

# Meadow Green News

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### Special points of interest:

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- Winter Olympics 2010

We have had an exciting and successful second term at MGA, thanks to the enthusiasm of our students, the dedication of our staff and the support of our wonderful parents. March Break is almost here, the end of winter is fast approaching and we'll be celebrating Easter before we know it. 2010 is certainly flying by!

In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it's good to stop for a moment and cherish what is most important. At the MGA Valentine's Day Feast we reflected on and celebrated how much God loves us

and how we can show love to others.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students, staff and parents who have shown their love to me and been so kind after the passing of my sister Penny Phin-nemore. Your cards were very uplifting and greatly appreciated. A huge thank you also to those who donated to the Bible Society in Penny's name. These donations will assist with the translation and printing of the Bible into the Ono language (a tribal group in Papua, New Guinea). Words cannot express my

gratitude for all of your kindness.

Our families are so very precious and with March Break around the corner, I would like to encourage you all to take some time and really enjoy one another. If possible, break out of the normal routines of life and spend some precious memory making moments together as a family. It is these special times that your children will remember in the future.

Have a wonderful, safe and enjoyable March Break. God Bless You.

*Georganne MacKenzie*

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### HAVE YOU VISITED YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY RECENTLY?

Students in JK, SK and grades 4 and 5 visited the Central Library in Mississauga this month. The children enjoyed a reading session and were able to explore the many features and benefits of visiting the library regularly. Topics such as the library's sign out system, looking up resources, and research skills were explored. Students who were interested received library cards. We encourage you to promote a love of reading by visiting your local library!



**Pancake Tuesday** By Mila Tavares, Grade 2 On Pancake Tuesday we learned how to say "Pancake Day" in different languages. The purpose of Pancake Tuesday is to give up something like oil, eggs or milk for Lent. The pancakes were delicious!

## REGISTRATION

March 1st is the deadline for early registration. Make sure to take advantage of the reduced rate. Kindly forward your forms to the office.

Thank you.



## TALENT SHOW 2010

The 2010 annual Talent Show was a huge success! Students braved the stage to showcase their talents and entertain their peers, parents and teachers. Students walked into the gym with great excitement and anticipation. More than 30 talented students participated and entertained everyone with really awesome performances. Special guest

dance performers “Twisted Ankles” had all the students star struck! Twisted Ankles have been dancing together for 7 years and have performed in commercials, movies, and recently won 2nd place in the ‘Street Dance Battle’ organized by Much Music! All the parents, students and staff members thoroughly enjoyed

the event. It is always so great to see our students share their many abilities.



By Georgia Neufeld, Grade 3

This is ‘Rapid’. Her power is to run faster than a cheetah! She gets her work finished first, and wins first place in all races. Her weakness is that she gets injured a lot. She gets injuries on her feet because of her tight shoes. She likes pretty shoes, but they do not feel good. Her costume is black with a pink lightning bolt shaped like an R for Rapid. Her costume has a pink cape. Her hair is very high.



## ASPIRING ARTISTS AT MGA

### Remembrance Day Poster Contest Winners 2009

MGA art students are winners again! The Canadian Legion 2009 Remembrance Day contest took place in November. Oshea, grade 8, and Jessie, grade 7, both received an Honourable Mention. Hanne, grade 7, captured second prize and Clara, grade 6, won first prize in the local division. Clara’s poster went on to win third prize in the regional division. Congratulations to all who participated!



Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Bianchini for the payment of \$1,779.75 to have the MGA Mustangs logo painted on the new gym floor at the Lakeshore Campus. What an amazing donation!



## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Students are working hard in rehearsals for the upcoming production of Beauty and the Beast. Our actors and actresses should be practicing/memorizing their lines/songs nightly. The deadline for using script books in rehearsals is March 1st. Parents, please remember to attend the

costume meetings. Volunteer parents are needed to paint and construct the scenery. Only two more months to go!



## SCIENCE FAIR EXHIBITION

Students have been busy preparing for the upcoming Science Fair Exhibition that starts on Tuesday, March 23. They have put a lot of time, effort and hard work into their projects, researching, recording and reporting, since October. Students will be sharing their experiments and presenting their findings in front of their peers. Parents are welcome to visit the Lakeshore Campus Science Fair Exhibition to see all of the great work.



## VALENTINE'S DAY FEAST

'Love' was the theme of the day. Preschool, JK and SK performed the song "Jesus' Love is Very Wonderful" and followed it up with the poem "Roses are Red". The grades 1, 2 and 3 sang "Hey, Jesus Loves Me" and "I Love You Lord". The Grade 3's also recited the French poem "Lola et Zola". The acapella version of the Black Eyed Peas' smash hits by the grade 4 and 5's was phenomenal! Students sang about: the

need to spread positive messages of love, and God's everlasting love for us! Grades 6 to 8 students performed a routine called "Sticky Chair" which showed how people are attracted to sin, but through Jesus Christ, can be set free.

All teachers agreed that the students' performances were spectacular and very meaningful.

