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Meadow Green Academy

Director's Message

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STUDENT REVIEWS:

"My favourite parts of Madagascar Jr. were when I got to get my face painted and the finale. I liked to get my face painted because it made my costume look better. I also liked it because it made me look like a real crocodile. I liked the finale because we got to bow and the stage was crazy. I was very excited for the finale. We set Madagascar Jr. on fire!" - Maya Gr. 2

"As an audience member, it was really funny and dramatic to watch. I liked to see everyone working together as a team! It was a great production." - Ethan Gr. 5

"Oh, I loved it! It was so much fun and I loved everything!" - Kailyn Gr. 6



Stunning costumes, ingenuity, and energy characterize Meadow Green Academy's animated production of Madagascar. The magic and charm of this laughter-filled production will keep the whole family well entertained.

Lively songs and dance routines showcase how the pampered zoo characters in this popular musical survive dramatic changes that occur in their lives. The cast of grade 4-8 students showcase their love for music in various choral performances.

Thanks to super curious Marty the Zebra and some mischievous penguins, the animals escape from New York's Central Park zoo, only to find themselves quickly captured and shipped to Africa. When their ship is sabotaged and they're washed ashore on the exotic island of Madagascar, they realize how much they miss their old city life.

The characters struggle to survive — and that's when they discover the true meaning of loyalty and friendship! Enthusiasm for the play was tangible during rehearsal — "I think the play is absolutely fantastic. I love letting all my energy come out and it lets people come out of their shell and do something different" - Student.



"Doing a light-hearted play this year has made everyone upbeat, and because teamwork is required during production, the students can relate to the theme of loyalty and friendship" - Play director, Miss Christian
Another teacher referred to the teamwork involved as "sweat equity".

"It never fails to amaze me how much excellence the teachers are able to bring out of the students" - Vice-Principal, Mary Dell'Anno.

- Dr. Joan Bernard Bradley



GRADE 4s:

"The rehearsal for the play was tiring, but on the day of the show the play was very good and it was all worth it." - Sava

"It was very fun, the costumes were nice, and the teachers worked really hard." - Joy Amy

"I enjoyed it and it was an amazing experience!" - Sava

"The costumes were nice, the play was fun and exciting." - A.J.

GRADE 8s:

"I really enjoyed working on the Madagascar play. It was quite different from the other plays I have done at MGA. I think everyone did a splendid job!" - Hannah

"It was really fun, we got to work together - It was challenging to play another character, especially a non-human character." - Bhagya

"It is exhilarating to act in front of an audience." - Daniel

"This was my second play at MGA. It was great and it all came along. The director was very vocal (joking)." - Jacob



**GRADE 6s:**

"The play was really great. It all came together at the end and it was a good production to be a part of."

- Cherish

"It was fun and exciting, and it was even interactive!" - Alex B

"I thought it was very good, but we were behind in memorizing our lines. Staying in at recess helped and we worked hard to learn them before show time." - Alex S

GRADE 2s:

"My favourite part of Madagascar Jr. was when the penguins slapped the captain on the head. That was my favourite part because he was so funny. Also, it was funny when they threw the captain overboard head first into the water. Another part I liked was when we got to do 'I Like to Move It, Move It'. It was my favourite part because I liked the actions. I enjoyed the Madagascar play." - Hayden

"My favourite parts of Madagascar Jr. were when King Julien was singing, when the penguins entered the stage, and when Gloria was singing. I enjoyed being apart of this play. I liked having faceprint on my face. The costumes were very cozy. I had lots of fun. Next year, I want to be in the play again! - Chalise Gr. 2

**GRADE 1s:**

"On Thursday, April 13, Meadow Green Academy performed Madagascar Jr. at Meadowvale Theatre. My favourite part was when the penguins came in the show and when the old lady came and slapped Alex the lion on his bottom." - Chris H.

