

# MEADOW GREEN NEWS

Meadow Green Academy

## Director's Message

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is His day. Praise God! The Lord made yesterday and He will make tomorrow. What do we have to fear? I watched a movie recently and at one point the heroine stated "I would rather live one day of wonderful than a lifetime of okay." My thought in response was, why settle for one day of wonderful? Why not live a lifetime of wonderful?

When we acknowledge God as central to our lives, when we choose to follow Him, each day is

new and exciting. Each day is one day in a lifetime of wonderful!

Thanks for your commitment to MGA. Have a great March Break!

*Georganne MacKenzie*

Our past Open Houses for prospective MGA parents have been very encouraging. We are happy to see that even though times are tough, the importance of quality education and Christian teachings are still considered high priorities. Please continue to refer Meadow Green Academy to your friends and family. Your referrals are a true testament to what we offer. We thank you for your trust and continued partnership with us.

### Only 1 week left to bring in supplies for Mission Trip 2009

**Supplies needed: hard candy, stickers, stuffed animals, face paint, nail polish, clothes, school supplies, etc.**

#### Prayers and Cheers to the 2009 Mission Trip Team

**Ms. Roxas  
Miss Drake  
Darion D'Mello  
Jordan Duemm  
Jeremy Gignac  
Anne-Marie Kasowski  
Vincent Lee  
Andreea Savin  
Alasdair Sinton  
Elise Koszo**

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## Wizard of Oz - April 9, 2009

### Save the date!

The Wizard of Oz is coming to the Meadowvale Theatre. The MGA students have been rehearsing, costumes are being sewn and the props and the scenery are being built and painted! Tickets will go on sale soon! Get ready for some great acting, singing and dancing!



## Swimming Lessons

### April 16 - May 28

Beginning April 16, every Thursday for seven weeks, our JK to Grade 3 students will be taking swimming lessons. It's a lot of work for our energetic teachers and dear patient parents, but the confidence it builds is all worth it. We are always needing parent volunteers, so please let us know if you can help!

## FIELD TRIPS

The JK and SK classes enjoyed their morning session at the **Loblaws Cooking School**. All our wonderful chefs made pizza dough from scratch and chocolate muffins. While their goodies baked in the oven, the students enjoyed a nutritious snack of mandarin oranges and apples. They also took part in a kitchen science experiment, and eagerly waited to see which group's balloon would be the largest. It was a fun morning enjoyed by all!



On February 20, the grades 1-3 traveled to the **Famous People Players Theatre** in Toronto. Students were introduced to Diane, the founder of the company.

She took a small puppet theatre that her mother had created, and used it to find her calling in life. The students realized that all people have special skills, and that we are all called to use them in different ways.

The Famous Peoples Players use black-light to create their special effects. Students loved how their white shirts glowed in the dark. After seeing the play, the students also enjoyed a workshop on using the larger-than-life sized puppets.



## CLUBS, CLUBS, & MORE CLUBS...

Making cards is a wonderful hobby to enjoy with your family and friends. Have you ever thought "I wish I knew how to make my own beautiful cards"? Well, the students in the **Unique Card Making Club** this term learned how to do just that! They loved making a Valentine's Day card as well as many other different styled cards. Students enjoyed gathering card making ideas and then all the fun paper, embellishments, and other creative supplies to make their cards. They also experienced the joy that came when they gave their handmade cards to their loved ones!

Ola! The Grade 8 students are thrilled to be in the **Spanish Club** as they are preparing to go on the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. They have learned some words and expressions that will help them greet and communicate with the people. All the students that are going on the trip participated and were very interested in learning as much as they could. Buena suerte a todos!

**Origami Club** was a great success. The students learned many different folds and created origami birds, butterflies, hearts, cups and sailboats. Patience was key, but with great perseverance... WE DID IT!

ACSI Math Olympics Competition is fast approaching. To provide an opportunity for MGA students to shine their math skills outside of the school, **Math Club** started to help students preparing for the contest. During the club, numerous practice questions with various levels were provided and students could enjoy taking these challenges. Their critical thinking skills are definitely being developed.



