



WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE C.I. NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

It has been a busy year at Mackenzie and as you read this year's newsletter you will notice program highlights and celebrations of individual student excellence. High expectations for student achievement continue to be the goal of each and every department within the school. The many co-curricular and enrichment activities described in this newsletter are vital to the education of our students and enhance the programming that occurs in the classroom. Highlighted

Student Services

It has been another busy second semester in Student Services.

In February we assisted students with semester start-up, welcoming new students to Mackenzie, and preparing students for Course Selection Week. Students participated in classroom presentations and assemblies to aid in their future course selections and planning. Overall students and parents alike continued to report a very positive experience using myBlueprint for on-line course selection. Students also found the Career Interest Inventories and the Educational Planner to be very helpful with future planning.

Student Services continues to support our Peer Tutoring Program. We are proud of the over 100 students who have been involved in the program. We were pleased to organize a Mental Health Week at the end of May. Together with our dedicated student committee, two workshops were organized and delivered for our Grade 9 students: *Stress and Wellness* as well as *Stigma and*

in this newsletter you will also read about the diverse initiatives that support our students in their social, emotional and physical well-being. Success is never achieved in isolation and I am very proud of all staff at Mackenzie and the team effort that creates such success. Parents are part of this team effort and we value our partnership with you. Best wishes to our graduating students and to everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Marcia Diakun - Principal

Mental Health. These workshops were facilitated by senior students in an effort to build leadership capacity and promote positive peer relationships. In addition, our committee organized an entire week of events to promote mental health awareness and to reduce the stigma associated with mental health. As part of the week, we were also fortunate to host Jennifer Kolari M.S.W., R.S.W., for an evening parent workshop on *Teenagers and Anxiety*. The evening was very well received and very helpful in supporting our efforts to build confident and emotionally resilient students.

On May 24th, we welcomed our in-coming Grade 9's to Mackenzie. Over 300 Grade 8 students descended on the school for an assembly, tour, team-building activity and BBQ. Thank you to the guidance department, staff and dozens of volunteers for helping to make the event a great success. We are looking forward to officially welcoming the class of 2017 in September!

Highlights 2012-2013

- Grade 9 Math Team, University of Waterloo Zone Champions placed 1st in Ontario and 1st in Canada
- OFSAA Individual Gold Medal Track and Field – Phil Divizio
- Gold Medals - Sr. Boys Volleyball, Sr. Boys Soccer, Midget Boys Cross-Country, Co-ed Volleyball and Boys Track Team
- TDSB Dare 2 Dance Finalists
- Concours d'art oratoire – 2nd in Ontario – Uma Kalkar
- University of Western Ontario Science Olympics – 11 medals

On June 5th, we were happy to host a grad breakfast as a farewell and thank you to our graduating students. Students had an opportunity to mingle with friends and staff, sign yearbooks and vote for their valedictorian. A great time was had by all!

The Student Services department would like to extend a big thank you to our social worker, Ari Blatt, for his continued leadership and support this past year. Ari is a tremendous asset to our department and we are extremely appreciative of his expertise.

On behalf of the Student Services department, Mr. Chippier, Ms. Elso-Ponzo and Mr. Leder together with Ms. Potapova and Ms. Bitaxi, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. To the graduates of 2012-2013, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

T. Klement - ACL Student Services

English Department - The Lyon's Roar D. Berenstein - ACL English

Last month, the English Department was thrilled to host The Lyon's Roar, Mackenzie's bi-annual speech contest. Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 all presented speeches to their English classes and top students in each class had the opportunity to compete in Grade finals adjudicated by a panel of English teachers. This semester, six Grade 9 students competed in the finals and top honour was awarded to **Michael Shnaider** for his impassioned speech on the shadow side of cellphone manufacturing and to **Medhavi Gautam** for her heartbreaking tribute to her cousin, a loving eulogy that resonated with a powerful anti-homophobia message. Six Grade 10 students

competed and top honour was awarded to **Felipe Carvalho** who, draped in medals, spoke about success and humility. **Vrushank Desai's** touching tribute to his father took top honour amongst nine Grade 11 finalists. The English Department congratulates all speech finalists and winners. Special thanks to staff adjudicators and to Ms. Mancini for emceeding the event.

In other news, Semester 2's Grade 12 Writer's Craft delivered to the Mackenzie community a new edition of **Spilled Ink**, an anthology of student creative writing containing short stories, poetry and more. The anthology is a testament

to the imagination and talent of our student writers. Special thanks to the students in the Writer's Craft class and to Ms. Knebel for bringing us this treat.



