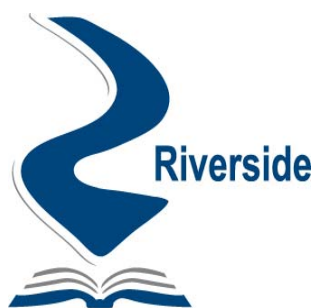


Saint-Lambert CLC Info-Letter

2010



Saint-Lambert Community Learning Centre



What is a Community Learning Centre (CLC)?

There are currently 23 CLCs across Quebec – each CLC develops according to the needs of its' community with the common goals of enhancing community vitality, increasing student success, and promoting lifelong learning, through improved access to programs and services in English. The CLCs are funded through the Quebec-Canada entente for Minority Language Education. For more information on the initiative, visit:

www.learnquebec.ca/en/content/clc.



Saint-Lambert Elementary School

Who belongs to the Community served by the Saint-Lambert CLC?

- ◆ As we are located in Saint-Lambert Elementary School, the students, families, teachers and staff of Saint-Lambert Elementary are our core community.
- ◆ Beyond our school, we are making connections with other community groups, schools and businesses who serve the English-speaking community in the surrounding area.
- ◆ As we look at the needs in our community, we are beginning to facilitate new programs and services, many of which may serve families living far beyond the boundaries of Saint-Lambert Elementary.
- ◆ For example, as we have explored the creation of new programs for preschool families, we've done so with families from a broad geographic area in mind. Saint-Lambert provides a central location for South Shore residents from many neighbouring cities who are interested in programs for preschoolers.



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What are our goals?

Our Steering Committee is made up of individuals representing the community we serve and our partner organizations. The Committee determines the CLC's action plan - priority areas currently include:

- ◆ Access to Programs and Services in English
- ◆ Literacy Development
- ◆ Meeting the Needs of Families with Preschoolers (age 0-5)
- ◆ Supporting Special Needs Families

What is a Community Learning Centre (CLC)? (continued)

Extra-curricular Activities:

We offer an extensive program of extra-curricular activities at our school, during lunch and after school, providing opportunities for students to learn something new in small, multi-age groups. The extra-curricular program also reduces the need for parents to source activities outside school time. Some examples of our many popular programs include: karate, dance, cheerleading, music, theatre, yoga and more. We hope that our April Showcase Event will become an annual tradition, enabling students to demonstrate what they experience in our extra-curricular programs to their families, friends, and the community.

A limited number of evening and weekend activities will be open to students who do not attend our school and to adults, for example babysitting and first aid courses and exercise classes. For information on these activities, please visit the CLC section of the St. Lambert Elementary School website at <http://www.stlambert.rsb.qc.ca/>

Family Support: Parent Workshops & Homework Programs

We host workshops for parents and community members on a variety of topics throughout the year to help develop parenting knowledge, skills and confidence. Recaps of several of those workshops can be found on our website. Please email our coordinator if you would like to be added to the mailing list for these workshops.

In the winter of 2010, the CLC introduced an after-school homework support program to meet the needs of families. We plan to continue to offer a variety of homework assistance programs in the future involving partner organizations and volunteers.

Promoting healthy lifestyles:

CLCs promote healthy lifestyles in collaboration with the CSSS (*Centres de santé et de services sociaux*), recognizing the important link between health and education. We will continue to encourage our families and community in their pursuit of health and wellbeing throughout 2010. The CLC is a member of the CSSS Samuel Champlain Table Concertation CONPARLE Famille. Together with the other organizations, we are working toward improving the health and wellbeing of young families in our territory.

Video conferencing:

The Saint-Lambert CLC is equipped with a high quality video conferencing system which connects the centre to the network of CLCs across Quebec and to other business and educational centers worldwide. The CLC room can be rented for video conferences or presentations – for more information, please contact our Coordinator.

Community Learning Centres

An English Minority Language Initiative for the Province of Quebec

Community Learning Centres are partnerships that provide a range of services and activities, often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of learners, their families, and the wider community. Their aim is to support the holistic development of citizens and communities.

The CLC works in *partnership* with other schools, non-profit organizations and businesses to accomplish our mission.

Our Partners

ACCESS

Adult Education and Career Training Center

ACCESS is working with our CLC to meet lifelong learning needs in our community. We are working together to increase awareness of continuing education and career training options, serving students and adult learners.



