

Centennial Middle School Wins "Much" Music Dance

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Can C.M.S. get "Much" More out of our Millennium?

On October 29th, 1999, Kimberley Dean, otherwise known as Kim, heard about a contest that Centennial Middle School could enter. Kim went home that night and wrote an award winning essay of why she thinks Centennial should win a free Much Music Dance, and how the school could benefit from the money that we could save. About two weeks later, on the 5th of November, Kim, and the rest of the school, were informed that Kim had won. There were at least 250 to 300 schools in the running. Kim's entry made it to a short list of the top 40 entries.

The following Monday, at the school assembly, Kim was recognized for her accomplishment.

The money that Kim has saved us for the Much Music Dance will go toward the Millennium Legacy Project.

Kim feels honoured to accept this prize, and to be recognized for helping in the community. She also feels that the money she has saved the school has gone to a great cause.

Hopefully other students and the community will be able to help out as well by purchasing dinner tickets for the Silent Auction.

Please take the time to read Kim's winning entry. Thank you.

Peril on Playground

Peril on our playground. What a corrupt combination. Is this the kind of amalgam that you want us children to live with? Peril is danger, hazard and harmful. Wouldn't you agree that a playground is supposed to be for frolicking, joviality and contentment? Well, at Centennial Middle School that is not the case.

We are at school five days a week, five hours, twenty-five minutes a day and for a large amount of us, sometimes more. Should we have to live in such antipathy?

Our school yard is in appalling condition. We wish to amend our school's back field into something we can be proud of and something decent we can appreciate. Besides, school should be a place that children and parents can trust, not only to receive the education they need but correspondingly come home unharmed and actually eager to return the next day.

Of course, what we would like to do requires a little more money than we presently have. That's why all the students and teachers of Centennial Middle School are coming together and pitching in, because we all want one thing... a decent place to play. Is that so much to ask? You tell me. But first, think of all the seven hundred students you will be letting down if you do not agree to help us with our fund-raiser.

Don't you find it at all disturbing to hear about us suffering that way? I do.

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KIMBERLY DEAN

I don't know if it's because I'm living it, or if it's because I understand the danger here, or if it's because I know how hard it is to be an adolescent in the nineties. But no matter what you think can you try to understand our pleas for help?

We are the children of the future. It is only appropriate to give us the proper environment that we really need.

Our future is in your hands, a shovel is in ours....there is nothing that is going to stop us from developing this field into what we want. The only question is are you going to help us? I'm sure you're thinking that if nothing is going to stand in our way you don't need to be here to help. But the thing is we are going to make our field suitable, even if it takes us the next few years to fundraise all the money. But why waste all that time when we can make our wish reality now? Why should we have to wait until someone is seriously injured, to fix a problem we could've prevented? Why waste all that time when we can cut down a big

piece of it in one night?

If we were to have a dance at our school, sponsored by you, it would make a great difference. You see, since everyone would adore to attend your Much Music dance, and we were to charge an amount of about three to five dollars a head, with seven hundred students attending, we can make an extraordinary amount that would really be helpful to us, but we would be helping you. How? By publicity. We are paying to go to this dance sponsored by Much, and once the students see what you generously did for them, don't you think they'll have extended hospitality towards Much Music? I think so.

So, before you place this letter down, think of all the students in Centennial Middle School. And before you go considering another letter, think to yourself, is anything more important than our safety? I am writing as a concerned student. Is there anything more important than the safety of us, the children of the future?

I didn't think so.

Thank you ...

Sincerely,

Kimberly Dean
(present grade eight,)

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