



# Woodlands School Parent Council News

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### Welcome Aboard!

On behalf of the School Parent Council, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr. Steve Kostiuk and Mr. Bruce Parrack, both of whom will be joining the Admin Team at the Woodlands during Ms. Gray's temporary absence from the school.

Stellar solos were performed by various members of the jazz bands including Cheng Z. and Forest L. on alto sax, Meghan L., Rachel W. and Ji Sang H. on tenor sax and a demanding solo on bari sax by Natasha C. Omar M. played a featured trombone solo and Alex K. on trumpet as well as Lydia X. on piano were noted for their outstanding solo work.

### Speaker Series

Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend the last of the Speaker Series for this year. The topic is "**Financial Planning and Money Management for Teens**". Parents and students are invited to join us and participate in this informative session scheduled for May 14th at 7:30 p.m. Keep abreast of the various events by checking out our website at: <http://woodlandscouncil.com>



### The Music Team does it again!

Hours of intensive rehearsal and commitment paid huge dividends for the members of our instrumental ensembles at this year's Music Fest regional competition held in Ancaster, Ontario. The Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands, Wind Ensemble, Intermediate and Senior Jazz Bands, and Chamber Strings performed with very successful results. The groups picked up 5 gold standings and a silver standing as well as 5 invitations to perform at the Music Fest Canada's National Festival to be held in Markham from May 11th to May 15th.

The adjudicators also applauded the terrific work of Tappy H. on cello and Megan K. on harp.

We are fortunate to be able to celebrate such an outstanding level of musicianship and teamwork here at The Woodlands School and congratulations goes to all involved.

### Best of Class!

Jason L., one of our grade 9 music students, won a Gold and Best of Class with a mark of 94 in the Open Piano Romantic Composer Class. He was competing mostly with university students, some of whom were music majors!

### The Woodlands' Chapters Night...A Success

The Fundraising event hosted by the Woodlands staff and students at Chapters was a great success. Thanks to the community and everyone involved for their support in making a difference. It was an evening filled with great music and lots of fun activities.



### Important Dates for April/May

- April 16—Grade 6 Day at the Woodlands
- April 20-24—Super Charity Fundraising Week
- April 21—International Bazaar
- April 23—Jazz Night
- May 6—Spring Fest Musical Performance at 7:30 p.m.
- May 8—Battle of the Bands at 7:30 p.m.
- May 11— PD Day—No school for students
- May 14— Speaker Series— Money Management
- May 11-15— Music Fest National Competitions
- May 15— Co-op Career Fair
- May 22— Arts Fest at 7:30
- May 25— School Council Meeting

For the concert bands, special mention goes to the expressive solo playing by Tina B. on piccolo, Amy W. and Calvin Z. on flute, Phoenix Z. and Marcus H. on oboe, Li L. on clarinet, Ben C. on horn, Omar M. on trombone, Jonathan W. on baritone, and Alex K., Emily L. and Yun Sik H. on trumpet. The adjudicators also made several comments about the exceptional work of the percussion section of the Senior Concert Band and Wind Ensemble.

### Best Beginners' German Programme Award

On April 4th, 17 of the Woodlands students competed in the Ontario High School German contest. It was an exciting day that culminated in a banquet in the evening where our very own Cecilia T. was awarded 2nd prize! Sarah H. placed 4th, Sally K. came in 5th, Rachel W. in 6th, and Tina X. in 7th. Seven other grade 11 students ranked in the top 22. Congratulations to everybody that participated in this contest. Ihr seid einfach wunderbar! Frau Holl and Frau Irvine are extremely proud of you.

Cecilia T. who placed 2nd in Ontario in this contest has been awarded a four week International Student Trip to Germany in August 2009.

Special mention goes to our grade 10 German class. During Saturday's ceremony the German Consul awarded them with the cup for "Best Beginners' German Programme" in Ontario. Congratulations to all the grade 10's who wrote this contest in the cafeteria a few weeks ago.

