

Radio Enfant

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Live in 3,2,1!

An ordinary class was transformed as Parkdale's sixth grade students produced and hosted a live radio show about Canada's favourite sport and pastime –hockey. Mme. Nancy and Mme. Laetitia's French classes began preparing for the show six weeks before the full segment would air on channel 102.3 FM April 27th, 2016.

Each week the classes dedicated two hours to research and compiling show elements. Nathan and Jean-Philipp co-hosted the segment. Laila talked about the history of female hockey and Ashton reported on community hockey in St. Laurent.

Through this hands-on experience, students practiced their French reading and writing skills. They acquired valuable on-air skills including meeting deadlines as well as practicing and re-writing scripts to fit time limits.

Anthony learned to continue reading the script, even when slipping on a word. Kothai pointed out the toughest part was perfecting the overall timing of the show with tons of practice.

“We would do it again, but with a [new] subject,” said the students. Their pre-show nerves were quickly replaced with excitement when it was time to get behind the microphone and report their story.

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