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160 000 \$ pour les estomacs creux



Sophie Leduc, directrice des finances à la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships, Michael Murray, président de la CSET, Dawn Irving, directrice de l'école primaire de Lennoxville, et Me Robert Downey, un des deux colliqudateurs de James Strickland. Spectre Média, René Marquis



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(Sherbrooke) Les élèves de la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships (CSET) ont droit à un coup de pouce bien particulier. Un citoyen de Sherbrooke, James Strickland, a légué plus de 160 000 \$ dans un don testamentaire afin de soutenir des programmes visant à nourrir les enfants qui ne mangent pas à leur faim.

Le fonds servira à toutes les écoles primaires de la CSET, mais une aide particulière sera réservée pour l'école primaire de Lennoxville, située dans l'arrondissement du même nom.

« L'objectif est d'assurer aux jeunes qui n'en ont pas, un petit déjeuner qui leur permettra d'être bien nourris », a indiqué le président de la CSET, Michael Murray.

Les fonds qui ont été versés serviront entre autres à bonifier l'aide qui est déjà offerte. L'école primaire de Lennoxville compte elle-même un Club des petits déjeuners. Aider les enfants à bien se nourrir les aide à se développer à leur potentiel, a souligné le président de la CSET.

« Nous avons toujours des besoins, des familles moins bien nanties, malgré la réputation de richesse de la communauté anglophone », a-t-il fait valoir.

Qui était ce citoyen qui résidait dans le secteur de Lennoxville?

« James Strickland était un enfant de la crise de 1929. Il a vu les enfants pendant la crise, la misère. Il y a des enfants qui ne passaient la journée qu'avec un seul repas. Il a toujours été fier que sa mère puisse mettre de bons repas sur la table », ont raconté les colliqudateurs de M. Strickland, décédé en 2014. Me Robert Downey a notamment travaillé sur ce dossier.

Le soutien financier à un programme alimentaire à la suite de son décès est donc devenu une suite logique, ont-ils également fait valoir, pour expliquer les vœux de M. Strickland.

La CSET prévoit utiliser une somme d'environ 10 000 \$ pour les besoins immédiats et placer la somme restante, note M. Murray. Les dons testamentaires sont occasionnels à la CSET. Le dévoilement de ce don s'est justement fait en public afin de sensibiliser la population à ce type de don.

James Strickland leaves a legacy of full bellies and full hearts

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Last week the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) passed a resolution to accept a bequest from James Strickland, agreeing to the condition that the funds be used for school meal programs. Yesterday, the liquidators of Strickland's estate handed a cheque in the amount of \$160,488.55 to the ETSB, officially launching the James Strickland Fund, which will help support meal programs for elementary students in the ETSB.



A small group of Strickland's friends and family joined members of the ETSB for the presentation of the cheque, which took place at Lennoxville Elementary School (LES).

In 2014, at 92-years-old, Strickland began the process of redrafting his will. The estate liquidators explained that Strickland was a child during the Great Depression.

"He was always proud that his mother could put a good meal on the table," they said, adding that she often shared with other hungry kids in the neighbourhood.

Recognizing the importance of a good meal, Strickland, in his later years, was a consistent supporter of the LES annual spaghetti supper fundraiser.

“All of a sudden a light flickered,” the liquidators explained; helping hungry kids became the logical conclusion for Strickland’s estate.

While a remittance is normally delivered privately, the ETSB requested it be done in public so that Strickland’s generosity could be acknowledged and celebrated.

ETSB Chairman Mike Murray, who accepted the cheque on behalf of the board, said that it is an important factor in education to ensure that students are well-nourished.

“It is critical to provide nourishment to those who don’t get it from other sources,” Murray said, adding that the ETSB is eternally grateful for all they receive from the community.

Because Strickland was a Lennoxville resident and associated with the local school, Murray said LES will receive a privileged portion of the fund. He added that an ongoing investment of \$150,000 will continue to build interest so that the fund can continue supporting meal programs for years to come.

Murray pointed out that the James Strickland Fund is for elementary school students.

While the schools in the ETSB each have their own versions of meal programs and fund them with different community endeavours, Strickland’s bequest will be used to help with shortfalls.

