



Going Going Gone Green!

By Sasha Karp

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As of October 31, 2008 Jewish People and Peretz School has officially gone green! “We need to change the kid’s attitude towards the environment.” said JPPS vice-principal Debra Michael. The idea of “going green” was influenced by a Home & School mom who visited our school last year. She brought it to the school’s attention that we have too much waste in our garbage. Fact: last school year we threw out almost 80 000 JUICE BOXES. Now we will recycle them, “But recycling isn’t good enough.” added Debra, “Recycling is good but not having garbage in the first place is better.”

Last year our school was an ecological mess; there was trash in the recycling bins and recyclable material in the garbage cans.

Many biodegradable things were also being thrown out such as fruits and vegetables, that had been left untouched, peels, bones and other perishables. Fortunately, our good-hearted school janitor Alan Soll has been taking our uneaten fruits and vegetables to the deer in the Laurentiens. For lunch, the students are advised to bring Tupperware and reusable cutlery to school and to bring their waste back home. However, even though the children have been taking home their reusable containers, the non-recyclable waste is still being thrown out.

**Recycling is great but
WASTE FREE
is really
the way to go!**



It appears that the students like the idea of helping the environment but do not agree with the schools method, “I like how we’re helping the environment, but I don’t like taking the plastic home”, said third-grade student Jacob Nyveen.

A large proportion of grade 6 students said that the school going green “didn’t accomplish anything” and that “the only thing accomplished was getting kids to lose their spoons” That’s why we must persevere and go further than that and maybe one day have a completely waste free school.



Look Ma, No Garbage!



JPPS Kids Rock!

Kindergarten Celebrates Chanukah

By Rosy Atkin

On December 10th, 11th, and 12th, something very special happened at JPPS. No, the grade 6ers didn't go on another field trip. Nope, the Grade 4ers didn't go to the new Museum exhibit. The grade 5ers weren't even part of it. It's time for us to concentrate on the most important of all the grades.....KINDERGARTEN! On December , 10th, 11th, and 12th 2008, the Kindergarteners had their Chanukah Celebration! At 8:30 am, there was singing and dancing for the Festival of Lights from our very own JPPS Kindergarteners in the gym. "I'm really excited" said Marla W, "I'm also really excited for Chanukah, because I love getting presents!" "I love spinning the dreidel!" added Joshua E. Sara Z and Noah F, also said that they love getting presents and eating the traditional jelly dough nuts!



Photos by Joshua Jagermann

Grade 5 Sees Stars

By Ilana Nyveen

The grade 5 students of JPPS went on a field trip to the Planetarium on December 2nd. These children had the opportunity to learn about stars, planets and space altogether while having a great time with simulations. David Portnoy said he liked the moon. Mr. Jean Drapeau, who was Montréal's mayor at the time, founded the Planetarium on April 1, 1966. Breanna Sherman said "It was hard to understand because it was in French" because she got a different simulation than the other classes.

The Planetarium is a part of the Montreal Nature Museums, which also includes the Botanical Gardens, the Insectarium, and the Biodome.

In Search Of Something Delicious

By Ilana Nyveen

There are so many different kinds of hot lunches, but which one is your favorite? I went around the school asking kids of every grade what their favorite hot lunch is.

The most popular hot lunch is pizza. Each student liked it for a reason. Shayna Brooks and David Portnoy like the cheese while Zachary Scholzberg likes the crust. Then again, Zackary Rubin likes how big it is. Jamie Katz likes soup because it warms her up and Rachel Cohen likes

soup because it's her favorite food. Breanna likes pasta because it's her favorite food. Brett Spector likes ice cream, and these are just some of the many children in the school who like hot lunch.

**From soup to stir fry,
and pizza to pasta,
we all like hot lunches!**



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Gym Jam

Starring Peter Walcott

By Zachary Ornstein

This article is about the gym teacher at JPPS. His name is Peter Walcott. Not only is Peter one of the new gym teachers at JPPS but he is also the basketball coach at Dawson College. The reason why Peter wanted to become a gym teacher in the first place is because he loves to be around children and he grew up playing competitive sports, for Peter, teaching competitive sports was the obvious career choice.

So far Peter is having an amazing time at JPPS. His favourite thing at JPPS is how all of the children and the teachers act like one big family. Peter's preference is to teach children every sport no matter if it involves running, throwing or even jumping.

