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# MEADOW GREEN NEWS

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Listening to the students present their speeches this month, continued to show us just how important it is for students to become comfortable speaking in front of others. It is a skill that is necessary throughout their lives. The speeches were not only entertaining, but also persuasive. Topics were very diverse from *German Shepherds* to *How Marketing Impacts our Food Choices*.

Here are a few excerpts from some of the speeches.

God Bless You,  
Georganne MacKenzie

## Grade 5-8 Speeches

Each year the speeches contain interesting and unique content. We are delighted to share some **excerpts** from a few of the speeches which were selected to be presented in front of a panel of judges and our entire student body.



There are many types of social media... There are many benefits of using social media. Many people use social media to connect with old friends and family. Some use it to entertain themselves. Other people use business sites to get jobs. People use social media for staying in tune with what is happening in the news. People also use social media as a marketing tool to sell their products. - *Social Media* by Alexander (Gr. 5)

### Black History Month



Everything I've ever learned about Black History, I've had to find myself. In all the schools I've attended, I constantly learn about European history, the Roman Empire, Ancient Greece and French settlers....Not ever in any classroom or in any school I have attended, have we ever gone into depth talking about the history of a hugely impactful nation. There was not one mention of a black inventor, a musician, not even our first black lieutenant governor of Ontario, Lincoln Alexander...Black history is very important because it shows that black people did more than pick cotton from a field. - *Black History Month* by Akili (Gr. 7)



So how old is Canada? Most people think Canada is 150 years old, but is it true? People could also think that Canada is 300 years old because that is when the British and Indigenous regions first began, or that Canada is only 18 years old because that is when Nunavut became part of Canada. Either way you look at it, it's great to be Canadian in a country that celebrates sports, inventions and social programs. Our anthem says, "God keep our land." I believe that God has blessed Canada in the same way he blessed the Israelites. Happy birthday Canada! Even though you're 150 years old, you're still looking good! - *Why It's Great to Be Canadian* by Jacob (Gr. 8)



As we all know, fur comes from animals such as foxes and coyotes. The fur industry; however, goes farther than that. They use minks, stolen cats and dogs, and even hamsters. Maybe you do love fur, but you might not know the suffering and abuse that these animals go through so that manufacturers can provide you with the beautiful fur that you love. The fur industry! Brutal, cruel, inhumane! - *The Fur Industry* by Joanna (Gr. 6)



Failing to use turn signals is another cause of accidents. While they may seem like a simple thing, not using them can turn a small mistake into a big accident. If drivers don't use turn signals, then they will be given a ticket; it's illegal. Accidents caused by drivers not using turn signals, include pedestrians getting hit at intersections, and cars getting hit on the highway. - *Causes of Accidents* by Alexander (Gr. 7)

## Grade 5 Poetry

### Diamonte By Natasha

Student  
Smart, intelligent  
Learning, sitting, working,  
Homework, pencil case, pointer, pen,  
Teaching, explaining, writing  
Caring, confident,  
Teacher

### Limerick By Ethan and Won Jun

There once was a bug named Doug,  
He was as snug as a bug in a rug,  
He rolled under the door,  
At a quarter past four,  
And made friends with a slug named Thug.



# INTERMEDIATE SCIENCE

The grade 7 class designed, built and reported on famous structures from around the world. They examined the destructive forces that act on each structure and the design features which allows them to survive.



Grade 8 students examined the characteristics of some unique fluids they made in class. Jacob reported that, "Slime (galaxy goo) has a high viscosity...If slime is in your hand, and you turn it, the slime will go slowly." Hannah reported that, "The oobleck was a solid, but whenever you pick it up, it will change into a liquid in a few seconds."



## Crazy Hair Day!

Queensway Students had a blast on Friday, February 24 when it was Crazy Hair Day!



## Basketball Tournament

The grade 4-6 basketball team participated in a tournament on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Players represented the school well and had a fun-filled day.

Congratulations to Sava who won the Encourager Award for supporting his teammates throughout the day!



## Grade 3 Inventions

The Grade 3 class was busy this term making *Confetti Launchers, Harmless Holders and Get Moving Games*. Here are just a few!



## 100th Day of School!

On February 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 the SK and JK students celebrated the 100th day of school. This was a fun-filled day with lots of activities and games. The students especially loved seeing their teachers dress up as 100 year old ladies.



## IMPORTANT DATES

March 7	JK-SK Visit the Fire Station
March 7-8	PS-G3 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 10	Last day before March Break
March 13 - 24	March Break
March 27	Back to school
March 31	Dress Down Day
April 1	Saturday Spring Concert Practice
April 5	SK and G8 Graduation Pictures (and new students)
April 8	Saturday Spring Concert Practice
April 8	Open House 10am - 1pm
April 12	Spring Concert Practice
April 13	Spring Concert
April 14 - 17	Easter Break (no school)
April 19-20	G4-8 C.A.T.
April 24	3rd Term Clubs start
April 24	G7-8 Badminton Tournament

## Dr. Doan & Dr. Konarski visit Preschool and SK!

Dr. Doan & Dr. Konarski visited the Preschool and SK classes to discuss dental hygiene. The students got to brush giant teeth, and learned correct flossing and mouthwash techniques. Now, that's a lesson to smile about!



## Save the Date!

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Spring Musical**

Students have been busy rehearsing for this year's spring concert **Madagascar**. Despite all the hard work of memorizing lines, learning choreography, and singing we are having lots of fun. This photo is a sneak peek of our finale and we can't wait to show you this scene and more on

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Meadowvale Theatre.**