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Roslyn Elementary: A legacy of excellence and innovation in education



Left to right: Bottom row: Sharon Georgia Hauerstock, Grade 3; Max Rose, Grade 2; Stella Maria Grassi Tropea, Grade 1; All in Destination Imagination. Top Row: Noam Caron, Grade 5 Caribou Math; Taylor Wiseman, Grade 6 GIPS, Caribou Math and Battle of the Books, Camelia Birlean, MEd., PhD. *SUPPLIED*

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Located in the heart of Westmount, Roslyn Elementary has been a cornerstone of the community since 1908. Housed in a majestic red-brick Victorian building, the school is renowned for its commitment to academic excellence, bilingual education and fostering a sense of community. Part of the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) public system, Roslyn Elementary students come from diverse backgrounds, including lifelong Westmounters. With the motto 'Private Attention, Public Spirit,' Roslyn prioritizes academic achievement, individualized care and holistic student development.

A STRONG FOUNDATION IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Roslyn pioneered French immersion in 1968, becoming the first school on the island of Montreal to offer the program. Today, the school remains dedicated to improving students' fluency in both French and English. Bilingual education offers cognitive benefits, problem-solving and adaptability—skills essential in today's interconnected world. At Roslyn, students are equipped to succeed in both languages, preparing them for the challenges of tomorrow.

EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Roslyn ranks high in academic success for all its students. Last year, Grade 6 students, including those with Individualized Education Plans (IEP), achieved outstanding results on the Ministry of Education's exams, with a 100 per cent success rate in Math Competency 1—Problem Solving and English Language Arts—Response to Literature. The school also saw a remarkable 95.6 per cent



Roslyn's teachers and educators. *SUPPLIED*

success rate in French Immersion—Oral Communication. These results reflect the dedication of students, teachers and staff, and they demonstrate Roslyn's commitment to fostering an inclusive learning environment where every student has the support they need.

THE GIFTED ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: NURTURING TALENT AND CREATIVITY

In 2021, Roslyn launched its Gifted and Enrichment Program to challenge and inspire high-achieving students. Many highly intelligent students can become "missed opportunities" according to Dr. Camelia Birlean, who leads the Gifted and Exceptional Learners Program at the EMSB and at Roslyn Elementary. This program provides opportunities for students to engage in advanced learning experiences, such as the Caribou Math Contest, the Battle of the Books and Destination Imagination. These programs help students develop problem-solving, creativity and critical thinking skills, while encouraging a passion for learning.

One standout example



Rozzy is ready to welcome new students to Roslyn. *SUPPLIED*

is Grade 5 student Noam Caron, who ranked number one internationally in the Caribou Math Cup during the 2023-2024 academic year. "We are very grateful that our child could participate in the Caribou contest," says Noam's father, Louis Caron. "It did wonders for his self-confidence and really helped him to

develop his perseverance." Other students have also shined in the enrichment programs. Stella Grassi Tropea (Grade 1), a participant in Destination Imagination, shared, "I liked creating projects. I liked learning about math and had fun learning math equations." Both Stella and Noam demonstrate how these pro-

grams help students build the strengths needed for their success in academics and future careers. Their experiences will also be vital to life beyond the classroom as they form their sense of self-confidence.

Roslyn students continue to excel on the global stage, placing in the top 2-5 per cent internationally in the Caribou Math Contest. This impressive accomplishment showcases the quality of Roslyn's enrichment program and how students, teachers and staff value educational growth.

A THRIVING COMMUNITY AND EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Roslyn is more than just a place for academic achievement—it's a vibrant community where students have the chance to explore their interests and develop new skills. The Home and School Association (HandS) offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities, including creative video, floor hockey, robotics, martial arts, musical theatre and more. These activities provide students with opportunities to engage in creative expression, physical activity and teamwork, while

fostering friendships and a sense of belonging.

The strong sense of community at Roslyn is a key part of the school's success. Principal Joanna Genovezos emphasizes the importance of kindness and collaboration in the school's culture, helping students develop not only academically but also socially and emotionally.

A PROUD HISTORY AND BRIGHT FUTURE

Roslyn's history is filled with notable alumni who have made significant contributions to the world, including musician Leonard Cohen, actor Jay Baruchel, MP Anna Gainey and astronomer David H. Levy. These individuals embody the school's commitment to fostering talent and excellence.

Looking ahead, Roslyn will continue to build on its proud legacy while innovating to meet the needs of today's learners. The school remains a beacon of bilingual education, academic rigor, and community spirit in Westmount.

JOIN US FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Appointments to register for the 2025-2026 school year begin online on Jan. 27. Don't miss the opportunity to enroll your child at Roslyn Elementary, where they can receive a top-tier bilingual education in a supportive, engaging, and inclusive environment. With spots filling up quickly, we encourage you to secure your place early! Visit roslyn.emsb.qc.ca/roslyn/ for more information.

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Let Roslyn Elementary help your child to achieve their full potential while becoming part of a rich legacy of excellence.

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