### Peel Robotics Competition

The Woodlands Junior Robotics Team travelled to Aurora to Robofest. Team 2 captured the "Artistic Drawing" Silver medal with Sachary L. and Jonathan M. drawing a very precise and fun loving stick figure which the judges loved for its precision. Other members of Team 2 were: Bryce W., Vinh K., Nguyen H., Damien P. and Calvin J. who all worked well as a team. Team 1 was successful in securing a position in the quarter finals of the "Performance Challenge" with the programming skills of Steven L., Charlie G. and Hank X. Their trouble shooting was evident right down to the very end, modifying both hardware and software. Complementing the team were Brian H., Richard M., John S. on the Artistic drawings.

The Senior Robotics team competed for the Bronze medal at the Peel Technological Skills Competition. Purusoth S. and Chen G. represented our school with their

tennis ball Connect 4 robot. They were commended for their "Keep It Simple" design, but due to technical difficulties were unable to secure a place in the Ontario Skills competition.

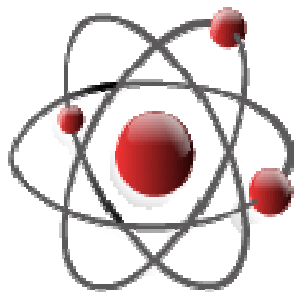
### Senior 2009 Canadian Computing Competition

A heart felt congratulations to Zheng W. who placed 15th in Canada and was the highest ranking student in Peel Region.

### Grade 10 Enhanced Science Amazing at the Ontario Science Centre

The Grade 10 Enhanced students participated in the special school program "Quest for Water: Ecological Challenge". The assigned scenario was that a community needed water. Students were first challenged to select a water supply for human use by testing different water and soil samples for oxygen, salinity, pH, nitrates and phosphorus. In the second phase, they had to build a device to acquire groundwater from a well by a 3 m by 3 m barrier and filter out the impurities in approximately 20 minutes.

In 20 minutes, using their "enhanced" inquiry and design skills, the groups built a pulley system. One impressive group built a funnel that literally mechanically pumped and filtered litres of water. The instructor at the Science Centre even commented that in his 30 years there, no group (and this program is usually attended by Grade 12 students) had ever built a pump system. Therefore, this was definitely an impressive feat!



### Woodlands Math Contest

There were 47 students who participated in the 2008 Canadian Open Mathematical Olympiad. Out of these 47 participants, we had 17 successfully earn an award of distinction (top 25% of all contest writers) and one student qualify for the Canadian Mathematical Olympiad.

Congratulations to all the participants!

### Awards to the Woodlands Staff

Congratulations go to the following individuals who were awarded the **Award of Distinction** by the Peel District School Board: Ms. Climie, Mr. Courtney, Ms. Henry, Ms. Hindmarch and Mr. Vali. Vice Principal, Ms. Suhay was presented the **Award of Distinction** by the staff at Harold Braithwaite S.S.

Congratulations to Ms. Farrow on being awarded the **Award of Excellence**.

Kudos to Ms. Morrison and the members of the PHE Department for winning the Quality Daily Physical Education Platinum CAHPER Award once again this year.

### Grade 6 Day at The Woodlands -

### Involving 210 students from Hawthorne, Springfield, Queenston, McBride and Ellengale Students

Thanks to Ms. Marti, Mr. Mardus, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Sykes, Ms. Haswell, Ms. Henry, Mr. Samuels, Mr. Marjanovic, Ms. Barber-Kahro, Ms. Ozolins, Mr. Klimmitz, Ms. Lawrie, and hostess Ms. Ali B., and the members of: the Prefects, the Senior Jazz Band, the Grade 7 and 8 ensembles, the WAA, the Grade 12 Drama Class, the Robotics Club and the WIP Council for their wonderful work and fine leadership during the Grade 6 Day held at The Woodlands last week. There was amazing feedback by the students and their teachers on the success of this day!

What a wonderful welcome to The Woodlands. Well done everyone!