

MEADOW GREEN NEWS

Meadow Green Academy

December 4, 2009

Director's Message

Christmas is truly one of the most wonderful times of the year. The holiday season is upon us with all its fun and festivities, presents and parties and warm family celebrations. It's a time of giving and receiving, loving and sharing and a time to be thankful for precious family and friends.

Above all, Christmas

is a celebration of the greatest gift Giver and the greatest Gift ever given to the world. God gave us His Son to demonstrate His great love for us. Jesus, the Son of God, came to the earth so that we may have the hope of eternal life. Let us always remember that Jesus is the reason for this glorious season!

Thank you to the

staff, and wonderful parents who have all helped in so many ways to make this a full and fantastic term. We deeply appreciate all you do for the students at MGA. May you all be richly blessed and have a relaxing, joyful Christmas season.

Merry Christmas!

Georganne MacKenzie



Special points of interest:

- *Literacy Night*
- *The Importance of Reading to Children*
- *Important Dates*
- *Stork News*

Spelling Bee

Students have been busy as bees preparing for the Annual ACSI Spelling Bee! The Spelling Bee took place on November 26, 2009. The following students are commended for their hard work and preparation as well as participation this year:

G1 Bhagya Natarajan
G2 Jasmine Babra and Temi Oyaluade
G3 Alec Boyle and Natally Widdis

G4 Elizabeth Lewis and Kacey Jean-Jacques
G5 Argia Boal and Mattheau Bonner
G6 Clara Mustata and Morgan Fay
G7 Carla Lewis and Jessie Babra
G8 Matthew Lim and Nathan Junyk

Congratulations to Jessie Babra for coming in 4th place! Well done, Jessie!

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

c/o The Parents' Association

COMING SOON

Wednesday, December 9
(Queensway)

&

Thursday, December 10
(Lakeshore)

Items will be available for the children to do their Christmas shopping. All items will be under \$10.00!



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Literacy Night @ Chapters

On Tuesday, December 1, Meadow Green Academy held their first Family Literacy Night at Chapters. Chapters provided coffee and the teachers and students provided the Christmas goodies! Many parents and students came to purchase reading materials and Christmas gifts for their families. The amount of \$405.79 (15% of all purchases) was donated to the school in Chapters gift cards. Teachers can hardly wait to purchase more materials for the school library!



The cold weather has arrived and soon it will snow. Please make sure your children come to school properly dressed for outdoor play. This includes, a winter coat, snow pants, hat, mittens and boots.

Emergency School Closures

When confronted with excessively bad weather, the school may be closed. The teachers will call the parents as soon as the decision to close the school has been made.

Information on the school closure, will be available on the school's phone lines. School closures will also be announced on CFRB 1010 AM, 680 AM, 97.3 FM and 99.9 FM.

Parents should always use discretion when deciding to send their children to school during uncertain weather conditions.



Christmas Concert Thursday, December 17 at Sheridan Park Alliance Church

Save the date!
Tickets will be going on sale soon!

SPORTS

Cross Country

A belated special recognition goes to Jakob Nielsen for achieving a 3rd place finish at the cross-country meet in October.

Football

Thirteen students from grades 6 to 8 joined together in the spirit of forming a flag football team. The squad was coached by Sam Fellows (an alumnus and brother of Patrick Fellows, grade 7) and Kyle Andrey who are players of the Spartan football team. They brought a lot of experience and knowledge to the coaching department. Under their leadership, the Mustangs learned many plays and strengthened their

understanding of the game in a very short period of time. On game day, the team matched up against six other private schools from Mississauga, at the Hershey Centre. The Mustangs developed their plays throughout the day, which prepared them for a win in their last game of the day. What a finish, Mustangs!



Volleyball

The grade 7/8 volleyball team represented Meadow Green at the ACSI B-Division volleyball competition, held in Mississauga. The team split most of their two-game matches held throughout the day. In the playoffs, the Mustangs provided some excellent entertainment as they took one of their matches to 27-26. Although they did not advance past the first round of playoffs, their disappointment was shortly overlooked as this allowed them time for great team bonding at Dairy Queen. Congratulations to Reid Bianchini (gr.7) on receiving the Encourager Award.