Maddy Kadish, Grade 9, competes for top honours at the "Lyons Roar" Speech Contest

Parent Council

We have worked very hard this year to ensure that the decisions we have made are best for the well-being and safety of our students. The Council would also like to thank the administration, staff and students at Mackenzie for all their time and effort in helping us with various requests throughout the year. Have a great summer. See you in September

Heather Goldberg / Toba Scott Co-Chairs, Parent Council

Business Department

The Business department continued to offer a variety of enriching experiences to our students through its connections with the community.

The Grade 12 Finance class visited the Toronto Stock Exchange where the students learned about investing, saving and spending. The day long trip was highly interactive and students gained an important understanding of building financial security. We are already looking forward to our next visit to the 'Day on Bay'!

The Grade 11 Marketing class attended a Business Exploration day at George Brown College on Friday, May 3. They heard lectures on "The Evolution of Advertising" and another by an entrepreneur entitled, "So You Would Like to be Wealthy?" Students were given a tour of the

School Partnership Yorkdale

This year's executives, Aliya Ali, Ayesha Islam, Kim Nguyen, and Julia Tang had the privilege of attending Yorkdale's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, with teachers Ms. Graham and Ms. Martin-Jordache, and Principal Ms. Diakun. The meeting reviewed the highlights of the 2012 year, including two major openings: "Dine on 3" food court and the

School Partnership Baycrest

This year the Baycrest-Mackenzie Educational Executive. The executive selection process was high level of interest generated by this partnership. Therefore, the Baycrest-Mackenzie Student Executive members for the year 2013-2014 are: Zoe Davidson, Lior Levy, Uma Kalkar and Virusan Wignarajah. Congratulations!

We would also like to thank all students who participated in the Baycrest orientation session on May 22 and remind all Mackenzie students that volunteers are always welcome! Contact us in order to complete your volunteer hours!

Science Department

It has been a busy spring in Science. Our students have written many contests, competing in the University of Waterloo Chem 13 and Avogadro Exams, Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest and the University of Toronto National Biology Competition. We had a number of top 5% finishers.

Most recently students stayed overnight at the University of Western Ontario to compete in the London District Science Olympics bringing

Social Science Department

The Social Science department ends this school year on a busy note. The Grade 9 Geography students spent an interesting day at the ROM with Ms. Lee, Mr. Watt and Ms. Papernick learning about rocks and their development. On May 23, Ms. Knebel's West and the World Grade 12 class visited the AGO to view the early Renaissance Art exhibit. This was an amazing opportunity to see original works of art from this time period. Thanks go out to Mr. Cade and Ms. Parravano for organizing this year's Culturama evening, a wonderful night

college and information on course offerings. It was a most enjoyable and interesting day.

The Grade 11 Accounting classes heard speakers from Canada Revenue (CRA) as well as the three accounting designations – CA (Chartered Accountant), CMA (Certified Management Accountant), and CGA (Certified General Accountant). Speakers gave informative sessions on careers, job opportunities, salaries and educational requirements.

Nine Economics students wrote the Advanced Placement Economics exam. The primary purpose of the enriched Economics course is to prepare students for university or college. The exam is recognized at many Canadian universities.

M.G. Graham - ACL Business & School Partnerships

40 new stores in the southwest wing. Among awards given to stores were: "Best New Store", "Best Renovations", "Best Green Store". Retailers elected new members to the Board of Directors, and plans for a new Southeast expansion were presented. To top off the meeting, everyone was given a delicious boxed lunch.

C. Martin-Jordache Co-Chair Baycrest Partnership

Partnership elected new members to the Student very competitive and we were happy to see the



Current and future Baycrest Executives

back 11 medals. Students also competed at the University of Guelph Science Olympics. Thank you to Ms. Law for her tireless efforts in leading these amazing students

In the classroom, our students and teachers continue to experiment, dissect, create, discuss and build. The electric houses from Gr. 9s have been creative and complex, Gr. 11 research projects in food chemistry have been eye-opening, plants successfully growing in Gr. 11

full of food, fun and dancing, showcasing the cultural diversity and talent in our school.

Looking forward to the autumn, the department is anticipating a roll out of the new Ministry curriculum for Social Sciences and we are offering several new courses: HSP3C, HHS4C and HIP40. These additions will broaden our offerings to service the needs of our college bound students. We are also in the planning stages of two grade wide trips: a repeat of our very popular grade 9 Geography Niagara trip

Kathy Bodnar, a former accounting student and 2004 graduate of Mackenzie, returned to speak to incoming Macs students. She is a graduate of Schulich and has her CA designation and currently works at Rogers as a Senior Analyst, Corporate Strategy.