I think Peter is very busy, he coaches the girl and boy's basketball team, and does after school activities such as soccer, and floor hockey and he has a family to take care of. As you can see Peter is a great man who loves to teach other children all about his passions.

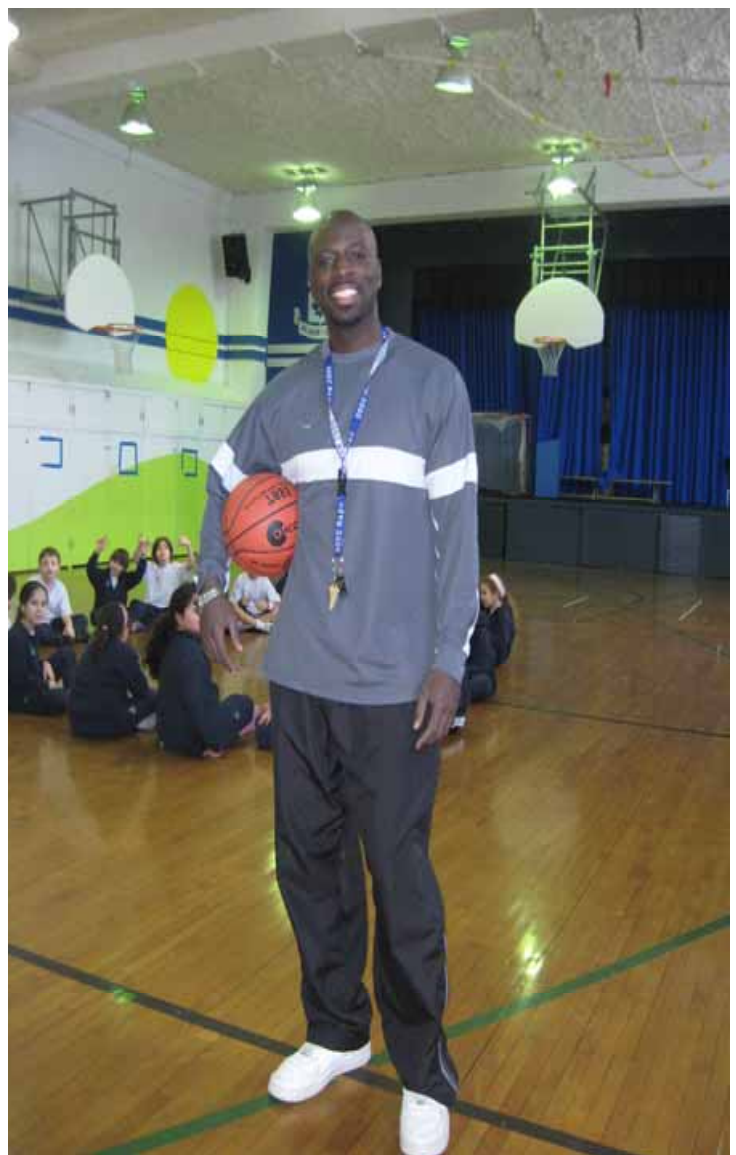


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Look for other “new faces” in future issues.



By Micko Benrimoh

On November 22nd, Patrick Roy received a dream come true. The Montreal Canadiens retired his jersey, number 33. It is the second time his number has been retired, the first time by the Colorado Avalanche. The attendees at the ceremony were family and friends and some old coaches and staff of the Avalanche and the Canadiens, who spoke about Roy and his successful career that began in 1986 and ended in 2003. Roy has won four Stanley cup championships and two NHL records for goalies. Many attended the ceremony for a simple reason, that reason being Patrick Roy. Roy now coaches the QMJHL Quebec City Ramparts hockey team where his son Jonathon plays goalie. Number 33 now hangs at the Bell Center among the other great Canadian players.

