



Kells Academy Newsletter

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Congratulations Kells High School Graduates



Ms. Woods

At an emotional ceremony with Mr. Don Houston as Master of Ceremonies, 54 High School students received their diplomas. We were honored to have Mr. Alex Shoumatoff, a well known American writer (and also a Kells parent) speak at our Convocation. Mr. Shoumatoff drew from his fascinating life experiences to give the graduates sound advice on taking the next step in their futures. He urged students to be curious about the world around them, to believe in themselves, and to protect the world they live in.

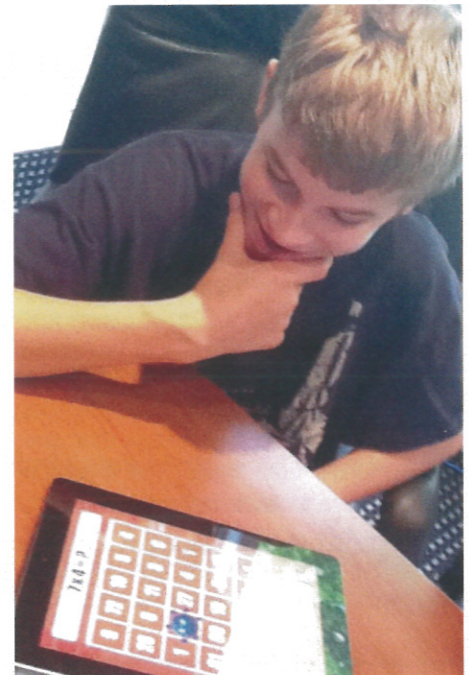
Ms. Irene Woods, Director of Kells Academy congratulated the graduates for their academic accomplishments. Ms. Woods expressed her pride in student participation in all aspects of school life including sports and the arts as well as the production of the spectacular Broadway-style show, *Musical Memories*. She also recalled student achievements in competitions such as the Montreal Science Fair. The graduates have made friends, supported each other, and have set a positive example for younger students to follow.

Soojin Kil's valedictory address to the graduates was both heartfelt and inspiring. Soojin brought the audience to tears with a description of leaving her family, friends, and culture to come to Canada from Korea three years ago. She told us that adjusting to a new society involved a lot more than learning a new language. The greatest lesson she learned from her Canadian peers was to find out who you are and to be yourself. Soojin thanked her parents and her teachers for all of their support. Finally, she thanked her friends and expressed appreciation for the fact that Kells had prepared them for all the challenges that lie ahead.



Miruna Furdul, Razanah Silawi, Ms. Iacobuta, Danielle Zunenshine, Genova Madani, Mariana Abou Chedid, and Summer Lazare

Evolving Technology at Kells



Nicholas Lamoureux

Kells Academy is leading the surrounding region in the integration of technology into the classroom. In September, we introduced iPad 2s to grades 7, 8 and 9, upgraded 8 classrooms with SMART Boards, and introduced 20 MacBooks, available to all grades. The Kells technology team worked hard through the summer to update the existing laptops and upgrade the wireless Internet.

With a significant investment in education technology and infrastructure, students will be exposed and trained to utilize technology as a tool and resource in order to enhance their learning. These tools will greatly improve independent and interactive learning. IT workshops were

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High School Valedictory Address



Soojin Kil

Soojin Kil, a Korean girl who arrived in Canada only three years ago, was the high school valedictorian at the 2011 Kells Convocation. She captivated the audience with an emotional address. She spoke from the heart and shared her feelings about what it was like to be alone in a new country, attending an unfamiliar school, and living far away from her family and friends.

Soojin considered herself very fortunate for the friends, teachers, and mentors at Kells who made her realize that she is no different from them. The attention teachers gave to each individual student, not only about academics, but also about their lives outside of school, was palpable. Being at Kells, she learned many things

that she has taken to heart as lessons in life. Teachers allowed students to develop deeper thinking, encouraged them to have a broader view of the world, but what they really taught was the value of education. She went on to say, "While we focused on just getting the research paper done, the lesson was that we need to be accountable for our own work and that integrity is very important in life."

In particular, Soojin thanked her friends for being with her on this journey, "Thank you for teaching me true friendship and that a caring nudge or message can have a chain reaction in a person's life." She added, "Special thanks to my parents and my little sister, who unfortunately could not join us in this ceremony today, but I'm sure they are happier than anyone at this moment, cheering for me on the opposite side of the earth as they always have been." She also thanked her guardian, John: "I may often be shy to say thank you, but please know that I appreciate everything you have ever done for me, as you taught me how to truly believe in myself."

