in St. Anne Des Plaines. It was a day filled with cultural activities and new experiences- especially for our students originating from other countries!





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This month the entire elementary school had the opportunity to explore the great outdoors and to experience a Quebecois cultural experience! Students from grade three to six visited the “Sucrierie Lavigne” in Rigaud and, as you can see from the pictures, they had a great time!