10th Annual Parents' Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction

What a great evening! THANK YOU to the parents who worked so hard to ensure a successful event, AGAIN! We appreciate all that you did and all that you continue to do! The food was wonderful at Otello's, the musicians were fantastic, and our MC (emcee) Mike Bullard had everyone in stitches. A BIG thank you to everyone who donated all of the super auction items!

DONATIONS GENEROUSLY GIVEN BY:

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 Apricot Tree
 Astoria Shish Kebob
 Azevedo Family
 Babra Family
 Bawa Family
 Beauty Supply Outlet
 Bert's Sport Chalet
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 Bourbon Street Tailors
 BTR Air Conditioning
 California's Restaurant
 Canada Formprint Inc
 Carisma Florists
 CBC
 Christoff Family
 Classic Tan
 Colossus of Rhodes
 Coral Coast Swim
 Cora's Breakfast/Lunch
 Crooked Cue
 Crouch Family
 Deacon Family
 Deborah Le
 Denny's Car Wash
 Deviant Hair Art
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 Dr. Lisa Bentley
 Dr. Rob Pasch
 Dr. Santiago-Liu
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 Euro Flowers
 Fat Labs Studio
 Fellows Family
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 Goat Cheese Shop
 Grade 1 Class, Mrs. Flowers
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 Stage West
 Starbucks
 Stavickis Family
 Sutherland Family
 Sylvan Learning Center
 The Guitar Shop
 Thomas Fay
 Tony Morra's Salon/Spa
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The Importance of Reading to Children

Reading to children has proven to improve vocabulary, develop comprehension and stimulate creativity. It is also a valuable way to bond with your children.

It is important to ask your children questions during and after reading. This will encourage them to think about what they have read.

What are the must-read books by age category?

Infants & Toddlers

Board books like "A to Z" by Sandra Boynton and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle.

Pre-school

Pleasant rhymes like "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss. Repetitive phrases like "Where The Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak.

School Aged

Silly & fun like "Alligator Baby" by Robert Munsch. Thoughtful like "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein.

Reluctant Readers

Graphic novels like "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney and the "Bone" series by Jeff Smith.

Excerpts from Help!... We've Got Kids (www.helpwevegokids.com)

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day

On October 28th the Preschool, Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten classes were thrilled to have their special guests join them at school for Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day. A wonderful morning filled with songs, crafts, games, stories and treats made the day a great success.



Parents,

Please remember to label every item your child brings to school. Blazers and sweatshirts often seem to get misplaced. This is the most effective way to insure that lost items are returned.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 8 - 9	G4 - 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
December 17	Christmas Concert @ Sheridan Park Alliance Church
December 18	Dress Down Day
December 18	Last day of school before Christmas break
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Christmas Holidays
January 4	Back to school
January 8	Movie Night @ Lakeshore Campus
January 21	G1 - 3 Talent Show
January 22	G4 - 8 Talent Show
January 29	Dress Down Day
February 8 - 12	G6 - 8 Exam Week
February 15	Family Day (no school)
February 17	Valentine's Assembly & Feast
February 26	Dress Down Day
February 26	PS - G3 2 nd Term Report Cards go home
March 2 - 3	PS - G3 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 4	G1 - 8 Public Speaking Festival
March 5	Last day before March break
March 8 - 19	March Break & Mission Trip
March 22	Back to school

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair was a great success, thanks to everyone who made purchases! This event not only encourages reading, but allows the school to purchase \$2,101.00 of books and learning materials from Scholastic. Thank you!



Stork News



Congratulations to
 Mr. Oyaluade and Mrs. Ayodele
 on the birth of their baby girl,
Oluwateniola (Teni) Kaitlyn,
 on ,
 November 4, 2009
 weighing 8 lbs, 3 oz.,
 (baby sister to Temi-G2)