In conclusion, Soojin said, "Now it's finally all over, no more assemblies, no more uniform infractions, no more late slips. We will all be going our separate ways, leaving behind what we shared time over time. But remember, no matter how



Soojin Kil receives Music Subject Prize from Mr. Kennedy

much time passes and wherever we might be, in the risk of sounding corny... the memories we had will keep us together. Our journeys have just begun. Like our life at Kells, our future holds countless laughs and amazing experiences. But the world won't always be on our side, and when times get tough and it seems like you are all alone, having to go into battle, just remember all the lessons you've learned here, and just know that we have an armoury of knowledge and support to keep us protected, so we can move on to the next phase of our lives, proud to be ourselves, with our heads held high."

Kells High School Graduate Photos



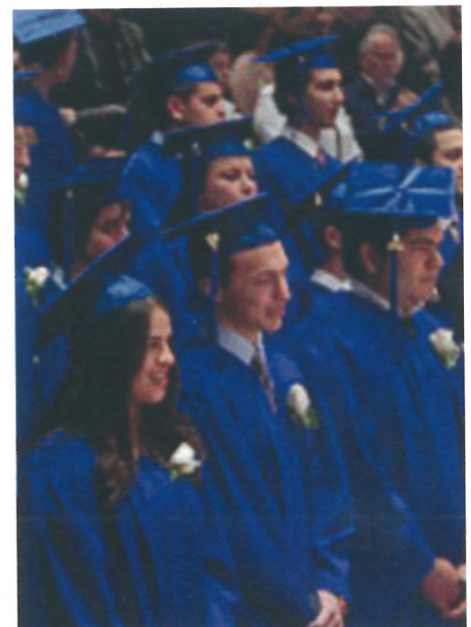
Angela Diaz receives diploma from Ms. Woods



Jim Khayata



Jeremie Benarosh receives diploma from Ms. Woods



Awards and Special Prizes – High School

Bilingual Certificates

- Jeremie Benarrosh
- Anthony Cote
- Frederic Gariepy
- Alexis Hotte-Kilburn
- Omar Jbara
- Nicolas Lastrade-Brais

Scholarship Prizes

- Soojin Kil
- Omar Jbara
- Alexis Hotte-Kilburn



Ms. Forestell and Omar Jbara receiving the Student Council Award



Ms. Rosich and Alexis Hotte-Kilburn receiving the Simpson Senior Shield

Special Prizes

Yearbook	Sara Lai
Student Council Award	Omar Jbara
Outstanding School Spirit	Fares Alarmouti and Soojin Kil
Most Improved Student	Jim Khayata
Simpson Senior Shield	Alexis Hotte-Kilburn
The Lieutenant-Governor's Medal	Nicholas Lastrade-Brais
Governor General of Canada Award	Soojin Kil
Valedictory plaque	Soojin Kil

Subject Prizes

English	Mitchell Goodyear
Contemporary World	Mitchell Goodyear
French as a Second Language	Miruna Furdui
Most Improved French	Mariana Abou-Chedid and Razanah Silawi
Media	Razanah Silawi and Mariana Abou-Chedid
Math CST Option	Jim Khayata
Math Science Option	Soojin Kil
Civil Law	Soojin Kil
Physics	Erica Yang
Physical Education	Fares Alarmouti and Angela Diaz
Sports Plus	Sara Lai and Summer Lazare / Junho Song and Nick Ayoub
Drama	Danielle Zunenshine and Angela Diaz
Psychology	Jim Khayata and Miruna Furdui
Music	Jim Khayata, Mirelle Lupovici, and Soojin Kil
Art	Trong Duc Le