JPPS Basketball Team Makes Headlines

By Eran Stysis

After three hard tryouts, Peter Walcott has come to a conclusion. He chose grade sixers and grade fivers. The boy's team is: Eran and Guy Stysis, Jordan Pearson, Shawn Gordon, Aidan Strasser, Michael Waxman, Mathew Oppenheim, Stav Davidson, Jeremy Held, Jacob Green, Benjamin Zoldan, and lastly, Ezra Cohen. They already had away games and home games. On November 26, the J.P.P.S Pugs had their first game against Akiva. The Pugs beat Akiva 36 to 18. The Pugs were so happy and proud of themselves. Being over confident cost the Pugs their second game against Yavne. It's only the second game and it's too early in the season to be doubting that anything can happen. The coach said, "it's good

that we lost, it put us on a humble level". That thinking prevailed as JPPS won their third game (36-6) over UTT Beutel.

Members of the Girls' Team: Mor Argaman, Rosy Atkin, Natasha Azoulay, Lauren Grunspan, Danielle Katz, Nicole Kitner, Jordana Singer, Andie Spector, Zoe Sukster, Jennifer Titleman, Jesse Young, Zoe Young

Photo by Igor Novakovich



Look for a feature on the girls' team in our next issue.

JPPS Appreciates Art

By Rachel Mendelson

Irène Krausz is the art appreciation teacher who comes to our school about three times a year, so I thought it would be a good idea to interview her. The following are excerpts from our interview. “Hi Jpps, As an art teacher, I love to teach children art and talking about art history with them. I also like to bring in posters for the kids and for them to draw what they have seen. Those are the things I like to do with the kids and they like to do them to (I hope!)” “Every grade has a different program and they are all fun to do. Every grade is different, fun, easy, nice and creative to work with. It is just so nice that I get to spend my career working with children as I love them and they are so wonderful at art.” “When I was teaching French at Jpps for thirty years I grew to love art. When I taught art in my program and the students loved it, I ended up taking up art history as my career when I retired. For five years, that is the story on how I am an art history

Love in the Jungle

By Jamie Sterlin

You probably know of “Madagascar” the movie but do you know “Madagascar 2”? In this movie Alex the lion finds his mom and dad and then the family is banished from the waterhole. Gloria the hippo finds love with another hippo but it turns out Melman the giraffe is the one she really loves. Something is up with

teacher in your school today.”

“JPPS is the only school that I work for and it always will be.

For one reason: I wrote the program for JPPS and I want to leave it that way. I love our school and I think it is very special. Thank – you all I love this school it means everything to me!”

