



Meadow Green News

Meadow Green Academy

Director's Message

As I drove to work this morning, the sun was shining and the snow was glistening. I was reminded that God is the "light of the world", and that even in these uncertain times that He "is with us". What do we have to fear, what do we have to be concerned about, if the God of the universe, the Creator, "is with us"? He has promised that if we walk with Him that He will walk with us! What could be more wonderful?

As we navigate through this recession (the third in my working lifetime), we at Meadow Green

Academy are and will continue to pray for the protection, safety and blessing of each family. Be strong, be confident and press on knowing that God is with you and that you will indeed enjoy great blessing! Good times, better times, are just around the corner!

The mission trip will be leaving very soon and on behalf of the 'Team' I want to thank you for your generosity. We were, with your help, able to raise \$2,000.00 from the movie nights, dress down days and raffles. Thank you so

much! Please keep the team in your prayers.

Now is the time for early registration. Many have already registered for the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns or if you need more information, please contact me or the office. We look forward to being of assistance to you and we look forward to contributing toward your children's development and education in the coming school year.

BE WELL and
MAY GOD BLESS YOU,
Georganne MacKenzie

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MISSION TRIP 2009

Ms. Roxas, Ms. Drake and Elise Kozo will be traveling to Los Alcarizos, Dominican Republic along with seven Meadow Green Academy students this spring. This is M.G.A.'s third Mission Trip and the second to Los Alcarizos. The team will be serving God by working in the community doing light construction and assisting at the Lighthouse School. The team will leave March 15, 2009 and return on March 22, 2009. Careforce International has suggested a list of supplies that would be beneficial to the Lighthouse School. If you are able to, **please assist the team by donating some of these items as soon as possible.** Items should be brought to your child's classroom. Please pray for each member of the team that they would be blessed and that they would be a blessing to the community at Los Alcarizos.

Items Needed:

Playdough
Crayons
Notebooks
Microscopes
Pencils
Calculators
Masking Tape
Staples
Glue
Pencil crayons
Erasers
Scissors
Wrapped hard candy
(nothing that can melt)
Licorice
Volleyballs
Baseballs
Baseball gloves
Paint rollers and brushes
Painting Tape
Quality flashlights
Batteries: AAA, AA, D
(see office for complete list)

Valentine's Day Raffle

*Tickets are now
on sale!*
\$1.00 for 1 ticket.

*Gingerbread Trees
with lots of yummy
Valentine candy
decorations.*
(Displayed in the office)

*Thanks to Breanna and
Vanessa Bettencourt
Azevedo and Evelyn's
Gingerbread Creations.*

*Funds raised will be
put towards the
Mission Trip supplies.*

MGA TALENT SHOW

The annual Meadow Green Academy Talent Show was held at the South Campus for grades four to eight on January 22, 2009 and for the North Campus, Preschool to Grade 3 on January, 23, 2009.

Both shows were a great success allowing students to demonstrate their particular talents and gifts

to the rest of the student body. Many parents and of course the MGA staff also attended the shows.

Thanks to all the students and families who participated. You were wonderful! We look forward to seeing you on stage next year along with other talented students at MGA.



R.O.M.

On January 21, the grades 4-8 students traveled to the **ROM** to explore ancient civilizations. Students enjoyed learning from our museum guides about Ancient Egypt or Ancient Greece & Rome and were able to see a real mummy, as well as coins and helmets from Ancient Greece. We also enjoyed seeing many artifacts and exhibits throughout the museum such as dinosaur bones, Ancient Korea, the bat cave, Medieval Times, and of course, the gift shop!

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

"On Thursday, December 12, 2008, the grades four and five went to **Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament**. We arrived there at 9:45. We were the red and yellow team. Our knight's name was Lord Del Font. We ate chicken, ribs, potatoes and apple pie. First the knights played games and they jousted. Our knight placed last. The green knight won. When the green knight won, the Marshal killed him and the red knight came out and beat the Marshal. We left just in time for locker break. I loved Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. "

By Mattheau Bonner, Grade 4

MY GOALS FOR 2009

My goals for 2009 are to improve in school. One of my goals is to improve on my printing. My second goal is to be more confident in plays. My third goal is to get better marks on French tests. My fourth goal is to do well on my report cards.

