



Meadow Green Academy

Meadow Green News

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Director's Message

"He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul". That is my prayer for the families, teachers and staff of Meadow Green Academy as we move into the summer months. I trust that each of you will enjoy a wonderful summer and that you will indeed be restored and refreshed during the summer months.

Each day as I awake and as I prepare to attend school, I thank God for each one of the lives entrusted to MGA on a daily basis. I thank God for the families of MGA and I pray that God will richly bless each student and family. I thank God for the dedicated teachers and for their unfailing desire to educate each

student at MGA and to be a blessing to each student. I thank God for the many parent volunteers who have given selflessly to the students and families of MGA this year. I thank God for Lorie, Christina, Ms. Roxas and for Mr. Raj (our school could not exist without them). Thank you all for your many contributions to MGA!!

The Fun Day was a great success. The children had a great time and have now been ushered into the summer. Thanks for all the help to make this a very special day for everyone involved.

We will celebrate the Grade 8 graduation on Tuesday, June 16, at Otello's Banquet Hall.

Let me be the first to congratulate our

graduates and to wish you well in high school. We are excited for each of you and we wish you well in the future.

Summer school will begin shortly. If you haven't enrolled yet please do so as soon as possible.

Don't forget the Meadow Green Academy Foundation, which has been established to assist needy students, and will provide a tax deductible charitable receipt for all donations.

Finally, and once again, thank you all for your loyalty to MGA, and for your ongoing faith and commitment to the ministry which is MGA. We love you all. Have a great summer!!!

Georganne MacKenzie

**WE ARE
OPEN ALL
SUMMER!**

*@ Queensway
Campus
Office hours:
8:30-4:00*

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Ottawa Trip-Grades 7 & 8

The grade seven and eight students recently returned from an exciting adventure exploring our nation's capital. The students were kept busy with a cruise down the Rideau Canal, a visit to the Museum of Natural History, a tour of the Parliament Buildings, shopping at the Rideau

Centre and the Byward Market, and a tour of the National Art Gallery. For most of the students the favourite part of the trip was sitting in a parliamentary session, Question Period, where a heated debate took place. Other highlights included: swimming in the hotel pool and watching the

traditional Native Canadian dances at Turtle Island. What a great time!



Science Trip to Trent University—Grades 5 & 6

Trent was an extremely fun experience. I had the best time. From the boat cruise to the hockey playoff game, almost every minute was exciting.

When we got there, we were given our rooms. Then we went to our first lab, environmental science. That turned out to be the best lab! We went to dinner after that, and then off to a chemistry lab where we made ice cream. That was great! That night we watched Wall-E in the theatre.



On the second day we were off to the physics lab and we made cars that ran on balloon power. After that, we went on a boat cruise to the biggest lift lock in the world. I really enjoyed that.

We did many other fun activities and everyone had such a great time. *By Reid Bianchini*

The most exciting lab we did at Trent was chemistry because we made delicious ice cream. We mixed cream, milk and sugar and put it in a small

bag. Then we put it into a large bag with ice. After shaking it for a while, we put in a special ingredient, salt. Then the cream, sugar and milk started to freeze. Sheridan's and mine didn't freeze like the others, so we just drank the juice and it was delicious! *By Carla Lewis*

Canadian Achievement Test (C.A.T.) results will be available during the summer. Please call the office to set up an appointment.

ACSI Art Festival 2009

The May 12th, ASCI Art Festival provided MGA students with a great opportunity to visit King's Collegiate in Oakville to view some of the outstanding art produced by students from grades 7 to 12. Along with their art teacher, Mrs. Nettleton, the students spent the day outside creating unique paintings. The



task was to paint in the same style as Jackson Pollock, the controversial 20th century American abstract artist. With rollers and buckets of acrylic paint in hand students dripped, splashed, and dabbed their large particle board canvases until they created a visual delight. At the end of the day, they proudly carried home some extraordinary abstract paintings.

Every year, the Art Festival holds a

competition which includes various categories such as painting, drawing, ceramics and sculpture. Kudos go to Sarah for winning first place in Three Dimensional Sculpture for her Plasticine illustration of *The Stork*.



SPORTS SECTION

Many students took part in the *track and field meets* that took place near the end of the school year.

The grade 3/4 division finished the day with an impressive 7th overall out of 15 competing schools. Here are some of their highlights: The girls' relay team placed 5th · the boys' relay team placed 4th · Ziel placed 1st in the 400m, 5th in the 60m, and 6th in the running long jump · Soomin placed 3rd in the running long jump · Taj placed 6th in the 100m · Kyle placed 1st in the 800m and 6th in

the 400m · Alex placed 6th in the ball throw · Adam placed 2nd in the 800m.