LES Principal Dawn Irving said LES currently has a breakfast program. “It’s run on donations, but we never know how long,” she said.

“Community support varies from year to year,” Murray said, explaining that students are as hungry at the end of the year as they are at the beginning.

“These funds can fill those kinds of gaps,” Murray said.

When asked if the board intends to actively promote the James Strickland Fund and solicit additional donations, Murray said that is not their intention at this stage, but that if a member of the public wanted to make a donation specifically to the fund, the ETSB would have no objections.

The Record asked if the fund was available strictly for the purchase of food, or if it could be used for other purchases that could improve meal programs in ETSB schools.

Strickland’s estate liquidators explained that it was not Strickland’s intention to tie the hands of the school board; his intention was to ensure children in need receive a proper meal. The language of the bequest is deliberately vague so that if a school were to present a creative solution for feeding hungry kids, it would not be out of the question.

The fund will be a matter of public record, they added, with a special accounting page in the ETSB budget.

Following the presentation of the cheque, Alfred Whittier stood up to say a few words about Strickland, who was his first cousin.

Strickland was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Sherbrooke Hussars, Whittier explained. He was also involved in music and was a member of the Amadeus Choir in Sherbrooke.

Strickland was also a piano player with a knack for ragtime music.

Whittier said that Strickland was an avid cyclist. In 1988 he went on a solo 33-day bike trip from B.C. to Sherbrooke. In 1993, at 70-years-old, Strickland cycled from L.A. to Boston with a group as part of a fundraiser for cancer. "He was a real gentleman," Whittier said. "Jim contributed to every worthy cause there was," he commented. "Not just one or two, oodles of them. I don't think he said no to anybody."

Whittier wasn't aware of his cousin's bequest to the ETSB, but said the gesture was not at all out of character for Strickland.

"Jim was a really involved member of our community," Whittier said. "His legacy will live on with this donation."

Local graduate makes good



photo Stanstead Journal

A generous donation gladly accepted by ETSB president Michael Murray under the eyes of representatives of the man responsible for the bequest.

Staff, Sherbrooke, Lennoxville

James Maxwell Strickland, one of the pioneers of the Quebec Anglophone Cegep network, died last year in January. What was not known at the time was that the Eastern Townships School Board was to receive a bequeath in the amount of \$160,488 to provide support for families of elementary school children in the ETSB, who need help to provide nutritious meals for their children.

Mr. Strickland would had been 95 this year. Before joining Champlain Regional College in 1971, he had been associated with National Life. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and Commanding Officer of the Sherbrooke Hussars.

He was a graduate of Sherbrooke High School.

Stanstead Journal, August 30, 2017

Commission scolaire Eastern Townships - Retour en classe pour l'année scolaire 2017-2018

Magog, 28 août 2017 – Le mercredi 30 août 2017 est le jour de la rentrée pour les élèves du primaire et du secondaire de la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships (CSET). Le personnel des écoles et des centres accueillera cette année plus de 5350 élèves au primaire et au secondaire de même que plus de 1100 étudiants à l'éducation aux adultes et à la formation professionnelle. La CSET est heureuse d'annoncer que ce nombre représente une augmentation de sa clientèle étudiante pour une quatrième année consécutive.

Les écoles et les centres prêts pour une nouvelle année scolaire

Ces derniers jours, les différentes équipes-écoles ont été occupées à préparer la nouvelle année scolaire et elles sont maintenant prêtes à accueillir les élèves. Comme c'est la tradition à la CSET, les membres de l'équipe de direction visiteront chacune des écoles et des centres afin de souhaiter la bienvenue aux enseignants, au personnel de soutien, aux professionnels, aux chauffeurs d'autobus et aux directions d'école de retour au travail.

Un environnement qui soutient la réussite scolaire

Toujours avec le souci d'offrir un environnement accueillant et favorable à l'apprentissage, la CSET investira près 4.1 millions de dollars dans ses infrastructures en 2017-2018. Les projets incluent l'entretien et la rénovation de ses bâtiments et terrains de même que l'amélioration et l'ajout de terrains de jeux et d'espaces verts.

Éducation aux adultes et formation professionnelle... atteindre vos buts !