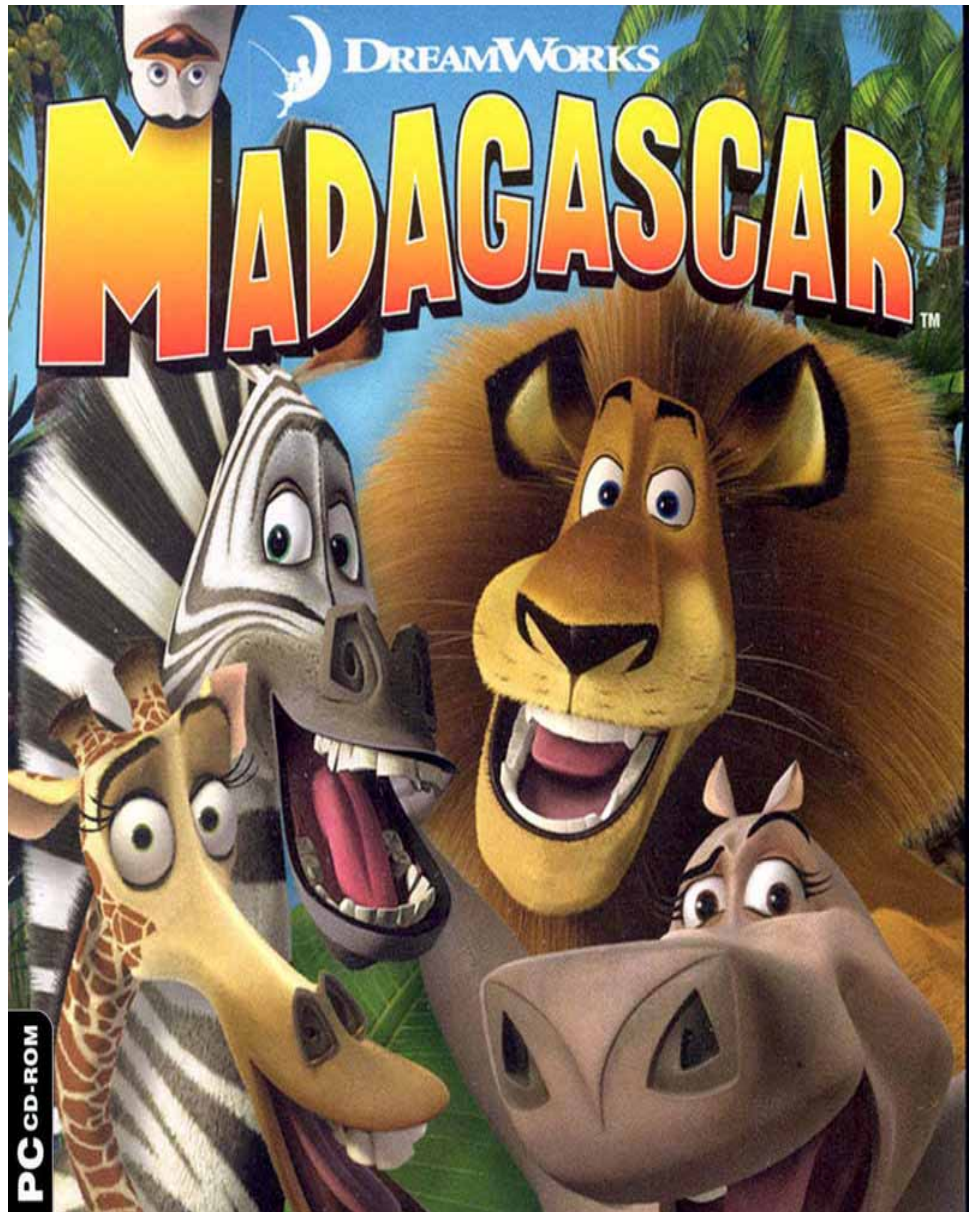


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Melman! Marty the zebra looks and does everything like all the other zebras in Africa and because Alex can't tell him apart from the rest, Marty gets mad and is not Alex's friend any more! What to do? Is everything going to be ok? I suggest you go and watch this super funny movie!

Twilight Descends on JPPS

By Ilana Nyveen

On November 21, the movie *Twilight* came out in theatres. This movie was based on the book *Twilight* written by Stephenie Meyer. Starring Kristen Stewart as Bella, Robert Pattinson as Edward and Cam Gigandet as James, I give *Twilight* 4 stars. I don't think that they portrayed Edward as well as they could have. In the movie, he wasn't as drawn to Bella as he was in the book. Robert was a fantastic vampire, but he wasn't as romantic and protective as Edward. Edward is a vampire that drinks only animal blood. Bella, the girl he is in love with has the best smell. Find out if he resists or gives in to temptation. Kristen Stewart seemed to fit the description of Bella, but she didn't look like she loved Edward, more like she thought of him as some sort of mysterious unknown person, which he was at the beginning, but later on her expression should not have been the same. In the book, she is a klutzy brave girl that discovers a family of vampires in the small town of Forks. I think Cam Gigandet did a great job. James is the sadistic vampire villain in this story.

Photo by Joshua Jagermann

He had just the sort of evil personality that Stephenie described. The pacing in this movie was a huge issue that kept this movie from going up to a 5. The events came one after another and when you were watching, it was like Bella had been with vampires all her life. She didn't seem shocked at all.

Then there was the matter of Edward and Bella's relationship. One minute they were avoiding each other, the next she falls deeply in love and vice versa.

This was a pretty good movie, as far as adaptations go. I thought that it should not be considered a replacement for the book, but more a different outlook on the *Twilight* world. If you are expecting each event in the book to be presented on screen, forget it. However, if you want a book about a relationship between a vampire and a human, and about another vampire that will stop at nothing to eat her, this is the movie for you.



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A Timeless Debate, the Movie or the Book?

By Rosy Atkin

Unless you've been living under a rock for the past three months, you've probably heard of the four-book-series, and now movie, Twilight. Twilight is about a teenager named Bella, who moves to a tiny town in Washington called Forks, and she falls in love with a beautiful vampire named Edward Cullen. The thing with Edward, is that he loves her, but sometimes thirsts for her blood. Soon enough, Bella is swept into the dangerous and bloody world of vampires, and not all of them are like Edward and his family.

