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Building Blocks

In wanting to be liked, Americans are no different from anyone else. "Who of us doesn't want to be

liked?" he asks rhetorically. "On, there's the odd person who sits on top of a flagpole, perhaps. But the something that they get in childhood. It's a necessary

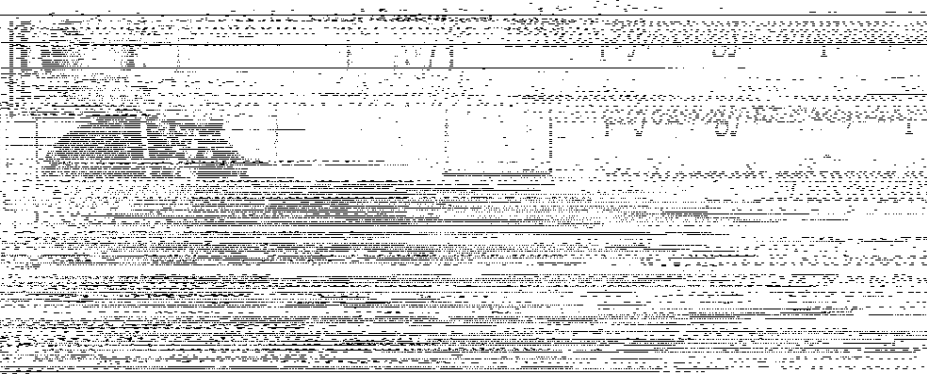
If you search the name William Blatz you'll find a link to an episode of the old CBC debating show *Righting Words* that originally aired in April 1950.

Three ninetys — novelist ROBERTSON DAVIES, poet and discuss a proposition put forth by that week's guest provocateur, the English writer J.B. Priestley, who

of contention is that Americans "grow up with a deep Dr. Blatz is first into the fray. He argues that

Most ICS parents and alumni are aware that ICS's distinctive approach to teaching is based on the ideas of Dr. William Blatz (pronounced "blat")

reception area. I am well known to that Blatz's arithmetic background wasn't actually in education. His ideas about teaching grew out of his work in an altogether



It was Corter's conviction that children should be treated with respect and dignity, and that they should be given the opportunity to learn and grow beyond the traditional nursery level.

"He believed it ought to start early," says Corter. "He was influenced by ideas at the time that

Teaching Parents

parents. He often admonished them with such phrases as, "There are no problems with children; there are problems with parents."

Most important of all, perhaps, was the school's insistence on treating kids not as mere receptacles of

cognitive development," says Corter. "It was about developing the child's personality and mind, and the

animatedly. There's a lot of laughter. The energy and excitement among the participants are palpable.

The overall session is one of joy and fun. The evening session is one of joy and fun.

nutrition and lunchtime, the ways and wherewithals of learning, and strategies for encouraging conflict

Comments: Cindy, Catherine, and Rachel and

The Mums

standing Sunday coffee date with each other for years

they grew close as ICS moms and stayed in touch

By Alison Braverman

even when their children had different schools in common. But this past fall, they decided to

women whose children had graduated from ICS

talked about everything from

kids have kids, wouldn't it be great to have a grandma how great everybody looked, everyone's health"

Carol McClelland, Sue Foster, Kate Rounthwaite & Jacqueline Harvie

This coffee reunion probably won't become an

Although their kids have been finding ICS

Facebook, former ICS moms need no such technology

like to try and plan one every two to three years. Until

to arrange a reunion, they've still got their old ways

Harvie and Sue Foster can't say why they've kept

to my mom and sometimes

them all the years since their youngest kids graduated

This is my favourite, because I get to catch up on all the old ICS

from ICS, but the lists definitely came in handy this past winter as the four women were planning a coffee

klatch to catch up with old friends whose kids are

Alison Braverman is a freelance writer from ICS in 1999. One of her stories was mostly recovered.

56 and 58 Spadina Road, site of future Spadina wing for ICS!