Le personnel des quatre centres d'éducation aux adultes et de formation professionnelle encouragera plus de 1100 étudiants à atteindre leurs buts durant cette année. Que ce soit pour compléter le secondaire, obtenir un certificat, changer de carrière ou relever un nouveau défi, le personnel des centres est formé de professionnels compétents qui se consacrent à guider les étudiants adultes vers le développement et l'atteinte de leur plein potentiel.

Faire partie du programme d'élèves internationaux... vivre l'expérience d'une vie !

Le programme d'élèves internationaux accueillera dans les écoles, centres et les communautés cette année près de 71 élèves venant de partout à travers le monde. Plusieurs d'entre eux seront accueillis au sein d'une nouvelle famille grâce au programme de logement dans les familles d'accueil et auront ainsi la chance de vivre un échange culturel privilégié, unique et intime.

Comptant 20 écoles primaires, 3 écoles secondaires, deux centres d'éducation aux adultes, deux centres de formation professionnelle, un programme de formation à distance et un programme d'élèves internationaux, la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships peut offrir des services éducatifs aux élèves provenant des régions de l'Estrie et de la Montérégie. Nous offrons aux élèves l'avantage d'étudier dans un environnement bilingue, d'être soutenus par des adultes attentionnés et par une approche technologique intégrée à la pédagogie, centrée sur l'élève.

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Replet du bac, August 30, 2017

Eastern Townships School Board – Back to school for the 2017-2018 school year!

**Sharon Priest,
ETSB
Special collaboration**

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 is back to school for students in the elementary and secondary levels at the Eastern Townships School Board. Personnel in schools and centres will be greeting over 5350 students at the elementary and secondary level, in addition to 1100 in the adult education and vocational training sectors. The Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) is pleased to announce that this represents an increase in its student population for the fourth year in a row.

Schools and Centres ready for the new school year!

School personnel have been busy over the last few days preparing for the new school year and are ready to welcome the students back. As is the tradition with the ETSB, members from senior management are visiting each and every school, taking the time to welcome teachers, support staff, professionals, bus drivers and administrators back to work.

An Environment that Supports Student Success!

In keeping with its commitment to provide a quality-learning environment that is also welcoming, the ETSB will invest close to 4.1 million in its infrastructure for the 2017-2018 school year. Projects include maintenance, remodeling and refurbishing of buildings and

grounds as well as upgrades and additions to playgrounds and green spaces.

Adult Education & Vocational Training...reaches your goals! In addition, our four Adult Education and Vocational Training Centres will help over 1100 students throughout the year to achieve their goals. Be it finishing high school, getting a certificate, or changing careers and taking on a new challenge, the personnel in our centres are professionals trained and dedicated to guiding our adult students so that they can reach their potential.

Be a Part of the International Students Program...experience the journey of a lifetime!

The successful International Student Program will be welcoming close to 71 students from across the globe into schools, centres and communities this year. Many will become part of a new family in the homestay program, providing a unique and up close cultural exchange.

The Eastern Townships School Board provides educational services for students in the Estrie and Montérégie areas with 20 elementary schools, three high schools, two adult education centres, two vocational training centres, a distance education and an international student program. We offer students the advantage of studying in a bilingual environment, led by caring adults and supported with a comprehensive technology initiative that is student focused.

STANSTEAD JOURNAL, AUGUST 30, 2017

Another successful year for Operation Backpack

By Matthew McCully

Operation Backpack was launched in 2015 with a goal of equipping students in need with the necessary school supplies to start the year off on the right foot.

Thanks to community support and a group of dedicated volunteers, the campaign was able to provide another group of students with backpacks and supplies this year.

"It's going exceptionally well," said Kathyne Owen, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Lennoxville and District Women's Centre, which now manages the campaign.

Owen said the campaign surpassed its \$10,000 funding goal this year and was able to provide backpacks to between 80-100 students at Lennoxville Elementary School and Alexander Galt High School, including a number of feeder schools where students will be heading to Galt for the first time.

Owen credited the hard work of the Operation Backpack committee and volunteers for the success of the campaign.

"This committee wears all hats all the time," she said, explaining they are ambassadors for the campaign wherever they go, always trying to increase visibility and find new ways to fundraise to level the playing field for students with families in financial difficulty. They also bargain shop, organize and assemble all the supplies by grade and deliver them to the schools for pick-up.