I myself, have been swept up into the Twilight craze, as I'm currently reading the third install-

ment of the series, called Eclipse. (The other books in the series are called: Twilight, New Moon, and Breaking Dawn) I also recently saw the Twilight movie, and it was also very good...mostly thanks to Rob Pattinson (the actor who plays Edward).....but I won't get into that....

From loving the books, and movie, I realized that there are, in general, two types of Twilight fans. The book-reader, and the movie-watcher. Below you will find two interviews: One, of a movie-watcher, and one of a book-reader. I wanted to show that even though they are both fans of Twilight, how different they could be, but then again, how similar.....

Movie Watcher: Mor Argaman

Q: What was the first thing that attracted you to see the movie, Twilight in the first place? “The first thing that attracted me to see the movie was probably Robert Pattinson (Edward Cullen).

Q: After you first heard of the book, did you think the movie would be as good as the movie was? “After I heard of the book, I thought the movie would be okay, but it was amazing.”

Q: Do you think you will read the books in the future or just wait for the other movies to come out? “I think I will read the books really soon, because I just can't wait for the other movies to come out and THEN read the books!”

Book Reader: Yana Iossel

Q: What do you love most about the book, in general? “I love the way when you're reading the book, it's like you are right there watching it.”

Q: Of course the book is always better than the movie, but are there any scenes in the movie, that you prefer to the book? “Well, I love the fight scene in the movie! INTENSE! I also love the actors/actresses. Robert (Edward) has a very nice sense of humor, and they add in little jokes in the film which you don't get in the book.”

Q: To follow up with the above question, what are the standout things you prefer in the book, compared to the movie? In the book, Edward and Bella seem more real, and somehow more magical. The Nomads, (the central villains of the first book), also seem more evil in the book.”

Editorial Page

A coalition, is it right?

By Adam Grad

These past couple of months after Canada's federal election, Stephane, Dion (Liberal leader), Jack Layton (NDP leader) and Gilles Duceppe (Bloc Quebecois leader) formed a coalition to try and overthrow the current conservative government. Just a couple of months ago. Canada voted and Harper won 143 seats apposed to Dion's 76 seats. Canada wants Harper as their leader!

Ellen Smiley, a grade five and six English teacher had this to say about the coalition; "When I heard of this I was utterly shocked and disappointed!" She also said that 3 different parties with three different views would not serve the country well. Finally, she agrees with Governor General Michaëlle Jean's decision to prorogue (suspend) Parliament. Aside from all the negative things, there is some good in this idea. Harper released a less than stellar budget. The idea of his government being overthrown now has him on the alert. Thanks to Jean's decision, Harper now has a chance to release a better budget. If nothing improves, something should be done. The coalition most probably will not go as far as taking him out of power. But if the situation does not improve, they will most likely act.

Obama

Barack Obama with Family. (From left) His daughter Malia Ann his oldest, his wife Michelle Robinson, his other daughter Natasha ("Sasha") and of course Barack Obama.

The Last Word

By Ryan Alexander

Everyone in the student body should know USA President Elect Barack Obama. In this very important matter I feel that John McCain (leader of the Republican party and Barack Obama's opponent) put up a strong fight. As all of you know Barack Obama is the first African American President of The United States of America, one of the most powerful countries in the world. This is a huge leap for the world because what people do not realize is that only thirty to sixty years ago, African American people had to sit in the back of the bus.

They were slaves, they were treated like the scum of the earth, like they had no soul. We as the Jewish nation are familiar with this because of the Holocaust and how Hitler also treated us like the scum of the earth, like we had no soul but we stood strong like the African Americans back then. So by Barack Obama becoming President maybe the world has started to accept people for who they are, not by the color of their skin or for what they believe in. This is why we should rejoice and celebrate Barack Obama's victory. This is how I feel about President Elect Barack Obama's victory.





EIGHT TO FOUR (05) & MORE ...

A Note from the Staff Advisor

Working on our first issue has been both challenging and rewarding. All the work for this paper was done by the students - story ideas, writing, editing, art and photography. Everyone worked very hard and learned through doing. We hope that our newspaper will continue to improve as we become more comfortable with our new roles and more familiar with the world of newspapers. In future issues we hope to have balanced coverage of all the exciting happenings at JPPS. We hope you enjoyed this first issue and remember it's only the beginning.

Thank you to all the newspaper staff. You are a great team and I'm proud of you all.

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