Kathy Bodnar CA
Macs Graduate 2004
Currently a Senior Analyst
at Rogers Communications



Yorkdale's New Executive Team 2013-2014
Ms. Graham, Winnie Shi, Kathy Luu, Jane Lor, Maggie Hong, Luckshanan Baladrishnan, Ms. Martin-Jordache, Ms. Osier.

The DECA Club



The Deca Club has been busily interviewing applicants for next year's executive team. The new team is displayed here.

biology have revealed some real gardening talent and our engineers in Gr.11 physics have built sturdy bridges.

We wish our graduating students success next year and look forward to working and learning with all our science students in September.

J. Extavour – ACL Science Curriculum
D. Bouttell – ACL Science Facilities Management

and a Grade 10 trip to the Waterloo Interactive Museum in Guelph, Ontario.

Special thanks go out to the Administration and all the teachers who helped to make this year a smooth one and on behalf of all of the Social Science Department staff we wish you a restful, happy and healthy summer.

W. Knebel
ACL Canadian & World Studies & Humanities

International Languages and ESL

French

This semester our grade 11 French students experienced the French side of our city with a visit to the University of Toronto campus and the viewing of Molière's "Le Malade Imaginaire" by the Troupe des anciens. After that, we enjoyed a delicious French meal in a small bistro on campus.

Also, congratulations to Uma Kalkar who took the second prize in the provincial phase of the Concours d'art oratoire at Glendon College. Félicitations!

ESL

Another very successful year draws to a close. Our ESL Ambassadors' Club resumed in March and we held a movie day, participated in Culturama and hosted a year-end celebration. In addition, the ESL D class, accompanied by Mr. O'Brien, paid a visit to The Classical Theatre Project and saw Romeo and Juliet. The

play was enjoyed by all and, in particular, those in attendance loved the antics of Mercutio. Ms. Soto-Gordon's ESL drama class performed for a group of day care students and the performances were received with enthusiasm. Next fall, we hope to have another all-day ESL field trip and we are thinking of re-visiting Toronto

MaCS News

MaCS students have had an exciting year! MaCS students have had a number of enrichment opportunities through curricular and extra-curricular activities which included guest speakers, workshops, competitions, field trips, contests, and the MaCS trips.

Our Grade 9 MaCS students spent three days at Muskoka Woods attending an orientation and leadership trip. It was a wonderful trip that was packed with fun and challenging activities including low ropes courses, giant swing, mountain biking, zipline, team building initiatives, and archery. It was an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills, meet new classmates and build friendships that will last throughout their entire high school experience.

Our Grade 10 MaCS students spent one day at the Camp Robin Hood Leadership Centre where they participated in a number of team building, communication, and leadership initiatives. Our Grade 11 MaCS students spent one

day in Niagara Falls as part of the Grade 11 MaCS trip. Students journeyed to the Butterfly Conservatory, Bird Kingdom, Niagara's Fury, and many other tourist sites at the Falls.

Our Grade 12 MaCS students went to the Stratford Festival to see the musical "Tommy" as part of the Grade 12 MaCS trip. Congratulations to our Grade 12 MaCS students who celebrated their graduation from the program in June with a ceremony and reception celebration! Students were treated to a memorable afternoon of diplomas, certificate letters, and a cake. Our Grade 12 graduates are to be congratulated on their tremendous successes and accomplishments. Best of luck in all your future endeavours! I look forward to celebrating with you at Commencement!

In May we welcomed our new Grade 9 MaCS students to Mackenzie for our annual grade 8 MaCS orientation. Students took part in various activities including tours, a scavenger hunt,

Mathematics Department

As the 2012-2013 academic year comes to a close, the Mathematics Department would like to thank all our students for an outstanding year! Congratulations to all the participants of the 2012-2013 Mathematics Competitions. Below is a summary of our first place winners for the Waterloo Mathematics Contests.

PASCAL (Grade 9):	Eric Song George Lim Srikar Kovvali	FRYER (Grade 9):	Sejin Kim Joshua Yuan Max Vezunov
CALEY (Grade 10):	Benson Guo	HYPATIA (Grade 11):	Ryan Gotesman
GALOIS (Grade 10):	Kevin Xu	COMC:	Hsin Yen Liu
FERMAT (Grade 11):	Brian Lee		
EUCLID (Grade 12):	Ryan Gotesman		

We are delighted to announce that the Pascal team won "Zone Champions", placed 1st in Ontario and 1st in Canada. The Cayley team scored 49th in Canada, 18th in the province, third in the Zone. The Fermat team scored 24th in Canada, 11th in the province and second in the Zone. Our students brought 54 Certificates of Distinction for the Pascal Contest, 29 Certificates of Distinction for the Cayley Contest and 18 Certificates of Distinction for the Fermat Contest. We have also received 12 Silver, 15 Bronze medals for the Fryer contest and 6 Silver, 8 Bronze for the Galois.

