



Woodlands School Council News

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Important Dates

Aug. 27 - 29, 2007

Registration - Agenda, Locker

Sep. 4, 2007

Start of School

Sep. 24, 2007

School Council Meeting

Dec. 24 2007 - Jan. 4, 2008

Winter Break Inclusive

Mar. 10 - Mar 14, 2008

March Break Inclusive

Jun. 28, 2008-School Ends

Everyone's a Winner but Mr. and Mrs. Pajaziti Take Home an I-Pod

In early 2007 we had announced an I-Pod draw for simply sending us your e-mail for our e-communication. Many e-mails were received and the draw was done on June 25th. The winner is Hanife and Isa Pajaziti, parents of Linda. Congratulations. Although one person gets the I-Pod, everyone who sent their e-mails is a winner. You can look forward to more news from the school council. If you who would still like to be kept informed please send us your e-mail at woodlandsparents@sympatico.ca

Stellar Awards Night

At the recent annual Stellar Awards Night the Peel District School Board honoured Student Achievement. Several Woodlands students and staff were recognized.

CAPHERD Award: The Woodlands School received a 2006-2007 Platinum Award for Quality Daily Physical Education from Canadian Association for Health Physical Education and Dance.

DECA Awards: Annie Dai, Jedy Wang , Suneal Khemraj, Parnav Sood, Karen Lien, Akash Ravi, Siyaman Sadagopa, Jackson Tian, Katie Wu, Jacob Youman, Anita Singh, Jeff Smith, Rohan Chandra and Jamie Musgrave, Tahir Zaman and Amy Zhang.

Drama Awards: Students were recognized for their award winning performance at the Hart House People's Studio, and Sears Ontario Drama Festival. Rachel Forbes; directing, Jonathan Walls; acting, Youssef Naguib; acting, Morgan Speare; writing.

Music Awards: The Senior Concert Band for winning Gold and Wind Ensemble for winning Silver at Music Fest Ontario.

Visual Arts Awards: Janine Antolin and Luo Dan Xu for winning the OSSTF Marion Drysdale Award.

Math Contest Awards: Andrew Dhawan, Perfect and Top score on Galois Math Contest; Eden Liu, Top score on Pascal Math Contest; Thanh Nguyen, Top score in Hypatia Math Contest.

Award of Distinction for Staff

Congratulations go to Jennifer Jacques, Steve Haist, Elona Hartjes, Kathy Morrison, Liz Ozolins, and Dona Shafer for being recognized by their colleagues to receive the PDSB Award of Distinction.

Woodlands Staff Golden at Lacrosse

Congratulations go to Ryan Greer whose team, the Knight Hawks captured the gold medal in the 2007 International Lacrosse Championships.

Woodlands School Bingo Group

The Woodland School Bingo Group is a group of parent, student and staff volunteers, who work at the Meadowvale Bingo Hall as one of the 37 charities. It works at the Bingo approximately 4-5 times per month. Please contact Mrs. Shafer, Acting Head Secretary to volunteer.

Math News

Every year Woodlands students compete in annual math and computer science competitions. Details of some of these competitions are available at: <http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/english/index.shtml>.

Congratulations go to Andrew Dhawan who was selected to attend the University of Waterloo Math Camp for a week during June based on his performance in the contest. Well done Andrew !

Drama News

The students in the Drama Club enjoyed a busy and successful year and have much to

The Woodlands School Council Wishes You a Safe and Happy Summer Break

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be proud of! They began with an evening of "Theatre Shorts" with a record attendance followed by the hosting of the Sears Ontario Drama Festival. The students success at the Sears Festival led one team to be the Regional Winner to compete successfully at the Hart House's "The People's Studio"! As if this was not enough, the students put together a great musical production, "Leader of the Pack" with 24 musical numbers and the annual variety show, "Artsfest 2007". The latter's theme was "Road Trip – The Scenic Route" consisting of art, music, dance, drama, photography, comedy, improv and fashion. Bravo to all involved.

Working out for the Olympics

Bogdan Knezevic a student at Woodlands has been swimming competitively for seven years for the Etobicoke Swimming Club. He is very well rounded in all events, which shows in his strong IM (individual medley) - both the 200 and 400 metre IM. His strongest stroke, however, is breast-stroke, both the 200 and the 100 meters. In order to be at this level he practices for 23 hrs per week before and after school.

Lately he has qualified for the Senior Nationals Team, represented Canada at the World Youth Championships, International 18 and under competition (where he placed 3rd in four events and 2nd in one event), Senior Nationals in Victoria where he got a silver medal.

Bogdan is pursuing his dream to represent Canada in the Olympics if not in 2008 then in 2012. Best of wishes from the whole school for your success.

This freestyle snowboard contest on Feb. 16 organized by our very own Ms. Wong of Social Science Dept. had 20 Woodlanders in it. It was a great success.