South Shore CEDEC

South Shore Community Economic Development and Employability Committee

The CEDEC is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to helping local English-speaking communities of the South Shore to identify their challenges and expand on their unique strengths. To learn more about the CEDEC, visit our website at www.cedec.ca. Two of the projects that the CEDEC has worked on with our CLC this year are:



National Entrepreneurship Day (NED) – NED is about creating a strong entrepreneurial culture in Quebec and helping build a dynamic and healthy economy for the future. It is a day to celebrate and recognize entrepreneurs, youth, educators, community organizations, and governments who support entrepreneurship in its many forms. On November 12th – students from across the South Shore learned to “GET ENTREPRENEURIAL”!

Entrepreneur Support Network (ESN) – The ESN is geared towards established and aspiring English-speaking entrepreneurs who are interested in improving their businesses, increasing their awareness of public and private resources available, professional development/training, and networking with other local entrepreneurs. Join us at our regular monthly meetings. Please visit the website at www.cedec.ca/esn or call 450-465-6634 for additional information. **All established entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs are welcome!**

Chambly Academy



Chambly Academy is the St. Lambert CLC's partner High School. Located on the same street in St. Lambert, the schools are increasingly working together to create new programs and services for the English-speaking community. *Chambly Academy unveiled spectacular new gymnasium, library and special needs facilities in the Fall of 2009!* For more information about our High School programs, including the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, please visit our school website at: www.chamblyacademy.rsb.qc.ca.

City of Saint-Lambert

The City of Saint-Lambert is working with our CLC to support its development through its expertise and resources, particularly in the areas of recreation and culture to help strengthen our community. Visit their website for more information about extra-curricular activities and summer camp programs! www.ville.saint-lambert.qc.ca.



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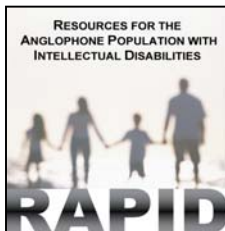
Langmobile's holistic approach to language learning and early childhood education, along with their caring, community orientation is helping the CLC to develop more programs for the preschool and special needs populations as well as for students of our school. Plans are underway for Langmobile to operate a small preschool site from the school for the 2010-11 school year. For additional information about all of their programs, visit their website at www.langmobile.com or contact Nicole Bianco, Langmobile's President, at info@langmobile.com.

Preville Fine Arts Center

The Preville Fine Arts Center has been providing quality arts programming to our community since 1974. This year, Preville's Saturday programs have moved back to St. Lambert! Our wide variety of music and arts programs will take place at Chambly Academy beginning in September. Our ever-popular summer camps will be located at the Alternate School for six weeks in July and August. For registration or more information, contact us online at www.centreprவில்.com or 450-671-2810.



RAPID



Resources for the Anglophone Population with Intellectual Disabilities

RAPID is working toward increasing programs and services for the intellectually disabled population on the South Shore, including extra-curricular activities, day camp programs, and respite care. They will be offering a summer camp week from August 16—20 in collaboration with Langmobile at REACH school. For more information, contact Langmobile at 514-352-4762.

SSCPN

South Shore Community Partners' Network

For information about events and organizations on the South Shore, sign up for the SSCPN email newsletter for regular updates or visit their website to view the calendar and link to information on a wide variety of topics: www.communityboxer.multiply.com or email sscpn@bellnet.ca.



SSRC

South Shore Reading Council



The South Shore Reading Council is an Anglophone literacy organization committed to Lifelong Learning as a community-building approach to learning throughout the life cycle: from the cradle through to the senior years, everyone can learn and share along the way. The SSRC has a rich variety of programs, so that we can effectively target the learning needs at different stages of life. Babies, toddlers, school children, youth, adults, parents and seniors – the SSRC is the Literacy Centre for Montreal's South Shore Anglophone community. We work closely with our Community Learning Centre, together offering services such as training, volunteer support, family literacy, and literacy in the schools. **Mother Goose, our popular story time for caregivers and children age 0-18 months, will be held at the CLC again this year.** To learn more about all of the Reading Council's events and programs, visit their new website at: www.ssrc.ca or email info@ssrc.ca.

**Saint-Lambert
Community Learning Centre**

**Saint-Lambert CLC
71 Green Street
Saint-Lambert, Quebec, J4P 1S4**

For CLC events, enter the school by Door E on the right-hand side of the building.

CONTACT US ...

for more information you can visit the CLC section of our school website:
www.stlambert.rsb.qc.ca
or contact our Coordinator, Christie Huff
by email at clcstlambert@rsb.qc.ca
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The CLC office will routinely be open on Thursdays and Fridays during the 2009-10 school year, except for pedagogical days.