As always we are continuing to offer the American Scholastic Mathematics Association series, Sun Life Financial Math Competition and MAA American Mathematics Competitions (AMC).

Have a wonderful summer!

A. Karageorgiou - ACL Mathematics
I. Gugoiu - ACL Numeracy



French Theatre
University of Toronto

C. Martin-Jordache

Island. In closing, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. To those that are graduating, we wish you much success in your future endeavours and to those who are returning, we will see you in September.

M. O'Brien - ACL Languages

and a BBQ. Students received a welcome gift to the program and they had the opportunity to hear from a senior MaCS student and a MaCS Alumnus about their experience in the MaCS program. The event was a great success and we look forward to welcoming our new grade 9 MaCS students in September!

Thank you to all the MaCS student volunteers, teachers, support staff, and administrators who helped with the application process and all the MaCS events throughout the year!

S. Leder - MaCS Coordinator



Grade 11 MaCS Trip - Niagara Falls

The Contest Dates for the Canadian Mathematics Competitions 2013-2014 (The Center for Education in Mathematics and Computing from the Faculty of Mathematics, University of Waterloo) are:

Thursday, November 21, 2013:

CANADIAN SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE

Thursday, February 20, 2014:

PASCAL CONTEST (Grade 9)

CAYLEY CONTEST (Grade 10)

FERMAT CONTEST (Grade 11)

Monday, April 7, 2014:

CANADIAN TEAM (University of Waterloo)

Tuesday, April 8, 2014:

MATHEMATICS CONTEST (at Mackenzie)

Tuesday, April 15, 2014:

EUCLID CONTEST (Grade 12)

Wednesday, April 16, 2014:

FRYER CONTEST (Grade 9)

GALOIS CONTEST (Grade 10)

HYPATIA CONTEST (Grade 11)

AMERICAN SCHOLASTICS MATHEMATICS

(ASMA) 2013 - 2014:

October 10, November 14, December 12,

January 9, February 13

Sun Life COMC: **November 6, 2013**

AMC: **February 4, 2014**

Health & Physical Education

This has been an incredible year for the Athletics and Physical Education programs at Mackenzie. Our Athletic teams proved to be some of the best in our region with five regional championships this year. Congratulations to our Senior Boys Volleyball, Senior Boys Soccer, Midget Boys Cross-Country, Co-ed Volleyball and Boys Track teams for bringing home gold medals. Mackenzie was also proud to send six Mackenzie students to OFSAA Track and Field in Oshawa this year. Our classes provided opportunities for our students to reach their fullest potential with an emphasis on life-long physical activity. The athletic banquet at the Columbus Centre in June was a great success where our motivated athletes were recognized for their efforts and hard work. Mackenzie's successful program wouldn't be possible without all the dedicated staff, coaches and students who put in countless hours before, during and after school. I cannot be more appreciative of the hard work and enthusiasm everyone put into their classes, programs and teams. Here's to a much deserved summer break. Go Lyons!!