I take hockey lessons and my goals are to know how to stick handle and know how to be in defence. I want to take computer lessons and know how to print colouring pages. I also want to go to science camp and know how to make a paper mache volcano.

I am going to try to see my friends Joseph, Nathan and Abbygail. I want to try and read the Bible more often. I also want to help my mom because she has stitches.

By Alec, Grade 2

My goals for 2009 are to improve at school. I would like to be better at math tests and get 32/32. I would like to get better at Language Arts so that I can do it faster. I would like to be better at gym so I can be better at sports.

I take skating lessons and my goals are to skate faster and spin on the ice. I want to take soccer lessons in 2009 and be able to kick high and score a goal.

I am going to try to help my mom without her even asking me to. I'm going to try to help my friends with their homework. I am going to help God by not saying bad words.

By Alaskie, Grade 2

Martin Luther King—Grade 1 Unit

I have a dream that one day I will do something really important for God. I want this to come true because it's important to pray to God for Everything to be good.

By: *Ethan*

I have a dream that one day I will be a hockey player and make lots of money and give it to the poor. I want this dream to come true because it will help the poor. They could buy food to be healthy and not die.

By: *Bryce*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2009 Christmas Around the World



Christmas Food Drive

The competition was on at the Queensway Campus! Every morning the students from preschool to grade 3 would come in to see more and more food items! They looked forward to moving their star up on the chart. The Grade 2 class brought in a total of 273 items and the JK class brought in 247 food items for the needy. Both classes won a

free dress down day and sundaes!

The Christmas Food Drive was also successful with the grade 4 to 8's competing for the most items donated. A lovely Christmas tree shaped tally board was created by Mrs. Nettleton. The grand grade fours won the competition by making it to the top of the Christmas tree (100 items).

The real winners of course are

the people who benefited from all your generous donations.
Thank you!

Valentine's Day
Assembly and Feast
February 11, 2009



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Lamontagne Chocolate Fundraiser

coming in February

- Chocolates
- Cookies & Coffee
- Cheese

SPRING CONCERT - The Wizard of Oz

Practices for *The Wizard of Oz* are well under way. Students are learning lines, singing songs and dancing away! Students should be working hard at memorizing their lines and the lyrics to the songs. We look forward to putting this musical together and are excited to work with the over thirty students involved.



Miss Drake & Mrs. Van Straten

Parents' Corner

REST

Beth K. Vogt, Connections Magazine Editor, c/o reFill e-newsletter, ACSI

Instead of giving myself reasons why I can't, I give myself reasons why I can.
(Author Unknown)

Some days my To-Do list stretches before me like a steep incline. It makes me want to stay in bed, for the entire day. However, giving up is not an option. How can you conquer overwhelming life demands? I've learned to REST in God's desire for my life.

Remember what God called me to do.

Align my priorities up with his priorities.

Expect difficulty in accomplishing worthwhile goals.

I shouldn't be surprised that juggling all my roles and responsibilities is complicated.

Set my mind on my goals.

Knowing I won't get it all done, I determine to get some things done—the needs of that day.

Trust God, no matter how tough it gets.

When there's too much to do, the first thing I should do is pray, seeking God's promised guidance.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (MSG) says: Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track.

Are you feeling overwhelmed by life's demands? Consider taking time to REST before you do anything else.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 4	G4-6 Girls Basketball
February 5	G4-8 trip to Art Gallery of Ontario
February 9 - 17	G6-8 Exam Week
February 10	G4-6 Boys Basketball
February 11	Valentine's Assembly & Feast
February 16	Family Day (no school)
February 17	JK-SK Trip to Cooking School. Loblaws
February 18	G7-8 Boys Basketball
February 20	G1-3 Trip to Famous People Players
February 25	G7-8 Girls Basketball
February 27	Dress Down Day
February 27	PS - G3 2 nd Term Report Cards go home
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 nd Term Report Cards go home
March 24 - 25	G4 - 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 27	Dress Down Day
April 9	Spring Concert @ Meadowvale Theatre
April 10 - 13	Easter Break (no school)