A Vow of Silence

On April 8th, over 115 students participated in the Day of Silence organized by the Social Action Society. It is a nation-wide event that protests and mirrors the silence and discrimination

faced by gay, lesbian bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. Silence was observed from 6:30 am to 3:00 pm by the students who were also wearing signs to make others aware about the purpose of their silence. "It was really hard to remember not to talk all day" said grade 12 participant Emily Reynolds, but it made her understand the plight of the community.

On the whole students saw the event as having a positive effect on the school. Shambavi Shankar the co-president of the Social Action Society said "the event was a huge success"

Credit Resource Centre

The Credit Resource Centre (CRC) is one part of the overall student success strategy that helps students reach their potential. It includes dedicated student success teachers, increased cooperative education opportunities and professional development for the staff.

In its first year of operation the CRC and it helped students to recover grade 9 and 10 compulsory courses in Math, Science, Geography, English and History. CRC also offers support to students who are experiencing difficulties in current courses and to offer a place of study for students working on Independent Learning Credits (ILC). CRC collects a wide assortment of teaching resources and professional reading material for all staff.

Co-operative Education News

An employer appreciation breakfast was held to thank employers for their participation in the co-op program. Congratulations to students for their improved communication and interpersonal skills, and for making life-long connections with the world of work. Thanks to all employers for their support without whom the program could not run.

If you are interested in mentoring a student at your work place please contact Mrs. J. Farrow at ext. 310.

Prefects Raise \$15,000

The Prefects at Woodlands had a very successful year raising \$15,000 for global and local charities. The high-

light of the year was the super charity week in May where students became political activists, hanging posters, getting petitions signed and contacting government officials to take action and intervene in Darfur. At the end of the week the Woodlands School had raised over \$12,000 for Doctors without Borders and STAND (Students Take Action Now in Darfur).

The Prefects are already working on their plans for next year to raise money and awareness for the Stephen Lewis Foundation for ongoing Aids pandemic in Africa.

DECA goes to Orlando

Twenty-one members of DECA competed in the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida this past April. They were part of 300 students from Ontario who competed with 14,000 American high school students. The students who won awards were recognized by the PDSB (see Stellar Awards).

The DECA members have spent a considerable time this year on fundraising through events such as "Wiener Wednesday". This offsets some of the travel costs. The club is seeking corporate sponsors in local community to invest in DECA students—future business leaders! These students represent their school and the community in all the events.

You can also help by volunteering to serve as judges at DECA events. Anyone interested should contact the DECA Advisor, Ms. Patricia Hopwood-Jones at extension 340.

Environmental Club Redirects 100 tons of Recyclables

The members of the Environmental Club participated in the ECOBUZZ workshops hosted by Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA). They devised an action plan for which they received an award. Every week the club managed a successful recycling program at the school and helped divert an estimated 100 tons of recyclable away from the landfill.

During the Education Week the club

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ran a successful e-waste and used battery campaign. They also ran a toonie for trees campaign that netted enough money to plant 15 new maple trees and bringing the total of trees on school property to 250. The club was also recognized with the ACER-ACRE Award that was given to the school for entering a tree on school property which at 116.2 cm in diameter and 26.64 meters in height was bigger than any other.

Modern Language Students Win Awards

Significant number of students taking French and German competed in various contests. In the McMaster French Contest all the students finished in top five: 1st-Young-In Kim, 2nd-Florence Mok, 3rd-Daniel Wong, 5th Alec Hughes. Two of these students also finished in the top twelve in the Glendon French Contest.

German language students were invited to compete against Ontario's best students at York Universities. Four of the students placed in the TOP TEN in all of Ontario!! Alec Hughes and Dainis Kalnins placed second and Jenna Pool and Christy Bain placed sixth and seventh respectively.

Everyone, especially Frau Holl, is proud of these outstanding students. Congratulations on all your hard work and for supporting each other.

German Students go Places

On April 19th, German classes had a packed itinerary starting with the viewing of German films at the Sprockets International Film Festival for Children, followed by a lunch at the Amadeus Viennese Restaurant. A walk to the Goethe Institute helped digest the food and get ready for German trivia, games and a tour of the cultural facility and library.

The German students also visited the St. Jacobs Mennonite museum, mingled with Mennonite farmers at the huge outdoor market and had a tour of the area including a Mennonite farm.

There will be two week exchange opportunity to Germany during the 2008 March Break. It is not too late to get information on it. Please contact Mrs. Holl or Mrs. Quinn.

Robotics and Computer Engineering Students

In the Grade 10 Computer Engineering Course a Sumo-bot competition was held as part of the culminating task. Robert Zawadzki with his commitment to gaming easily beat his classmates. Bravo Robert!

The Grade 12 Computer Engineering students participated in the first annual Dufferin-Peel Robotics Competition winning the first and second place. The first place team of Manpreet Bansal, Bruce Lan, and Siyaman Sadagopan had the fastest robot in the "Driving the Fairway" competition. The second place team of Yatish Gupta and Taylor Ma created a "Pirate". For the competition, students had to do everything from making the circuit board, programming the electronics and make the enclosure to create a completely autonomous robot.

