



MISS EDGAR'S AND MISS CRAMP'S SCHOOL
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Miss Edgar's & Miss Cramp's School: 100 Years of Visionary Education

MAUD EDGAR AND MARY CRAMP WERE TWO REMARKABLE, PROGRESSIVE TEACHERS, WHO IN 1909 DECIDED TO START THEIR OWN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN MONTREAL. ANTICIPATING THE COMING CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF WOMEN, THESE DARING, CREATIVE AND CARING THINKERS PROVIDED THE STAMP OF INNOVATION THAT BECAME AND REMAINS THE GUIDING SPIRIT OF MISS EDGAR'S AND MISS CRAMP'S SCHOOL.

TODAY, ECS CONTINUES TO HONOUR THE INNOVATIVE SPIRIT THAT WAS THE VISION OF ITS FOUNDERS. THE SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR FEATURE SEVERAL UNIQUE EVENTS AND PROJECTS, SUCH AS THE WOMEN OF COURAGE CURRICULUM PROGRAMME. STUDENTS AND FACULTY WILL COLLABORATE WITH 13 EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN FROM THE MONTREAL COMMUNITY (SYLVIE BERNIER, LOUISE ROY, GRETTA CHAMBERS, GLORIA GROW, AND OTHERS) ON SPECIAL COMMUNITY-FOCUSED PROJECTS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED THROUGH WORKSHOPS, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS, FIELD TRIPS AND MENTORING EXPERIENCES. SOME OF THE OTHER CENTENNIAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

- **AN EDWARDIAN GARDEN PARTY, FEATURING STAFF IN PERIOD COSTUME**
- **A HEAD'S "WALKABOUT" OF THE ECS GROUNDS**
- **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AWESOME ALUMNAE AWARD TO THE SCHOOL'S OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE AT FOUNDERS' DAY**
- **"CHEERS TO 100 YEARS!" A GALA BIRTHDAY PARTY**
- **"ART WITH HEART," A FESTIVE VERNISSAGE/AUCTION, FEATURING STUDENT WORK CREATED IN TANDEM WITH PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS**
- **AN ALUMNAE CENTENNIAL BRUNCH**
- **BUQUES VERTES, A MID-WINTER OUTDOOR EVENT ON MONT ROYAL**
- **A WOMEN OF COURAGE TRIBUTE EVENING AT THE SCIENCE CENTRE**

ECS ENVISIONS ITS CENTENNIAL AS A CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF EXISTENCE, WHICH WILL ALSO SERVE AS A SPRINGBOARD TO LAUNCH ITS NEXT 100 YEARS. WHILE THE SCHOOL'S COMMUNITY MEMBERS WISH TO REFLECT ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND LONGEVITY, THEIR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO LOOK FORWARD TOWARDS AN EXCITING FUTURE IN WHICH ECS STUDENTS WILL BECOME EVEN MORE CONNECTED TO THE DYNAMIC CITY THAT HAS LONG BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CROSSROADS.

As they celebrate, ECS will therefore be reaching out to develop partnerships with the Montreal community, in events such as *Luques Vertes*, organized in concert with *Les Amis de la Montagne*. ECS will build upon the vision of its founders by providing the girls of ECS with unique educational opportunities in a caring and supportive environment like no other. This includes supporting a well-rounded education that develops the skills necessary to succeed and give back to the 21st Century world.

In order to accomplish this, ECS's celebration of its first 100 years will support the creation of a Centennial Endowment. One of the primary objectives of this fund will be the establishment of a scholarship for Junior School (Kindergarten to Grade 5) which will make the benefits of an ECS education accessible to very young girls at the most critical point in their academic development.

When Maud Edgar and Mary Cramp looked towards the future in 1909, they already saw our world on the horizon: a world where women play leading roles in all sectors of human endeavour, from guiding large corporations, to making life-altering scientific discoveries, to leading nations. Now, 100 years later, current ECS leaders, faculty, staff, students, and community members feels it's their turn to cast their gaze forward and to create their own vision of the future.