

Beurling Academy of the Lester B. Pearson School Board) **pictured above**; Rosemount Technology Centre, **Silvana Crigna** (teacher, John F. Kennedy Business Centre); Royal Vale Elementary, **Elizabeth Lagodich** (Centennial Regional High, Riverside School Board.) **Daniella Lattanzio** is the acting principal at St. Dorothy Elementary School. Interim vice-principal appointments are: **Vito Guerriero** (John Paul I); **Michael Brown** (Laurent Hill); **Mark Ellinger** (Vincent Massey); **Denise Maroun** (Marymount Adult Centre); and **Robert Raes** (St. Laurent Adult Centre).

RETIREMENTS

Principals who took their retirement after the last academic year were **Mary Reynolds** (Royal West Academy), **Maria Di Perna** (East Hill Elementary), **Connie Forese** (Willingdon Elementary), **Tina Ottoni** (St. Gabriel Elementary), **Pina Rizzi** (General Vanier), **Anna Pecora** (Our Lady of Pompei)...The one vice-principals to retire was **Rosaria Trupia** (High School of Montreal Adult Education Centre).

PERSONNEL

Eileen Kelly, who most recently served as principal of Laurier Macdonald High School in St. Léonard, is taking a leave of absence to explore another opportunity

TRIP TO ISRAEL

Seven teachers from Quebec, including two from the EMSB, returned from Israel in July from a three week experience as part of the Yad Vashem International Seminar for Educators. From the EMSB, teachers **Jason Lipstein** (General Vanier Elementary School in St. Léonard) and **Stacey Blumer** (Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North) were selected as recipients of the 2011 Riva and Thomas O. Hecht Scholarship, Teaching of the Holocaust for Educators Program. They are pictured at the right. The Hechts also sponsored two teachers from the Lester B. Pearson School Board: **Anne Edgar** (St. Edmund Elementary School in Beaconsfield) and **David Barbiero** (Beaconsfield High School). Two others were from French schools and third from the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre. The teachers took part in a professional development program under the direction of the Faculty of the Yad Vashem Seminars for Educators from Abroad, International School for Holocaust Studies. The goal of the program is to provide professional development activities to teachers for teaching about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism to students in the youth Sector. Each recipient will now be asked to create at least one teaching unit or module developed within the context learned at the Yad Vashem experience for implementation in the classroom. You can read more about the trip [here](#) and also log on to Jason Lipstein's [personal commentary](#).



PERSPECTIVES STUDENT THRIVES

Last spring Perspectives I High School students **Melissa Jordon-Orrell**, **Edward Peluso** and **Mickael Mechaly** were winners in the Regional Golden Key-ING Direct National Writing Competition. Their stories *Animals in Nunavut*, *The Lost Opportunity* and *Perfect Flaws*, won first, second and third place respectively. Each winner received cash prizes for their original, well written stories that best fit the Golden Key pillars and values. Their stories were entered into the national competition. Out of hundreds of stories from across Canada, Edward Peluso (now a Secondary IV student at Perspectives II) placed second overall in Canada, winning a \$500 prize from ING and a certificate from Golden Key headquarters. "I am very excited and proud of him," says head teacher **Barbara White**.

SUBURBAN EDUCATION FAIR

The EMSB does not participate in the Montreal Families Education Fair since they only hold it on the West Island. However, on Sunday, September 11 (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.) the EMSB youth and adult sectors will be represented at