AN OPEN LETTER FROM DR. JANE CASSELL, DEAN OF OISE

It gives me great pleasure to announce that OISE has recently acquired the property at 58 Spadina Road to add to the future of

Remembering Val Ross

In 1966, we had tickets to see the Beatles but, to protest the commercialization of it all, we gave them away on the street. We shared adventures in

1950 - 2008 (1950 - 2008) swapping LORIONOLINE late sixties. We lived through each other's experiences of adolescence, lovers, and

connections and her own warm, open, and inquiring nature. Val was an award-winning and highly respected journalist with a huge passion for the arts who for

many years, and until her death from brain cancer, worked at the *Globe and Mail*. Val wrote the award-winning book *The Road to There: Mapmakers and Their Stories* (2003) as well as *You Can't Read This*

talent for living.

Our later lives took separate paths but we

friendships over more than 50 years was remarkable.

as class 1005. Val's husband, LORION, worked at 1005 for

anniversary of the 75th Anniversary. Donations were made to the 75th Anniversary in honor of a member

contribution to the annual newsletter.

here was a remarkable celebration of Val's

a reprint of the wonderful article to Val written by

The Truth about Lies

Parents of the world be warned: if what Kang Lee says is true, then almost all of your children are liars.

For more than a decade, Lee — ICS parent and the Institute's director — has led groundbreaking research into the basis and development of lying. What he's discovered has changed how we view deception — and has even made a mark on Canadian law.

"Great apes and humans are the only observed beings on Earth that lie," he says. "We're not hardwired to lie but we are hardwired for language," and from that comes our social use of verbal ruse.

Lee says youngsters may use three types of lies: black, white, and blue. Black lies are the most common, and are used to avoid getting into trouble. White lies are the most polite, and are used to avoid hurting someone's feelings.

modesty requires white lies."

Blue lies, "the kind the police use" (the urban myth says they also differ depending on whether you're a law enforcement candidate) — also differ depending on whether you're an individual but lying for your own benefit.

age: from classroom to school to country.

In Canada, attitudes have evolved thanks to Lee's

research. From Victorian times until the 1920s, the rule was that

children were not to lie at all. But in the 1930s, the idea of white lies

was introduced. And in the 1940s, the idea of black lies was introduced.

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introduced. And in the 2000s, the idea of black lies was

introduced. And in the 2010s, the idea of blue lies was

introduced. And in the 2020s, the idea of white lies was

WILLOW: ALL D WHICH IT ALL BEGAN

curriculum. Follows recalls Mrs. Wicks turning out all the lights and reading Sherlock Holmes aloud by flashlight and music teacher Mrs. Hellwell making

ICS philosophy. During the 1970s the school's breezy creativity stood out against the public system's rigid

red braids and a straw hat leaning on Martina Gubbert in the 1985 *Anne of Green Gables* TV series. Or, more recently, as the thespian who pops up on the bill at Stratford or Soulpepper. What you probably didn't know was how much of an impact Follows feels her early years at ICS had on her development as an actress. They had a meal. As the daughter of theatre actors who

Miss Madhouse's art classes where you'd make sculptures out of lint from the dryer and paint with spices."

Follows' mother no doubt also loved the school's now infamous hot lunch program "I sure hated those beets." Follows laughs. "But thank God,

governments in the minutes or two right, they're usually exactly getting up to make breakfast!"

The nurturing environment at ICS also encouraged

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WILLOW Located in her first home, Matt and Louise J. Kod

Christy McClellan - graduated from U of T. She is a
small planning and urban design firm in downtown Toronto
and is getting married in the fall.

Maria Mylopoulos - completed her PhD in Dept of human
development at OISE/UT. Her postdoctoral work is at the
University of Toronto with the University Health Network
focusing on innovation in medical practice.

Tessa Ohlendorf - graduated Cum Laude from York
University specializing in philosophy. Opened her own
Online Media Management in Markham
where she lives. A passion for photography has led to a

Cecilia Tavares attended the University of Victoria. Is
married and expecting first child in May. Is vice president
of Standards and Interoperability with the Canadian Health
Information Technology Association
MRA part-time with the Schulich School of Business.

Simon Wright - graduated from McGill. Met his wife in
with 2 children living in Toronto and working
in real estate. Enjoys playing soccer and art, and paints
when he can.

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will have their own personal shop
ping/wardrobe styling business and sells bags made out of



My Visit with André

By *Marilyn Amundson*

I

hiring an artist André Fhier. I jumped at the opportunity to meet him

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again. I've been to see what had become of the boy who used to draw

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at day care with Marilyn during the late 80s.

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take some photos. We met him outside the Parkdale Public Library.

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