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MEADOW GREEN NEWS

Director's Message

**Developing
Leaders
that will
Impact
the World!**

Next week will be March Break - a wonderful time to get out of the routine and do some special things with our children. There are many places that we can visit, such as the R.O.M., the Science Centre, the Zoo or Community Centres, or we can simply make memories by having a tea party, a sleepover, or a movie night with our children's friends. Much of the fun is in the planning, so it is always good to get our children involved. Remember it

doesn't always have to be expensive, the most basic of things can be made special just because we are spending time with our loved ones.

How many times have we promised to play a board game, to throw a ball or to bake some cookies? Let's take the time to relax and enjoy our children.

Our children are a gift from God and before you know it they will be grown and

on their own. As most of you know I have many older children and when they drop in or come home to visit, it is a time of celebration. Be sure to cherish these times with our children while they are young. Time passes so quickly.

May God bless you and your family during the March Break.

Georganne MacKenzie

"Go Bless the World"

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Every morning a father would send his children off to school with a simple commission, "Go and bless the world." In this statement, there is an important truth. As we develop leaders, these leaders need to have a purpose and therefore we should give our students opportunities to bless the world around them.

MGA is proud that several students and staff members

have taken up the call to find practical ways to bless the world. The Mission Team is busy preparing to spend one week during the March Break, partnering with Careforce International and the Lighthouse School in the Dominican Republic. For both students and staff, it will be a special, life building experience and their own special opportunity to bless the

world. As our school representatives, they will be helping to build an addition onto the school and will be passing on the love of God to the children.

Please pray for and encourage the team participants. Stay tuned to our next newsletter to read all about their adventures!



Missions Drive

A myriad of materials were collected, enough to fill 8 huge hockey bags with everything from medical supplies to clothing and toys. The SKs may be small, but they are mighty. They won the contest at the North Campus and collected a total of 22 bins. In all, the North Campus accumulated 49 bins of materials.



The South Campus eagerly recorded their efforts on a bulletin board bar graph. Winning the competition were both the grade 8 class with 400 items and the grade 9 to 11 classes with 390 items. They will revel in their victory on March 5th. The South Campus collected over 1090 items. Both the SKs and grade 8s, 9s, 10s and 11s will take pleasure in their efforts by having a private dress down day and a special treat. Many thanks in advance from the Lighthouse School in the Dominican Republic.



Movie Night

February 8th Movie Night was a blast! Nearly 50 popcorn craving students played basketball, ate lots of food, socialized and watched movies. Movie goers enjoyed liquorice, sundaes, chips, popcorn, veggies and hotdogs. Many thanks go out to the faithful volunteers who helped to make the night a great success. The event raised \$650 for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip. Also, a heartfelt-thank you goes out to the students and parents who participated in this event. The school and children in the Dominican Republic will be blessed.



Dress Down Days

Some very strange looking students showed up at Meadow Green as they participated in themed dress down days. Some of the more exotic days included Crazy Hair Day, Tacky Tourist Day and International Day. Many thanks go out to the Korean students who wore their traditional outfits on International Day. They looked like princes and princesses in their colourful garments and silk gowns. The funds collected were directed towards the mission trip effort. These special days proved that it is more fun to give than to receive.

VALENTINE'S ASSEMBLY & FEAST

The message of love was strongly portrayed this year at the Valentine's Day Feast. Each grade worked very hard to put together a unique and heart warming presentation that represented God's love and the importance of sharing it with others. The food, which was bountiful and delicious, was the perfect end to a wonderful celebration. A huge thank you to all the volunteers! We are so grateful for your help! Also thank you to the Bianchini family who donated the water, the Issa family for donating the ice-cream, and the Malec and van der Jagt families for donating desserts!



SPORTS

BASKETBALL

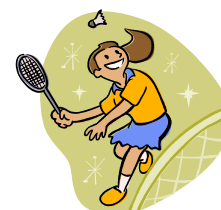
The junior boys, senior boys, and senior girls all recently participated in the ACSI basketball tournaments. Congratulations to each team for their impressive playing and results. The junior and senior boys both finished 4th. A highlight of the senior boys' tournament was when Kevin Towers threw the ball

from the other side of the centre line and scored. The whole place erupted in great applause.

The senior girls finished 4th as well. Way to go!

