

PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE

December is probably the shortest month of the year, not technically, but it sure feels like that. During this time of the year everyone's calendar is crazy busy. As

If there is anything that you would like to pass along to the community as a message, for example recognizing someone who helped you out of a jam, please email it to [tmcl.message@gmail.com](mailto:tmcl.message@gmail.com). At the same time if there is something that you would like to bring to the attention of The Meadows Community Board, a new idea or proposal, please email [tmcl.board@gmail.com](mailto:tmcl.board@gmail.com).

If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you've always got. Do something new this season and feel the difference.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season. Best wishes from The Meadows Community League Board.

Cheers!  
*Harman Grewal*

## FREE SWIMS

Sunday, Dec. 21 and Jan 18  
at the  
Mill Woods Rec Centre  
from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Bring your  
Community League  
membership card  
for free admission

we plan to spend special time with our loved ones, please remember to include activities happening in the community.

The newsletter lists free events from Free Swim to the Christmas in the Meadows and Sleigh Ride etc. Please come out to these activities and enjoy them with your family, meet others and make new friends.

This also is the period with shortest daylight hours of the year. During the season of giving, please give yourself a few extra minutes for your trips, and slow down in residential areas.

Christmas  
in the Meadows

At the pond south of Sobey's  
on 34<sup>th</sup> St. and 38<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Free sleigh rides...hot dogs...hot chocolate...skating & a visit from Santa

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
12-4 PM

Sponsored by:  
Christ's Church of the Meadows

### Oilers Night!!!

March 24 vs. the Detroit Red Wings

Bus leaves Velma E. Baker School at 6 p.m. sharp!

Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

Available December 1 on first-come, first-served basis.

Call Emily at 780-466-0546

### The Meadows Community League

P.O. Box 92068  
Edmonton, AB, T6T 1N1

Next Monthly Board Meeting:

Monday, December 1 @ 7pm  
Velma E. Baker School

**\*\*VISITORS WELCOME\*\***

# The Meadows Community League Directors and Community Reps

President	Harman Grewal	466-7399
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Girl Guides Contact	Joanne Swensrude	440-2522
Community Rec Coordinator	Rejoice Apedoe	496-1474

# Community programs

## Yoga

Jan 9 to April 28, 2009  
\$100 for 15 sessions.

Register on Dec. 2,  
6 pm to 8 pm  
at Velma E. Baker  
School

After Dec. 2,  
call Brenda at  
780-463-6530

## Family Ski Night

Saturday, Feb. 7  
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
SunRidge Ski Hill

**\$10.00/person includes ski or  
snowboard rental, life ticket  
and a lesson (if required)**

**Register Dec. 9, 6 to 8 p.m.,  
at Velma E Baker School**

**For more info, call JoAnne at  
780-466-6170**

## Youth Drop-In

At Velma E Baker School  
will begin again during the  
week of Jan 6

## Family Sleigh Ride and BBQ

By RBC and the Meadows  
Feb. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Look for more details on these two  
events in the next newsletter!

*Bright futures  
begin here*

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Velma E. Baker School**

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Edmonton, AB T6T 1J9

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It is hard to believe that December is already here and we are in our fourth month of learning. We would like to thank our parents for coming out the week of November 24 to support their child's learning with our Three-Way conferences. Students were very excited about sharing their Evidence of Learning prior to the conference and this evidence assisted parents when they received the progress report on November 28. The students have shown much growth, both academically and socially, over the past three months and we are very proud of all of them.

The gift of giving can be seen throughout our school. The "Sharing and Caring Project" where students bring in all their extra Halloween candy again filled 7 large boxes that were distributed to Kids Cottage and the Youth Emergency Shelter. Our UNICEF project generated enough donations to purchase 13 new desks for the students in Malawi and Rwanda. Thanks to the School Council for making a donation on behalf of all our students. Operation Christmas Child collected close to 100 boxes for needy children overseas. School Council sponsored a very successful Coats for Kids drive. Thank you to everyone for their generous support!

December will be the time to spread Christmas cheer and share with the students the gift of giving. In lieu of staff Christmas gifts from our students we are asking students and parents to support our "sock" drive. Again this year we will be collecting "Santa's Socks" and displaying them throughout the school. New warm socks, any size, will be gratefully accepted until the last week of December and will be presented to an inner city agency. At our Christmas concerts we will also be collecting canned and non-perishable food items for the less fortunate. We hope you will join us for the gift of music at our Christmas Concerts on December 16 and 18 with performances at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. We will also be selling tickets for "The Best Seats in the House" and proceeds will go a charitable organization. We hope you will join us for the many activities that will be occurring during the month of December.

Assessment for learning continues to drive our learning at Velma E. Baker. In November we hosted 25 teachers and administrators from the Battle River School District who came to see the AFL and DI work of our students and teachers. Students have completed the interim measures for summarizing, retelling and numeracy. The Three-Way Conferences were an excellent opportunity for our students to set learning goals for the next reporting period. We are very proud of our students, both academically and socially. I was pleased to share our amazing achievement and survey results with Trustee Rice and Trustee Gibeault on November 14 at Ottewell School. "Respect" has been our character trait for the past several months with the addition of compassion, which ties in so nicely with the Christmas season.

As we come nearer to the last days of the year 2008, we would like to wish every one of our families and the community a wonderful winter break. Enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season and have a safe and happy holiday. All the best in the year 2009. School resumes on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Until next month . . . Reading Rocks!

Dorothy Cronk, Principal



## POOL PARTY!!

Join the Girl Guides at  
West Edmonton Mall  
World Waterpark

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

**AMAZING PRICE - \$5.00 per person!!**

Contact Joanne Swensrude for tickets

780-440-2522

jswensrude@shaw.ca



Girl Guides  
of Canada  
Guides  
du Canada

## Work a casino, earn \$100 in programming vouchers

Volunteers required for February 12 and 13, 2009

\$75 voucher for count room workers

\$100 vouchers for all other positions

For more information:

call Dana at 780-469-9985 or e-mail at danarichard@shaw.ca