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Local soccer legend visits his former NDG school

By ISAAC OLSON

Students at an NDG elementary school kicked back with a soccer star on February 12 to learn about setting, achieving and scoring goals.

Speaking in the very gym he had his first soccer team tryout in, Mauro Biello, longtime captain and current assistant coach of the Montreal Impact, told St. Monica students that he carried many of the skills he learned in school all the way through his career — skills such as focus, concentration, teamwork and cooperation.

"Basically, my message to you is: School is awesome," said Biello. "It's important."

Recounting his time at St. Monica, Biello, who wore an Impact uniform for 16 out of his 19 years on the field, said



Mauro Biello talks to the students at St. Monica's.

"not only did I sharpen my skills as a student, I sharpened my skills as a soccer player by playing here. There's a lot of great memories in coming back here

today. It's very special to me."

The All the Way Impact tour is sponsored by National Bank and, beyond the English Montreal School Board, includes several Montreal districts. Impact ambassador and longtime teammate, Lloyd Barker, has been and will be visiting area schools to discuss the importance of education and striving for excellence.

"Mauro has taken all the necessary steps to where he is now a grown man, with kids of his own, and he has been successful all the way through," said Barker. "It all started here."

NDG resident co-heads multimedia competition

By ISAAC OLSON

An NDG resident is co-heading a unique project that will give six Quebec-based, women-led teams an opportunity to use today's rapidly developing multimedia to tell a story from a woman's point of view.

First Person Digital (FPD) is an initia-

tive created in a collaborated effort between the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) and the Plateau-Mont Royal-based Studio XX — Canada's only media art centre focused on women and technology.

"Media in the world is changing and funding is changing in our country and around the world," said NDG resident Paulina Abarca-Cantin, the director general of Studio XX. "For now, this is a model that we think will work. In three years, who knows what the iPad will bring?"

Studio XX, NFB and Canadian Heritage are all financial partners producing an English-language media competition that will explore new ways to tell stories with modern technology. The call for proposals ends on March 1. After the industry-expert jury selects six concepts, the teams will have a \$25,000 budget to bring their concept to life by the end of September.

The finished projects will then premiere at Studio XX's HTMLles Festival in



From left: Kat Baulu, a producer with NFB's Quebec Centre, poses with NDG resident and director general of Studio XX, Paulina Abarca-Cantin.

November 2010 and be distributed by the NFB and other organizations.

"Ideally, we're looking for socially driven content from a woman's point of view," said Abarca-Cantin. "This includes culturally diverse women because it's Canadians working in the English language."

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