The grade 5/6 division finished in 12th place. The girls relay team placed 6th · Reid placed 6th in the ball throw and 5th in the 60m · Jakob placed 6th in the 200m and 6th in the 400m · Patrick placed 6th in the running long jump.

Oshea solely represented the senior track and field team this year as



the date of the competition was just before our exams. Oshea had an impressive day achieving 1st in the 100m, 1st in the 200m and 5th in the running long jump. Oshea achieved enough points on his own to beat a whole other school. Thanks for a great representation Oshea!

Senior Kindergarten Graduation 2009

On Tuesday June 9th, the Senior Kindergarten class graduated! They put on a wonderful presentation for their family members and reflected on the past school year. It is with mixed emotions that they say 'goodbye' but they excitedly look forward to what First Grade has in store. Well done, SKs! Wishing you all the best for the next school year.



SUMMER SCHOOL

Fun Theme Weeks

June 22 to June 26	Paint Your World
June 29 to July 3 * (July 1-Holiday)	Food Network
July 6 to July 10	ANIMAL PLANET
July 13 to July 17	Around the World in 5 Days
July 20 to July 24	Under the Sea
July 27 to July 31	(CREEPY CRAWLIES)
August 4 to August 7 *	Athletes in Action
August 10 to August 14	LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Morning Academic Program

(reading, writing and mathematics)

Afternoon Fun

(weekly field trips, sports, crafts, cooking, drama, swimming and so much more!)

Also: ESL (English as a Second Language)

High School Preparation

"Act as if it were impossible to fail."

Dorothea Brand

Heart & Stroke JUMP ROPE for HEART

By Anne-Marie Kasowski · Jump Rope for Heart is a great way to exercise and it's also for a good cause. Jump Rope raises money to find cures for heart problems. Many people all over the world have heart problems and some people eventually die from it. This organization is trying to prevent this by raising money for research. They encourage people to eat healthy, and do lots of exercising like jumping rope. Jump Rope for Heart has helped a lot of people by finding cures for heart disease and hopes to help a lot more in the years to come. So stay healthy and donate to this relevant cause.

Meadow Green Academy raised \$5,949.84 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Way to go!!!



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On July 5th, I will be starting a new adventure... in Egypt! The journey to this point has been long, but God has brought my husband, James, and I to this new venture – serving with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in a town called Menouf, about 70 kilometres outside of Cairo. Our work will be with the Anglican Church there, which sponsors a community centre, a hospital and a primary school. I will be teaching English as a Second Language in the community centre, while James will be working in the hospital in some capacity that has yet to be determined.

This is a three-year commitment, and we know that, at times, it will be very difficult to be away from our family and friends. We need to learn Arabic, which undoubtedly will be a challenge for both of us. We also want to find ways to form meaningful relationships with the people we might encounter and to hopefully share God's love, something that will likely be difficult.

It has been a privilege to be a part of the Meadow Green community these past three years. I would like to thank the many parents, students and staff that have encouraged me. Being a part of such a supportive environment has made this decision and the preparations leading up to it much easier. We hope to write about our trip at <http://jsvanstraten.blogspot.com>.

Mrs. Stephanie Van Straten

FUN DAY! FUN DAY! FUN DAY! FUN DAY! FUN DAY!

What a way to end the year! Thanks to our parents' enthusiasm and hard work, the students from Preschool to Grade 3 had nothing but fun on their Fun Day. Endless relays were completed by the 10 teams and the bouncy castle was an extra treat.



Congratulations to the Yellow team for scoring the most points! Tons of fruit, pizza, goodies and drinks were provided. The much awaited Watermelon Eating Contest was another big hit. Stefan (G3) was the



big winner. But wait, the biggest treat of the day was to see their teachers compete in a water melon eating contest too! Thank God for a beautiful day!



Fun Day was a huge success at the South Campus as well. Students in grades 4-8 worked collaboratively in teams, participating in ten stations



activities, including the Balloon Toss, Tape on the Wall, and Tug of War. These activities were followed by a Watermelon Eating Competition where Adam (G4) took first place.

Congratulations to Jacqueline for winning the Jelly Bean Contest!

Recognition was given to the Blue team for their team spirit and for the highest team score! A big thank you goes to our parent volunteers who participated, and to Miss Florio and the Student Council who organized the event!

