

DATE TO REMEMBER

Friday June 26th – Last day of class

Environment Club Update

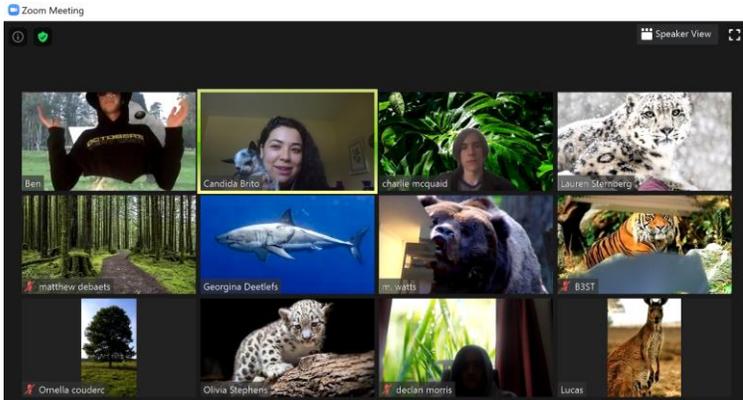


On June 2nd Blyth LP installed a beehive on our rooftop! We partnered with Alvéole, a Montreal based company which has been erecting beehives all across major cities in Canada and even has a few hives in the United States. They installed our hive, hosted a live Q&A Workshop, and will closely monitor our bees to ensure they are healthy and producing honey. When they first installed the hive, there were about 3000 honey bees, but our queen has been producing so many eggs per day that now our honey bee population is greater than 7500!

In the coming weeks, Mr. Saklica's EcoClub (Monday's at 1:30pm, Zoom ID: 962 698 122), will decide on a name for our queen, a name for our hive, and a logo for our honey! Alvéole has guaranteed that our hive will produce a minimum of 15kg of honey; that is over 180 small jars. Because honey bees forage for local flora, our honey should taste different than any other honey in the city.

--- Mr. Saklica

Student Life



Students at all Blyth campuses participated in a World Wildlife Federation initiative called Wear It Wild. Here at Lawrence Park, students donned animal-related clothing and changed their Zoom backgrounds to something wild and fun.

They also participated in awareness-raising biodiversity lessons and animal-related trivia contests. Congratulations to the contestants who were best at identifying the mystery animal noises, and to everyone for their spirited participation!

--- Mr. Jacob Taylor, Director of Student Life

What you never knew about... Mr. Clark!



I developed my passion for history at young age. My great grandfather was wounded in 1916, fighting for the British army during the terrible Battle of the Somme. Fortunately, he survived the war and relocated to Canada in 1919. He worked at Firestone Tires and lived until the ripe old age of 101! I did not know my great grandfather well, and he rarely (if ever) spoke of his wartime experience. But having that family connection to one of the most monumental events in history, still brings those grainy black and white images to life.

Over the years, I have been incredibly fortunate to have taken several trips to Europe, where I've walked some of the most infamous battlefields of the First World War, including Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Verdun, the Somme, and Ypres. On one such trip in 2011, I was able to bring my family connection full circle. Armed with my great grandfather's service record, I was able to locate the approximate spot where he was wounded back in 1916. He was wounded near Thiepval, and his unit is commemorated on the nearby Ulster Memorial Tower pictured here. It felt great to finally bring this piece of family history to a close and I'm always reminded that history is never truly in the past.

--- Mr. Clark

Coles Note

What a time. I feel like we're living a period...a very specific period...in which students need teachers more than they ever have. Not teachers to lecture or deliver content...teachers to be alongside, to help work out what is happening, what it means, and how to respond and incorporate it all. Right in the middle of this very period, so many students are without their teachers, and even for us, we're compromised by distance, by screens, and by less time together. There's some sadness to all this, isn't there? Students and teachers are tired, because they've stayed with this all, and with each other. Not like we all wish we could have, but still meaningfully. Term 4 ends in two weeks, and there will be so much to look back on, for so long, and in so many ways. I hope we can all feel that we did our best.

Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future, and renders the present inaccessible. -Maya Angelou