A huge thank you to all the



parents and grandparents who helped set up and serve the delicious food. A special thank you to the parents who provided all of the yummy desserts!

## Christmas Food Drive Contest

The SK's, Grade 2's (Queensway Campus), and Grade 4's (Lakeshore Campus) were the winners of this year's annual Food Drive Contest. Their generous donations were rewarded with Ice-Cream Sundaes and a special Dress Down Day. The Salvation Army thanks you all for your donations.



## MISSION TRIP with Careforce International

This year our **Mission Trip** will once again be going to Los Alcarizos in the Dominican Republic with Careforce International. This always is an amazing opportunity for our students to serve God and experience other cultures. The students will be working in the community doing light construction and visiting the Lighthouse School. The students will be leaving March 12 and returning March 19. Please contact the office for ways that you can donate!

The **Valentine's Day Fundraiser** was a great success! \$350 raised will help support the **Mission Trip**. Thank you to Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, SQ1, and to the Junyk family for supplying the Chocolate Pizza Slices and Chocolate Hearts. Thank you to the student council, and everyone who supported this fundraiser!

**Movie Night** was so much fun! Students enjoyed many new released movies such as *Cloudy with the Chance of Meatballs*, *Aliens in the Attic*, and *Hotel for Dogs*. The children also had a great time

playing games, eating yummy treats and spending time with their friends. What a great way to support our **Mission Trip**.

Thank you!



## SPORTS

The Meadow Green Mustangs have been busy with basketball. Junior boys, junior girls and the senior team all recently competed in the ACSI tournaments. Congratulations to the junior boys on finishing 5<sup>th</sup>, the junior girls on finishing 6<sup>th</sup>, and the senior team on finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Way to go, Mustangs!



Spring swimming lessons will begin April 20 and will continue every Tuesday for 6 weeks. The instructors at Huron Park Pool will help our SK to Grade 3 students develop their skills in the water.

## CLUBS

**Card Making Club**  
Creative techniques for handmade cards were inspired during Card Making Club this term. The children had an abundance of materials to use and produced some amazing cards! They enjoyed making Valentine cards as well as special occasion cards for family & friends.

Some of the other clubs this term were: Cooking Club, Art Club, Sports Club, Friendship Bracelet Club, Math Club and Drama Club.





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## 100th Day of School Celebration

On Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>, the SK class celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Here is what the students had to say:

"We popped 100 balloons in the gym. I had so much fun!" – Michael T.

"The best thing about it was that there was no work on the 100<sup>th</sup> day." – Michael D.

"We got to do an experiment!" – David

"It was fun making the 100<sup>th</sup> day school hats." – Jay

"I really wanted to come to school to see what would happen." – Mikey

"We got to sit together in one big group...with all of our desks pushed together." – Anjali

"We made slimey goo!" – Alexandra

"We got to wear crowns all day!" – Joel

"I loved drinking the milkshake we made!" – Michael A.

"I liked the crowns with the stickers on them." – Aubrey

"I had lots of fun! Mrs. Archer even let me take a balloon home." – Michael B.



## Stork News



Congratulations to  
Mr. and Mrs. Garvis  
on the birth of their baby boy,  
**Gilad Kurt**,  
on January 3, 2010  
weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz.  
(brother to Aaron, Grade 6)

Congratulations to  
Mr. and Mrs. Chan  
on the birth of their baby boy,  
**Christian Alexander**,  
on January 23, 2010  
weighing 7 lbs., 12.5 oz.  
(brother to Nathan, Preschool)

## If I Had 100 Dollars

*Ethan Falby, Grade 1*

*If I had one hundred dollars I would buy good food because I don't want cavities and I would play hockey because it is fun. I would also give money to the poor because I don't want them to get sick and I would buy Bible stories to learn more about God.*

*If I had one hundred dollars I would be thankful.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 1	G4 - 8 Ski Trip
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
March 22	G4 - 8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Report Cards go home
March 23 - 24	Science Fair
March 23 - 24	G4 - 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 26	Dress Down Day
March 27	Concert Rehearsal
April 2 - 5	Easter Break (no school)
April 6	G7 - 8 Fine Arts Festival
April 7 - 8	G4 - 8 C.A.T.
April 10	Concert Rehearsal
April 12 - 13	G1 - 3 C.A.T.
April 14	SK & G8 Graduation Pictures (& new students)
April 15	G3 - 8 Math Olympics
April 29	Spring Concert @ Meadowvale Theatre
April 30	Dress Down Day

## WINTER OLYMPICS 2010

*Alec Boyle, Grade 3*

I like the Olympics because all the great athletes get to have fun and the opening ceremony was so cool. I never knew the Olympics started in Greece. I'd really like to try some of the sports because they look amazing. I think our athletes are so brave and we are lucky to have them. I especially want to try bobsledding because it looks fun. I think the scariest sports are ski-jumping and the skeleton.

Thank you to our teachers who have created our 'Olympic Board'. We are tracking the medals every day and cheering for our heroes.

GO CANADA GO!