"On Thursday, April 13, Meadow Green Academy performed Madagascar Jr. at Meadowvale Theatre. First, we sang Gift of A Friend, Lean On Me and True Friend. Next, preschool, JK and SK sang three more songs. Then the show began. My favourite part of the show was when they sang I Like To Move It Move It. I also liked when Alex the lion started dreaming about steak." - Emily

**GRADE 5s:**

"It was amazing to act - I even got to scream!" - Natasha

"It was really fun acting with my friends. I also liked the costumes." - Erika

"Even though I didn't like the way the makeup felt, I liked playing hide-and-seek on stage as a lemur and I was having fun." - Antoni

GRADE 7s:

"It was nice and it gave us acting experience for the future. It gives you a chance to teach us what it is like to be in an actual theatre." - Jevon

"It was the best one yet! It was hilarious and interactive." - Cameron

"It was my first play ever. It was really fun with extravagant costumes." - Akili

"My experience was unforgettable because I felt that that we worked together as a team. Every person had a part which made it feel like a family." - Temi

"It was fun! The teachers tried their best to distribute the roles. All the hard work paid off!" - Dinesh

GRADE 7 PROJECTS



Grade 7 stayed positive and lively in the midst of final exams. After exams completed, students continued one of their end of year projects in history where they collaborated with each other to present on topics related to First Nations people of Canada.



Dr. Zajac Visits Grade 1-3

On Wednesday, May 10, the Grade 1-3s welcomed Dr. Zajac to learn about dental hygiene. Dr. Zajac helped to elevate any fears students may have about the dentist by teaching them about what hygienists and dentists do and showing them different tools that are used. Students were taught the proper way to brush their teeth and the importance of flossing. We thank Dr. Zajac for his visit and sharing his knowledge with the students.

Grade 1 Hawaii Unit

Grade 1 students finished their unit on Hawaii by tasting different fruit grown in Hawaii and learning a hula dance. Pineapple was the preferred fruit for most students!



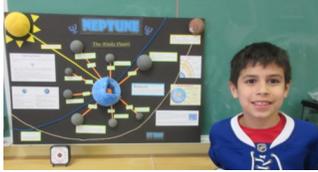
Grade 6-8 Final Exams

Grade 6,7 & 8 students wrote final exams last week. Together with the grade 4 & 5 classes, they are looking forward to working on an exciting new learning experience over the coming weeks on the theme of "Innovation".



Grade 2 Science Projects

The grade 2 class was recently challenged to research a planet in our solar system, create a poster board display, and present their findings to the class. Chalise, Christian, Forrest, Kiyan, Maya and Teni impressed with interesting facts about their planets. Adam, Evelina, Hayden and Liam took time to add 3D models to their displays. And Nikolett amazed everyone with her both her interactive presentation and incredible model of Saturn's rings. Outstanding work, grade two!



SK - GRADE 3 SWIMMING

For five weeks, students in SK-grade 3 are honing their swimming skills at the Huron Park pool. Students are enjoying practicing their front and back floats, glides, and crawls as well as learning how to pick up rings, tread water, and roll and dive into deep water. We sincerely thank our many parent volunteers for helping to make this rewarding experience possible.



MGA Student News!

Kudos to Daniel in grade 8 for his fine portrayal of Billy Ray in the play "On Golden Pond" presented by Village Theatre in Waterdown. Daniel shone in all six performances, all the while keeping up with his homework and studying for MGA exams. Bravo!



GRADE 3-8 TRACK & FIELD TRYOUTS

On Tuesday, May 9th, the grade 3 class went to the Lakeshore campus to try out for the Grade 3/4 Track and Field team. Mr. Kostecki and Ms. Crouch timed the boys and girls as they ran 60m and 100m races and recorded their distances as they threw softballs and jumped both the broad and running long jumps. The ACSI Track and Field event will be held on Thursday, June 1st. Good luck to all of our competitors who make the MGA Junior team!

GRADE 1 POETRY

Spring is here.
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How do you think I know?
I hear birds chirping.
I know it must be so!
-Brooklynn Gr. 1

IMPORTANT DATES

June 6 - 10
June 10
June 13 - 16
June 16
June 17

June 17
June 20
June 27

G6 - 8 Exam Week
Last Day for Lunch Programs
G4 - 8 End of the Year Trips
PS - G3 Fun Day
Last day of school, 3rd Term Report Cards go home
Awards Ceremony at Lakeshore
G8 Graduation
Summer Camp Begins