BADMINTON

Badminton try-outs for the grades 7 and 8 students will begin right after March Break and the tournament will be held on Saturday, April 19th.



Science Fair

The grade 4-8 science classes have begun their science fair projects. Step by step the children will complete their experiments using the scientific methodology. The students have worked hard to choose their topics and are now formulating hypotheses based on their research. Next they will be identifying their variables and will develop their procedures. The students should be ready to complete their experiments the week preceding the March Break. Please encourage your young scientists to stay on schedule and to complete their work in a timely fashion. Completed projects are due the last week of March. All projects will be displayed at the grade 4 to 11 parent teacher interviews on April 14th and 15th.

Parents' Association

This year, for Valentines Day, the students at the Lakeshore campus had fun sending secret friendship notes & gifts to their friends & family. At the Queensway campus students enjoyed picking out a special treat for their teacher, friend or family. As always thank you to everyone that participated in our Valentine's Gift Exchange.

We are currently active in planning the rest of the school years fun events that will include a uniform sale and our end of school Fun Day. Our next meeting will be held in the morning of April 3, 2008 at the Queensway campus. If you are interested in getting involved please email me at gkhachi@hotmail.com.



LEAFS @ SCHOOL

On February 19th, the grades four to six students went to the Air Canada Centre to participate in the *Celebration of Learning*, which is a program that allows students to watch the Toronto Maple Leafs' practice. Grade four student Westyn Summers wrote about the experience:

The Maple Leafs' practice was exhilarating. There were a lot of kids in the stands cheering for the Leafs. First there were 'bobble head' people playing a small hockey game. The white team played the blue team and won 5 to 4, so it was not a blow out. It was a good game.

Then the Leafs came out and everyone cheered. Most people went crazy for Matt Sundin. They had a good practice. They all made tons of shots and the crowd seemed pleased. It looked like both the crowd and the Leafs had a lot of fun.



A Pilot Visits our JK Classroom

The JK class has been busy learning about helpers in our community. We had a surprise visit from a pilot who told us about his exciting job. The children loved trying on his hat and headphones and even practiced making flight deck announcements. It has inspired us to think about what we want to be when we grow up.

100th Day of School

February 8, 2008 was a special day for the Senior Kindergarten class. It was our 100th day school celebration! We asked the children what they would buy with one hundred dollars. These were some of their answers. Bryce said he would buy a minivan, Alessia said she would buy a castle, Hannah said she would buy a fish and Adam said he would buy roses for his mom! The

children made crowns and put 100 stickers on them. As a surprise, we took them to the gym where they popped 100 balloons. In the afternoon, they had lots of treats. We put 100 Smarties in a blender to make milkshakes and one student said, "These are the best milkshakes". They also counted 100 marshmallows, but definitely couldn't eat them too!! What a fun and exciting day for the SKs!!!!





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Pirates of Penzance

Practices for *Pirates of Penzance* are well underway. Students have memorized their songs and are starting to learn their choreography, which is really exciting to see! Each week there is so much progress, from the police (who pretend they are brave, but are really cowards) to the pirates, (who really do support Queen Victoria), to the beautiful sisters and to the pirate king himself. Each student is really starting to get in character and is doing a wonderful job. Keep up the good work! Arrrrg! All of the Meadow Green community should be sure to keep April 29th free on your calendar, to attend this fantastic production.



MGA Stork News

Congratulations to
Mr. and Mrs. Christmas
on the birth of their baby girl,

Nina Renee,
on February 22, 2008
weighing 7 ½ lbs.



(baby sister to Ziel - Grade 3)

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 4 - 5	PS - G3 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 7	Dress Down Day
March 7	Last day before March break
March 8 - 15	Mission Trip 2008
March 10 - 24	March Break & Easter Break
March 25	Back to school
March 27	G10 EQAO Literary Testing
April 7 - 8	G4 - 8 C.A.T.
April 9 - 10	G1 - 3 C.A.T.
April 10	ACSI Chess Tournament
April 11	G4 - 11 Interim Reports go home
April 14 - 15	G4 - 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
April 14 - 15	Science Fair Display
April 17	JK - G3 Swimming Commences (every Thursday for 6 weeks)
April 17	ACSI Math Tournament
April 19	Badminton Tournament
April 23	SK & G8 Graduation Pictures
April 26	ACSI Teacher's Conference
April 29	Spring Concert @ Meadowvale