Grade 11 Biology News

The Grade 11 Biology students from Ms. Lee's and Mr. Shaughnessy's class have been very active. On March 30th the students went to the Ontario Science Centre to learn about Human Anatomy and Physiology. They watched the film "Wired to Win" and got an appreciation for the work done Tour de France athletes. On May 4th the students hosted a Biology Fair that featured 3-D interactive boards on genetics.

On May 8th the students went on a nature walk to the Erindale Park where they photographed and classified 30 living organisms. They were rewarded with a BBQ lunch of hot dogs and "smores" before their trip back to school.

On June 4th the students practiced their surgical skills by dissecting a fetal pig and learning about its various systems. The Grade 11 Biology classes ended the term by being CSI agents, and solving a murder mystery

using their lab skills.

Grade 11 Physics News

The Physics students were busy this March Break to solve the energy crisis and make the world more sustainable. They went to the University of Guelph to participate in the first annual Wind Energy Engineering Competition where they had to build a 3-D windmill capable of generating electricity. The top Woodland's team from Ms. Lee Class called Asian Invasion and made up of Dushyant Saraph, Benny Zhang, Karan Bhangui, Raghav Goel and Daivik Doshi placed 6th just a bit short of the top five. Congratulations Woodlands.

Windmill Ready for Testing



In another exercise dealing with energy crisis, the students build model homes with high insulating capacity.

A visit to the Gravity Climbing Gym in Hamilton on March 5th got the students thinking about practical applications of mechanical advantage. They left the Gym in awe and sore muscles.

A physics fair was hosted by the students on May 24 and 25 featuring interactive display boards on sports, sound, light and electromagnetism. The students also investigated the "thrills" of amusement park rides by learning to use vertical and horizontal accelerometers.

Track and Field Report

Two Woodlands students, Donate and Brandon made it to the finals at the OFSAA held in Ottawa and completed personal best times. Congratulations to both for making it to OSFAA.

Woodlands Athletic Council

It's that time of year again! Woodlands Athletic Council wrapped up their activities for yet another school year. They recently finished the soccer intramurals which involved just under 100 active students! Our athletic banquet was organized and ready to go on Monday June 25th at 12:30 with tickets at a record high 118 students and 30 coaches. The new executive has been chosen and is already preparing for next year! See you in September Woodlands!!!

Athletic Awards 2006-2007

<p>Junior Girls Basketball MVP: Colleen Gammie MIP: Christina Perch</p> <p>Senior Girls Basketball MVP: Kristin Drury MIP: Nancy Le</p> <p>Junior Boys Volleyball MVP: Clayton Law</p> <p>Senior Boys Volleyball MVP: Ian Lau MIP: Sammi Bachra</p> <p>Golf MVP: Michelle Lee</p> <p>Cross Country Running MVP: Hannah McCrudy-Adams MIP: Shannon French</p> <p>Varsity Football-Offensive MVP: Sam Owusu</p> <p>Varsity Football-Defensive MVP: Linc Earlis</p> <p>Junior Boys Basketball MIP: Manu Gabble</p> <p>Senior Boys Basketball MVP: Ray Evans MIP: Brandon McKenzie</p>	<p>Junior Girls Volleyball MVP: Stephanie Lau MIP: Carrie Turcotte-Sears</p> <p>Senior Girls Volleyball MVP: Carolyn Fong</p> <p>Table Tennis MVP: Huayi Gao</p> <p>Senior Girls Lacrosse MVP: Kristen Drury Stephanie Wegierak MIP: Laura Daniel</p> <p>Junior Girls Lacrosse MVP: Stephanie Lao MIP: Christina Perch</p> <p>Archery MVP: Annie Balgobin MIP: Adam Thorn Yale Mao</p> <p>Girls Varsity Slowpitch MVP: Kimberly Campos MIP: Kerry Marney Jolene Tham</p> <p>Boys Varsity Baseball MVP: Corey Pappel MIP: Kyle Young</p>	<p>Senior Boys Soccer MVP: Sammi Bachra MIP: Brandon Apelgren (O) Jason Jordan (D)</p> <p>Junior Boys Soccer MVP: Tajinderpal Bansal MIP: Tian Fang Yu</p> <p>Junior Boys Cricket MVP: Shaunak Raval MIP: Saad Inam</p> <p>Senior Boys Cricket MVP: Asad Zaidi MIP: Usmaan Mujtaba</p> <p>Track and Field MVP: Brandon McKenzie</p> <p>Wrestling MVP: Shehkar Saxena</p> <p>Varsity Girls Soccer MVP: Pam Harman Kayla Klimasko MIP: Danica Ilic Josie Warnica</p> <p>Badminton Open MVP: Clayton Law Kun Yang MIP: Gary Huang</p> <p>Badminton Junior MVP: Ryan Lau</p>
<p>Junior Boys Volleyball Rookie of the Year: Senior Girls Volleyball Best Leader: Track and Field Leadership/Citizenship: Wrestling Most Dedicated: Contribution to Athletics Awards</p>		<p>Ryan Lau Laura Daniel David Hufnagel Hooman Safaee Nancy Le</p>
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