Cooking Club

### Kiss & Ride - North Campus

Due to a high level of traffic in our North Campus parking lot, we would ask that everyone follow the guidelines for drop off and pick up time. **Please do not leave your car unattended if you are in the Kiss & Ride area. This only causes a back log and we must remember that this is also our Fire Route. We encourage parents of students in grades 1 or higher to take advantage of the Kiss & Ride service. A teacher is on duty from 8:20-8:40 a.m. and from 3:30-4:00 p.m. everyday and will assist your child in or out of the car. Please line your car up and make sure you do not block off both lanes of traffic. If you wish to come into the school, please park in a designated space or park in the playground on the other side of the black gate. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.**

*DEVELOPING LEADERS  
THAT WILL IMPACT THE  
WORLD*

### ACSI Public Speaking Festival

March 5 is a very special day for some of our students. Two students from each class, grades 1 to 8 have been selected to compete against other ACSI member schools. Friendly competitions such as this enable the students to develop confidence and share their God given talents. Go Meadow Green Go! Good luck!

## Valentine's Assembly & Feast

A day full of love... God, being the giver of love was at the centre of each message. The love of God is passed on to family, friends, teachers, neighbours and even strangers. So universal in it's context, the students expressed their love through songs, poems, skits and bible passages. Also, who can forget our sumptuous meal?! Everybody left with very full tummies! It is always a great time for the two campuses to come together. Thank you to the parents who donated special desserts and to those who helped set up, serve and clean up.



*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." " Matthew 22:37-39*



## Preschool

February has been a busy month in the preschool room. Along with celebrating Valentine's Day and enjoying a wonderful party, we have started our unit on Discovering Water. Although it has proven to be a very wet unit, the children have enjoyed studying the water cycle and where rain comes from. We have also discussed the importance of water, and through an ongoing experiment using potted plants the children are beginning to understand that all living things need water to survive. This unit will also provide the students with an introduction to the concepts of sinking and floating. As a class, we will be conducting an experiment using familiar objects and the children will be asked to estimate whether they think the object will sink or float. Definitely the water table is a busy place!



## Parents' Association

The Parents' Association is pleased to inform you that, with your help, we have managed to raise enough money to install a water fountain at the Queensway Campus. We are in the process of getting quotes and hope that the installation will be done over the March Break. Without the generosity of our parents this would not have been possible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of

you who have participated in our events to date.

At our Lakeshore Campus, the shelves for our new library have arrived and we can hardly wait until the library is fully installed.

With Easter just around the corner we would like to offer you the opportunity to order your chocolates, cookies or cheese through Lamontagne Chocolate, a reputable company out of Quebec. They come highly recommended by

some of our parents at Meadow Green Academy. The orders will arrive before the Easter weekend. All orders must be submitted by March 6, 2009. We are running this fundraiser in order to raise money to cover the cost of our Fun Day at the end of the school year. This year we are hoping to include the whole school in an Olympic Sports Day! More information to follow.

If you should have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us or the office.

## SPORTS

February was a busy month for sports at Meadow Green, as four basketball teams made the gym a well used venue. Each tournament provided an opportunity for students to learn about the importance of teamwork and the enjoyment of competition. Here is a quick summary of each tournament.

**Junior Boys**—Heading into the day with high expectations, the junior boys persisted to perform to their best ability and had a very successful day. After many close matches, they found themselves going into their seventh and final game undefeated. But, after a hard fought battle, the team settled with a second place finish. Way



to go, boys! Big thanks to all our fans that made it out to cheer us on!

**Junior Girls**—The junior girls worked consistently throughout the day, showing determination to do their best. Though they struggled to clinch a win, the girls enjoyed the opportunity to play as a team and gained valuable experience as athletes. However, the GO train commute to the tournament may have topped the girls' highlight of the day. As the girls said, "Meadow Green goes green!"

