

PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. I also hope you got that dream gift. Now that we are back to the normal routine, can we talk New Year's resolutions? Is doing volunteer work one of them?

Currently, we are missing out on kids and adults programs. The community needs someone to coordinate these. Over time, the number of programs being coordinated by us has decreased considerably. If you are able to spend a few hours per month, perhaps with a friend, and would like to be the Program Director (or Co-Program Director) or help in any way, please call or come to the board meeting.

Last month I shared the e-mail addresses, tmcl.message@gmail.com and tmcl.board@gmail.com, and have not seen a single

message. Just reminding.

City council has gone through its budget and planning exercise. On their list were some exciting projects specific to our community. Many thanks to our Ward 6 Councillors, for standing up and making sure these projects got the due attention and priority they deserve.

The Meadows Recreation Centre, Library, Meadows Transit Centre and Whitemud Interchange at 17th Street are some of the projects that have now been funded for construction in the next three years. More details at edmonton.ca/budget.

Our Meadows is becoming an ever more exciting community to live in!

Stay warm and take care!

Harman Grewal

FREE SWIMS

Sunday,
Jan. 18 and Feb. 15
at the
**Mill Woods
Rec Centre**
from
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**Bring your
Community League
membership card**

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE RBC AND MEADOWS COMMUNITY SLEIGH RIDE



**Activities for Children
BBQ Sponsored by RBC
Hot Chocolate and Treats**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 15 2009
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**VELMA E. BAKER SCHOOL
GROUNDS**

**Fun for the whole family and it's all
FREE**



Millwoods Outdoor Soccer Registration

Feb. 3, 4 and 5 - 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. - MWTC Mall

Feb. 19 - 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. - MWSA Office

Feb. 21 - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm - Mill Creek Room of MWTC Mall.



The Meadows Community League

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

**Next Monthly Board Meetings:
Monday, January 5 @ 7pm
Monday, February 2 @ 7 pm
Velma E. Baker School
VISITORS WELCOME**

The Meadows Community League Directors and Community Reps

President	Harman Grewal	466-7399
Vice-President	JoAnne Teasdale	466-6170
Past President	Kenn Tuckey	440-3420
Secretary	Crystal Dentman	462-7034
Treasurer	Brenda Beier	463-6530
— Bookkeeper	Guy Ng	920-5293
— Bingo Rep	Kora Thomson	468-7080
— Casino Rep	Dana Richard	469-9985
Membership Director	Vacant	
Program Director	Vacant	
— Children's Programs	Vacant	
— Adult Programs	Vacant	
Sports Director	Serge Tremblay	663-6575
— Soccer	Vacant	
— Basketball	Bik Grewal	463-8068
— Hockey	Harp Dhaliwal	466-6569
— Softball	Vacant	
Facilities Director	Vacant	
— Rinks	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
Civics Director	Rispah Tremblay	633-6575
— Public School Rep	Vacant	
— Catholic School Rep	Vacant	
— Velma E. Baker Playground	Brenda Beier	463-6530
— Canada Day Rep	Aafaq Ullah	695-8178
Neighbourhood Watch	Vacant	
— Block Parent	Vacant	
Communications Director	Michel Proulx	468-2272
— Newsletter	Michel Proulx	468-2272
— Website	Michel Proulx	468-2272
Girl Guides Contact	Joanne Swensrude	440-2522
Community Rec Coordinator	Rejoice Apedoe	496-1474

Make a Difference in Your Community!

Get to know your neighbours and help increase the quality of life in your neighbourhood by volunteering just a few hours a month.

Our community needs 1 or 2 people to help organize programs for kid and adults.

It also needs a membership director and someone to manage the signboard at 17St. and 38th Ave.

To find out how you can help, please call Brenda at 780-463-6530

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

Community programs

Yoga

Jan 9 to April 28

\$100 for
15 sessions

To Register
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 Jan. 20, 6 to 8 p.m.,
at Velma E Baker School

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

Oilers Night!

March 24 vs.
Detroit Red Wings

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

Tickets are \$35.00/person

Available on first-come,
first-served basis.

Call Emily at 780-466-0546



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We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the best in 2009!

December was a very exciting month around Velma E. Baker School. Our Christmas Concert was held on December 16 and 18 and we were delighted that Mrs. Velma E. Baker was able to join us for the festivities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and staff for the countless hours that went into preparing for our four performances and thank everyone for all the work that went on behind the scenes. Thank you to the parents for coming and supporting our students as they shared the gift of music and dance!

A special thank you to the many parents and family members who donated non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army during the month of December and for the hundreds of socks we received for Santa Socks in lieu of staff gifts. The socks were donated to the Bissell Centre along with the proceeds from the "Best Seats in the House". We know that all of us made someone else's Christmas a little brighter with the generosity of the Velma E. Baker School family. The spirit of Christmas was truly evident at our school in the month of December.

Thank you to the School Council and the PAC for their assistance with the purchase of a new sound system for our gym. The system was christened at the Compassion and Velma E. Baker's 15th Birthday celebration on December 2. Thank you to the PAC for the new 15 year banner that is proudly displayed in our main entrance and for organizing the over 400 birthday cupcakes that all of us enjoyed!

January continues to be a month focused on learning as we come back after a well-deserved break. Our instructional focus is gaining momentum as we continue working on summarizing, retelling and numeracy. Our students will complete the second interim measure on retelling and summarizing over the next several months.

Respect will continue to be our character trait with the addition of "Compassion". Our students have been demonstrating their knowledge about what the word "respect" means and have made excellent choices for their learning and working with others. Way to go students! Take a minute to look at our puzzle wall in the school library to read about how our students are making a commitment to make a difference at V.E.B.

Join us for our two parent sessions in January and February. On January 28 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. we will be offering a session with Sandra Woitas sponsored by the Provincial Family Violence and Bullying Initiative. This practical session will provide parents with information about "Bullying". On February 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Cam Buchanan, EPS consultant, will speak to the parents about "Cyber Bullying". Everyone is welcome and we hope to have a great turnout at our upcoming parent information sessions.

We look forward to great month of reading, learning and sharing!

Dorothy Cronk, Principal



Community members honoured

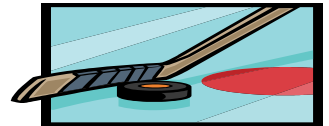
The Silverberry Park Committee was honoured recently in the category of Outstanding Team for their work for the past four years in getting a playground developed in the community.

The committee was formed in 2004 to ensure the neighbourhood's children would have a safe and fun place to play. After forming, the committee did the groundwork, created plans and solicited quotes for playground equipment and labour. The committee raised more than \$1 million from various sources and worked on all the planning with the different stakeholders.

This past year was the committee's busiest as it coordinated the building of the playground and over 100 volunteers who helped. The playground finally opened in September, 2008, providing the Meadows community with an outstanding facility that increases the quality of life for all its residents.

Each member of the original committee stayed on and worked until the project was completed. Everybody was always ready to drop whatever they were doing and come help out even at short notice.

Committee members included Brenda Beier, Karly Higginbotham, Kendra Black, Andrea Twardzik and Catharine Schoendorfer.



YOUTH DROP-IN AT VELMA E BAKER GYM

For kids 6 to 9

Every Tuesday
5:30 to 6:40

For kids 10-14

Every Thursday
5:30 to 7:00 pm

Participants must bring clean indoor running shoes

We will be doing a variety of activities from sports and games to art projects. We let you shape the program. So come out and bring your friends. We may even bring out a Playstation for some Rock Band and Guitar Hero. Best of all, it's free!

Contact Brenda at 463-6530 for more information

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