Ms. Morris and Mitchell Goodyear receiving the English Subject Prize

Kells Academy Prom Photos



Danielle Zuneneshine & Frederic Gariepy



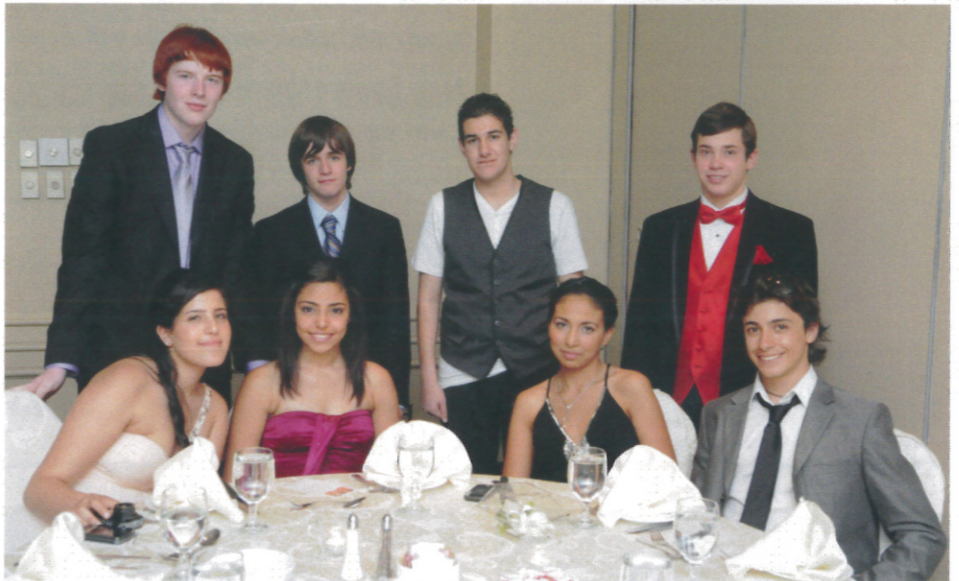
Anna Arrobas & Mitchell Goodyear



Ms. Campbell, Mr. Jankowski, Ms. Mancini



Marc Sarhan, Jun Ho Song, Ms. Sipos, Summer Lazare, Ms. Seretis, Ms. Derby, Ms. Morris, Ms. Iacobuta, Ms. Ghanem, Abdul Mansour, and Steven Lim



Aron Sigurdsson, Alexis Hote-Kilburn, Justin Schena, Nicolas Lastrade-Brais, Farrah Girgis, Guest, Sabrina Nguyen, Geoffrey D'Attena



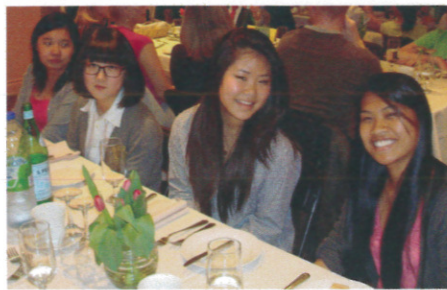
Soojin Kil, Jun Ho Song, Mirelle Lupovici, Fares Alarmouti and Razanah Silawi



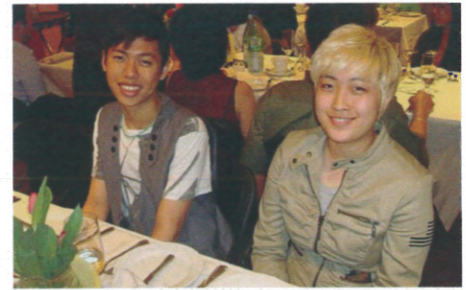
Kells Honour Roll Dinner 2011

The evening of May 24, 2011, saw the Kells cafeteria transformed into a gourmet restaurant to celebrate the achievements of Honour Roll students for 2010-2011. These students, who averaged over 85% on their term reports, attended with parents or special guests. Guest speaker, McGill chemistry professor, Dr. Ariel Fenster, delighted the audience with a show of chemical magic, highlighting the exciting nature of the sciences for future study. He amazed the 100 plus audience with some chemical "tricks." The students were each presented with a certificate and special gift in recognition of their high achievement.

Mr. Houston



Sophia Quach, Eurji Cho, Soojin Kil, Angela Diaz



Trong Duc Le & Sungjin Cho



Razanah Silawi & Ayah Abdullah



Mrs. Mansour, Mrs. Sarhan, Marc Sarhan, and Abdul Mansour

Kells' Growing Sports Teams...

Kells has talent! Kells' sports teams did very well this year making us proud. The students worked very hard and grew together in their teams...

Our first ever girls team, The Kells Killers, beat Centennial Academy and H S Billings.