**Senior Boys**—The senior boys performed very well in their division of the round-robin. Not only did they tie for first place, but they defeated their archrival, Philopateer. A few too many french fries may have been the cause to a rough start in the playoffs, resulting in an upset

that saw them packing their bags earlier than anticipated. A good old post-tournament snowball fight continued a tradition that started the last time this team travelled to Philopateer. Great day, boys!

**Senior Girls**—Six brave souls represented Meadow Green's senior girls' team this year and were not easily scared off by the reinforced benches of their opponents. The team saw hope in their opening debut, but fell victim to a buzzer beating loss. The girls continued to develop their teamwork throughout the day and built on their individual skills. Much credit is given to fresh pastries for the energy that was needed, but fatigue eventually got the best of them. Coaches and parents shared their appreciation and respect for a team that never gave up and showed enjoyment to participate throughout the day. Great attitude, girls!



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## WELCOME!

Mrs. de Sousa is now on maternity leave and we look forward to hearing about the safe arrival of her little boy. To fill in for the rest of the year in the grade 4 class, we have hired Miss Florio who has been working at the Queensway Campus. Miss Florio has her Bachelor of Arts and her Bachelor of Education and is a primary/junior specialist. We would also like to welcome Miss Teresa Cardoso to our Preschool class. Miss Cardoso has completed her Bachelor of Arts and her Bachelor of Education and is also a primary/junior specialist. She will be taking Miss Florio's place and will be working with Mrs. Hoang-Pendon in the Preschool class. She will also be doing some A.E.A., E.S.L. and the after school program.

**POP CAN TABS COLLECTED =  
7,520**

**Awesome job everybody. This will go a long way towards a wheelchair for someone in need!**



## Stork News

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sly  
 on the birth of their baby boy,  
**Daniel William,**  
 on February 11, 2009,  
 weighing 6 lbs, 3 oz.,  
 (baby brother to Ethan-Preschool)

## HEROES



My hero is Rafael Nadal. He was born in Mallorca, Spain. Nadal is ranked the #1 tennis player in the world. At the age of 4, his uncle Tony Nadal, made him play as a lefty which is very hard if you aren't naturally a lefty. His actual last name is Parera. No matter how tired he is or how hard the challenges he might face, he always keeps persevering. It is extremely inspirational. I would like to be as good as Rafael Nadal. *Reid Bianchini, Grade 6*

My hero is Jonathan Tavares. He is a hockey player who plays in the Ontario Hockey League and played for Canada in the World Juniors. Jonathan is my hero because even though he wasn't the fastest skater, he wouldn't give up. One of his strengths is goal scoring. In the World Juniors, he got the MVP of the tournament. He is definitely going to be drafted into the NHL. I think of him before every game. He makes me work harder so I can try to make it to the OHL. Jonathan Tavares is my hero.



*Patrick Fellows, Grade 6*

If I met Warren Buffet, I would get advice about which stocks are looking good. Warren Buffet is an elderly billionaire who owns two successful investment companies. As a very smart investor, Mr. Buffet would be able to advise me on how to make money. Maybe he would say one of the banks because they give guaranteed interest rate. On the other hand, stocks can give you a large dividend but are more risky. *Riley Morris, Grade 6*



## IMPORTANT DATES

March 3 - 4	PS - G3 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 5	ACSI Public Speaking Festival
March 6	Last day before March break
March 9 - 20	March Break
March 15 - 22	Mission Trip
March 23	Back to school
March 23	G4 - 8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Report Cards go home
March 24 - 25	Science Fair
March 24 - 25	G4 - 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 27	Dress Down Day
March 28	Rehearsal-Spring Concert
April 4	Rehearsal-Spring Concert
April 9	Spring Concert @ Meadowvale Theatre
April 10 - 13	Easter Break (no school)
April 14 - 15	G4 - 8 C.A.T.
April 16	ACSI Math Olympics
April 16	JK - G3 Swimming Commences (every Thursday for 7 weeks)
April 20 - 21	G1 - 3 C.A.T.
April 22	SK & G8 Graduation Pictures
April 24	Dress Down Day
May 2	Badminton Tournament
May 8	Jump Rope for Heart