T. Agelothanansis - ACL Health & Physical Education

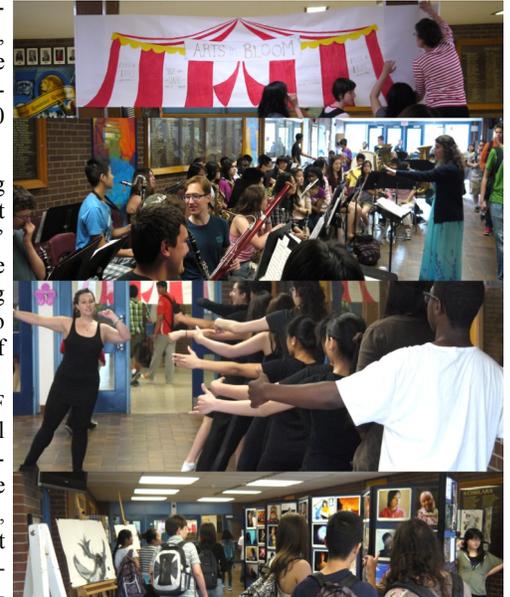
Drama, Music and Visual Arts

This year, the Arts department provided a wide range of art disciplines and opportunities for Mackenzie students. There have been professional performances, Q & A sessions, guest artists, field trips, music workshops, film seminars and screenings. The students put on the school's first Grade 9 drama night, dance performances, concerts and a gallery. The ESL Drama class performed for the daycare Children Are People Too and there was a dynamic "Arts in Bloom" launch by the Arts Council. Mackenzie's week long celebration of the arts began with a Cirque Des Beaux Arts Picnic containing clowns, live music, face painting, caricatures, a unicyclist and a Picasso inspired, put-your-face-here, carnival style photographs. The week concluded with Java After Dark, an entertaining evening of music, poetry, film, spoken word and homemade treats. At the time of writing we still have the Grade 10 Comedy Night, Show Me The Funny, and the grade 12 music recital to look forward to.

The Dance program is completing a strong first year with a number of performances. Following last semester's powerful Remembrance Day assembly, the second semester class has danced at the grade 8 orientation and Culturama, Mackenzie's cultural celebration. Welcoming next year's Grade 9's was the Orchestra with a preview of the bi-annual concert, Springtime Shebang. The concert was an impressive collection of show tunes, film scores and classics from the String Ensemble, Guitar Class, Vocal Group, Junior and Senior Wind, Jazz Band and Orchestra. Also shown was a cross-curricular grade 10 student animation made for the orchestra's performance of Zoovenirs.

Art classes visited the AGO, the OCAD graduate show, galleries at 401 Richmond, and TIFF Bell Lightbox for a "Film in a Day" workshop. Music classes went to Humber College, School of Creative and Performing Arts and ten musicians visited the school for half a day of workshops. This was a great opportunity for both the music classes and extra-curricular groups. The Drama classes benefited from a week of Clown workshops with Omar Hady, an actor, writer, director, and producer. During Black History month there was a professional presentation that charted the development of Ska music. After concluding a successful run, Factory Studio Theatre brought their original production, "To The Last Cry", to the school for an exclusive performance.

M. Simpson - ACL Arts



Arts in Bloom Week

Computer Programming Team

We have three teams with a total of over 100 dedicated students from grade nine to twelve who have been meeting during lunch to prepare for several programming contests. 21 teams of four students each competed in three Canada wide DWITE programming contests to determine the top three teams (one all girls) to represent the school at the board level this spring. These teams participated in the Toronto District School Board's contest for the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO).

All of the teams placed high enough to go on to the Regional competition April 27 and the two senior teams went to the Provincial ECOO



Darshil Parikh, Krish Ohri, Hsin Yen Liu, Jeremy Wong

Competition May 11th at York University.

At the Provincial competition, one of the teams placed 4th out of 24 and the other 11th.

Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition (CCC)

A total of 37 students participated in the three hour CCC, 9 in Junior division and 28 in the Senior division. Congratulations to all who participated.

Computer Science AP Exam

This year we had 22 students write the Advanced Placement exam which is a subset of

the SATs and is offered as an enrichment course at the grade 12 level. The primary purpose of this course is to prepare students for university or college. Like the International Baccalaureate, this exam is recognized at most North American universities. Students spend the first part of the semester preparing for the AP exam. After the exam, they concentrate on their term project which involves designing and creating their own game (done in pairs).

Grade 12 Design & Tech Students

Three grade 12 students (TDJ 4M) have been volunteering to work and create bird boxes for Downsview park as our outreach to the community. The process started some time in January and was finished in March with the support of their teacher, Ms Mansouri. Luca Antonini, Ben Levine and David Moscoe worked at lunch time and the wood used was provided by the park. The bird boxes are used for educational purposes in younger student's field trips.

J. Dyke - ACL Computers



Back Row: Mehwar Raza, Jathavan Asohan

Retiring:

Helena Ben David
Diane Papernick
Hanita Sugarman

Returning:

Bonnie Moore
David Regan
Jennifer Scott-Barnier

New to Mackenzie:

Nicole Cheung-Seekit
Corinne Lan
Emily Markowitz
Maria Valladares
Moving On:
Evelyn Alianak
Jennifer Brunner
Luke Gniewek

Moving on (cont'd.)

Irina Kharlas
Savita Khattrra
Jenny Lee
Jelena Milenovic
Sally Panavas
Mini Sareen
Avital Stopnicki
Bruna Velu
Don Willms

On Leave:

Cora Burt
Giovanna Capozzi
Marika Cooper
Jennifer Covent
Julie Gourley
Tina Idestrom
Alvin McIntyre

Support Staff Leaving:

Pat Bitaxi

Support Staff New to Mackenzie:

Sandra McLean

Farewell and Thank You