Summer Lazare, Alice Lemay, Coach Cairns, Mirelle Lupovici, Soojin Kil, Retshepile Koketso, Angela Diaz, Lovely Andalay, Razanah Silawi, and Federica Rinaldi

The first ever Rugby 7's Team. We competed at Concordia and have set great building blocks for next year.



Abdul Mansour, Gabriel Dansereau, Jun Ho Song, Fares Alarmouti, Nic Ayoub, Marc Sarhan, Coach Cairns, Dimitry El Khoury, Sanad Abu Ragheb, Oliver Shoumatoff, Jim Khayata, and Joey Cheaib

GO KELLS GO!

The Boys Outdoor Soccer Team did extremely well this year. We are proud of you!



Thomas Montanari, Jun Ho Song, Coach Cairns, Fares Alarmouti, Jin Sung Choi, Omar Refaat, Sani Azuz, Mahmoud Khalil, and Nizar Bekai

Basketball at Kells

The 2010-2011 School Year was historic for Kells Academy. It marked the first year that Kells competed in the Greater Montreal Athletic Association (GMAA) basketball league. Kells entered the Juvenile Division 3 Boys Basketball League and was victorious! This strong team of players played unbelievably well, and showed great sportsmanship. They played against the following teams:

Greaves Adventist Academy, Lower Canada College, and



Centennial Academy. The coach, Richard Simon, said he was proud of his team, and that of all of the teams he had coached in previous years, this Kells team was a highlight for him.

The Basketball team led by Mr. Simon won their section and made it to the playoffs.



Nic Ayoub, Bryant Richards, Marc Sarhan, Mr. Simon, Greg Shalfman, Shane Donovan, Abdul Mansour, Jin Sung Choi, Joey Cheaib, Fares Alarmouti



Sortie à Québec

Cette année, le 12 et le 13 mai, le Département de français a organisé pour les élèves de secondaire 4 et 5 une sortie à Québec, la capitale de notre belle province.

Tout d'abord, les élèves ont déjeuné au restaurant de l'Assemblée Nationale, ensuite ils ont admiré les Chutes Montmorency et le Canyon Ste-Anne. Après avoir dîné au restaurant Aux anciens Canadiens, dans une ambiance spécifique québécoise, les élèves sont allés à pied explorer un site important pour l'histoire du Québec: les Plaines d'Abraham.



Miruna Furdul & Razanah Silawi

Finalement, nos élèves ont participé à une activité interactive au Musée du Fort, où ils ont vécu, en son et lumière, les grands moments de notre histoire, en faisant la connaissance des personnages historiques qui ont joué des rôles importants dans la naissance de notre nation.

Simona Iacobuta



Kells lends a helping hand to our Canadian Friends of VAMOS in Cuernavaca, Mexico

After our successful production of Musical Memories, Kells made a \$5000 donation from seat sales to VAMOS.

VAMOS is a registered charitable organization based in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Due to the lack of basic facilities in Mexican public schools, Canadian Friends of VAMOS mobile learning centres enable students to spend up to 12 hours a week with facilitators, learning laptop computer skills, researching and completing school projects and working on a community newspaper.

These students are performing extremely well in their public schools and have taken on the roles of teacher assistants to their teachers and peers. Thanks to VAMOS, these students have the opportunity to



be leaders inspiring their classmates to move forward. Kells plans to continue its efforts to help this Mexican organization which supports underprivileged students in Mexico.

Life After Kells



I initially joined Kells Academy in the fall of 2001 for a six-month school exchange. As I am from Germany, the purpose of this experience away from home in a foreign country was for me to improve my English and French language skills. However, I soon realised that I wanted to extend my stay in Canada and made the obtaining of a high school diploma at Kells Academy a personal milestone. Despite some struggles with courses such as Math 536 with Mrs. Styliaris, Economics and Biology with Mr. Robertson, and other subjects such as the History of Quebec and Canada, I eventually graduated from Kells in June 2002 and later went home to Germany to continue my education.

Following my return, my priority was to maintain my newly gained language skills and after deciding that the German school system really wasn't for me, I entered the Bonn International School in 2002. Similar to Kells, this school was filled with students from all over the world, an environment that I have very much enjoyed working in ever since spending time in Montreal in 2001. After receiving numerous prizes such as the "Student of the Year Award," the "European Council of International Schools' Award for International Understanding," and an "Award for Demonstration of Outstanding Sporting Values," I finally completed my bilingual international baccalaureate and graduated top of the class in 2004.

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