"They do it all," she said.

Owen added that in addition to donations from individuals, several local churches, businesses and other community organizations have been supporting Operation Backpack consistently since it launched in 2015.

A testament to the importance of the campaign, Owen said that Operation Backpack received a donation from the Prom Fairies this year.

While Operation Backpack helps students start school on the right foot, the Prom Fairies campaign aims to help graduating students in need end their high school careers on a high note.

The Prom Fairies managed to help the students on their list and had a surplus at the end of last year's campaign.

Understanding the importance of starting the year off right, Owen said the Prom Fairies donated their surplus to Operation Backpack.

The more backpacks the better

The Sherbrooke Rotary Club also has a backpack campaign, now in its eighth year, directed towards students entering elementary school for the first time.

Last week, the Rotary Club handed out 326 bags to English and French schools from Bury to Stanstead.

Thanks to the generosity of Townshippers and dedicated volunteers, over 400 students from across the Townships will walk into schools this week with heads held high and backpacks full of everything they need for a successful year.



ETSB meeting highlights

**Victoria Vanier
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At the ETSB Council of Commissioners' meeting on August 22nd, 2017, the following appointments were adopted: Ms. Gail Kelso appointed as Director of Complementary Services; David Scott appointed as Principal 50 % of Mansonville Elementary and Vice-Principal 50% Massey-Vanier High School; Ms. Diane Vokey appointed as Vice-Principal 50% at Massey-Vanier.

A by-election for Commissioner of Ward 2 (Brigham, Bromont, Cowansville, Dunham, East Farnham and Frelighsburg) will be held on October 29th to replace Gregg Thomson, who resigned. The Council unanimously approved the creation of the James Strickland Fund to provide support for families of elementary school children in the ETSB to provide nutritious meals to their children. The fund will support breakfast and hot lunch programs, etc.

Other resolutions passed during the meeting were a request to the Education and Higher Learning Ministry for extra space at Drummondville Elementary School; leasing and maintenance agreements for the CLSC Stanstead; the delegation of certain functions to the Director General and Director of Operations; and Membership to the Conseil Sport Loisir de l'Estrie.

Director General Christian Provencher presented his annual plan for the coming school year.

Coaticook MRC finalizes SADD

**Victoria Vanier
Coaticook**

Coaticook MRC During the last meeting of the MRC Coaticook on August 23rd, the council accepted to apply for the ARTERRE service, a land bank service headed by the CRAAQ (Quebec Reference Center for Agriculture and Agri-food). This accompaniment service aims to contribute to the vitality of communities through dynamic agriculture that relies on the establishment of the next generation who are not related to farm producers or who work outside of the traditional family farm setting.

In 2016 and in the spring of 2017, the Coaticook MRC proceeded, using the services of Ducks Unlimited, with the mapping of the wet zones of the Coaticook River's drainage basin to produce a complete analysis. Ducks Unlimited recently offered to complete the mapping of wet zones for the entire MRC. Since the ministry has made it mandatory that the MRC's proceed with a wet zone protection plan in the next five years, the Coaticook MRC decided to accept Phase 2 as proposed by Ducks Unlimited so as to have a reliable and detailed cartography. The organization will carry out

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First day of school for ETSB

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Students from the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) had their first day of classes yesterday. According to ETSB Communications Coordinator Sharon Priest, the student population has increased for the fourth year in a row.



This year over 5350 students are enrolled at the elementary and secondary level, as well as 1,100 in adult education and vocational training centres. There are also roughly 70 students from the international student program roaming the ETSB halls this year.

Priest told The Record that getting the students to and from school involves 68 bus routes in the eastern sector and 47 routes in the western sector, travelling a combined 15875 km daily.

With the beginning of classes comes a reminder to drivers that the big yellow busses occupying the roads, often during rush hour, making frequent stops, are carrying precious cargo.

The children getting on and off busses may be nervous first time riders; they may be in a hurry and forget to look both ways before crossing the road; they may absent mindedly crouch down to tie their shoe in a vehicle's blind spot.

School zones will also see a general increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic from parents dropping their kids off, or students who walk to school.