

HAPPY NEW YEAR

McKenzie-Smith Bennett School Happenings

By Patti Tufford



CLASSIC KARATE



Tracey Urquhart

We are pleased to announce the award of **Student of the Month** to Tracey Urquhart. This award is given in recognition of diligent study, positive attitude, and progress in the art of Karate-do.

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Before the Christmas rush, we here at McKenzie-Smith Bennett would like to take this opportunity to share with the community just some of the great things that have been happening at our school. Sometimes, we get so caught up with what we're doing that we forget how much has been going on and what our kids have accomplished. So here goes.

Busy times this year started with the highly successful Open House BBQ held in September. Our new Vice-Principal, Mr. Bob O'Driscoll was kept on his toes barbecuing hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers (and he only managed to sing a few). This wonderful night would not have happened if it were not for the fantastic support and organization of the MSB School Council members. It is this kind of team work that is evident at MSB and makes it such a great place to be. Thanks everybody. Donated Maple Leaf tickets proved to be a great draws item at the BBQ and the funds raised will be put to good use in our library this year.

Fall is the time of year for cross-country and our cross-country teams did extraordinarily well under the leadership of Ms. Reid, our energetic phys-ed teacher. The team showed awesome team spirit and were admired for their ambassadorship at the meets. Way to go, team.

Our Student Council elections were held, with all of the candidates presenting well-written speeches. Congratulations go to our new president, Kevin Deforest; Vice-President, Tim Tysoe; Secretary, Alisha Martineau; and Treasurer, Matt Hanselmann. We're looking forward to an exciting year of activities. Thanks for all the help of the staff advisors who allowed this to happen: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Trotter, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Hepworth.

Our Grade 5s attended Camp Nemo for an overnight Outdoor Education trip, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A special thanks goes out to all of the parents who acted as chaperones on the trip. Their assistance helped to make the trip successful. Chaperones were: Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Rowsell, Mr. Brumwell, Mr. Job, Miss Halls, Mr. Keunzig, Mr. DeVaun, Mrs. Young, Ms. Ramsey, and Mrs. McPherson.

Our "Acts of Kindness" program is once again underway at MSB with excellent participation. Nominated by peers and teachers in the school, students are chosen to receive an award and special gift certificate every month. Special thanks go to our sponsors in the community who encourage this kind of positive behaviours with their donations of gift certificates.

Deb Fendley of Godfather's is just one sponsor we would like to thank this month for her generous donation made to the school. Thanks, Deb. Students, parents, teachers and our administration are pleased with the atmosphere this program is promoting. A special award is given out at the end of the year for students who have consistently worked towards making a difference in our school with their own actions. Keep up the great work everybody and set high goals for yourselves.

Winners of the "A.O.K." awards for the month of September and October were: Lindsey Lobelio, Justin Hazelwood, Corey Watterson, Kieran Taylor, Katie Brennan, Katelynn Robinson, Greg Beeso, Sarah Medland, Cassandra Job, Jamie Hill, Lindsey Nuttal, Josh Essiembre and Shawn Walker.

Our school-wide goals are emphasized every month, with September's being leadership, October's being citizenship. Congratulations to all students who received awards in the Good News Assemblies for displaying these traits in our school.

Our MSB Mustangs have had a successful year so far and are enjoying the high level of competition. They truly work together as a team and represent our school in a

most positive way. Go Mustangs Go.

Our fund-raising campaign has now finished, and we are pleased to report that it was very successful. Thanks to everyone in our community who supported our kids' efforts. Mrs. Stolfi and Mr. O'Driscoll encourage the use of these funds in ways which benefit all students at our school, and I am pleased to share with you that our A.O.K. program has had their full support from the onset. It is wonderful to see some of the fundraising money going directly back to the kids who earned it.

Some of the clubs currently running at MSB are the Art Club run by Ms. Henderson. It takes place every day after school and every other Tuesday at lunch; the Primary Choir run by Mrs. Wilde and Mrs. Spencer is Tuesdays at lunch; Yearbook Committee runs Wednesdays at lunch with Mlle. Lubkiewicz and Barb Burrows; the Environmental Club meets Mondays at lunch supervised by Mlle. Oettershagen. Other clubs include: Lunchroom Helpers supervised by Mrs. Keller and Concert and Jazz Bands directed by Ms. Howe.

There are countless other things going on here at MSB, in fact, too many to mention in just one article. It is definitely a place of "non-stop action."

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