

PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE

The weather has been behaving well this year. We have had several above zero days in Jan-Feb, and got to enjoy more time outside.

Again, I might have spoken too soon, who knows what it would be like by the time this newsletter gets published and circulated. Normally there is a three-week lag between me writing this message and it making its way into your mailbox. Let's stay positive and enjoy all the events that our volunteers have lined up for our community.

At the February Board of Directors meeting, we reviewed and debated The Meadows Community League Bylaws. This is supposed to be a living document, which governs how we conduct the business of our community league. **JoAnne Teasdale**, our Vice-President, reviewed our existing Bylaws, and did a meticulous job of comparing them with those of other leagues and non-profit organi-

zations. We are still working on finalizing the recommendations. During the Meadows Annual General Meeting coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup>, these will be shared with the membership present and voted for acceptance.

The reason I mention it here is to get an input from you. As the members of this league, you have a stake in the content of this documentation. To be able to get a preview and provide feedback, you may contact Joanne directly at 466-6170. You can also send an email to [tmcl.board@gmail.com](mailto:tmcl.board@gmail.com).

Please remember to nominate your good neighbour for lending you a hand and/or making you smile. Follow the links at [Edmonton.ca/safedmonton](http://Edmonton.ca/safedmonton).

If you haven't yet, go out there and help thy neighbour!

*Harman Grewal*

## FREE SWIMS

Sunday,  
**March 15 and April 19**  
at the  
**Mill Woods  
Rec Centre**  
from  
**4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Bring your  
Community League  
membership card**

## Good fun during Ski Night



The Meadows came out in full force during the Feb. 7 Ski Night. Everyone, from little kids to grandparents, enjoyed skiing, snowboarding and tubing.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA HIKE FOR PLENTY

## Food Bank Drive



Girl Guides  
of Canada  
Guides  
du Canada

**SATURDAY MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Please have your food in a marked plastic bag on your doorstep by 10 a.m. for pick-up.

If your food is not picked up by 1 p.m., please take it to your neighbourhood fire station.

**THANK YOU!**

## Work a bingo, earn \$75 voucher

**Volunteers required for our next bingo,  
during the afternoon of March 1  
Earn voucher and a meal**

For more information,

call Dana at 780-469-9985 or e-mail at [danarichard@shaw.ca](mailto:danarichard@shaw.ca)

### The Meadows Community League

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

**Next Monthly Board Meetings:**  
**Monday, March 2, 2009 @ 7 p.m.**  
**Monday, April 6, 2009 @ 7 p.m.**  
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
— Bingo Rep	Kora Thomson	468-7080
— Casino Rep	Dana Richard	469-9985
Membership Director	Harp Dhaliwal	466-6569
Program Director	Vacant	
— Children's Programs	Vacant	
— Adult Programs	Vacant	
Sports Director	Serge Tremblay	633-6575
— Basketball	Bik Grewal	463-8068
— Hockey	Harp Dhaliwal	466-6569
— Soccer	Vacant	
— Softball	Vacant	
Facilities Director	Vacant	
— Rinks	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
Civics Director	Kendra Black	466-7149
— 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	Sandy Marsh	450-0872
— 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

We're Having a Party!



Girl Guides  
of Canada  
Guides  
du Canada

Bring Your Family!  
Bring Your Friends!

**Saturday, March 14, 2009**  
**West Edmonton Mall Water Park**  
**7:30pm 'til 10:30pm**

**Tickets are \$8 per person.**

**Call Joanne Swensrude for tickets at**  
**780-440-2522**

Bright futures  
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EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Velma E. Baker School**  
2845 – 43A Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T6T 1J9  
Phone: 440-4088 Fax: 465-1275



March will be a month for sharing at Velma E. Baker School as teachers are busy preparing students for conferences and preparing progress reports. Students will be taking home evidence of their learning prior to the Three-Way Student Led conferences scheduled for March 25 and 26. Our students have demonstrated amazing growth since our last progress reports in November and will be excited to share their learning with their parents. Progress reports will be going home on Friday, March 27.

Assessment for Learning (AFL) continues to be a driving force at our school and students understand the elements of AFL as they do their daily work. Teachers have been working with students on effective feedback and peer/self assessment. Criteria setting is an important element and our students are able to set criteria in kindergarten to grade 6. We have nine teachers involved in the Instructional Talk-Through model of professional development that focuses on Assessment for Learning and Differentiated Instruction.

Compassion was our added Character Education trait for the months of December to March and we will continue working with respect, kindness and caring and adding the "responsibility" trait for April to June. We had a very successful month of February with our Random Acts of Kindness week. We also celebrated Carnaval de Québec on February 12, which was a tremendous success for our kindergarten to grade 6 students. Our grade 4 to 6 students were encouraged to converse with each other in French. Thanks to the many parents who assisted with our "tarte au sucre" (sugar pie). Other events that took place in February included Edmonton Journal Games eliminations for our grade 4 to 6 running team and four grade 6 girls attended the Choices Conference at the University of Alberta.

**Our boundaries for 2009 – 2010 student registrations are open for all students in kindergarten to grade 6 to an optimal enrolment of 360 students.**

**Kindergarten registrations for September 2009 are now being accepted.** To be eligible, children must be 5 years of age on or before March 1, 2010. As part of the registration process, we require that parents provide the child's birth certificate and residence-related proof of address. Early registration will assist the school in organizing classes for the upcoming year. A Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, May 5 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - registrations will still be accepted at that time.

If you are aware of any neighbors with school-aged children for the upcoming year, please pass on this information. For further information about Velma E. Baker, the registration process or a school tour, please call our school office at 440-4088.

Until next month... Reading Rocks!

Dorothy Cronk, Principal



*P.S. Have you purchased your \$10 per person ticket for our School Council/PAC Family Fun Night at West Edmonton Mall Galaxyland on Saturday, April 18? Contact the school office for information.*

## 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

## Community memberships

2008-09 memberships  
are available.  
To obtain yours,  
please contact  
Harp Dhaliwal  
at 780-466-6569

## You're invited to attend the Meadows Community League Annual General Meeting

**April 20, 2009 at 7 p.m.**  
**Velma E. Baker School**

**Come and participate.**

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community to the league's board and  
voting on changing some of the com-  
munity league's bylaws.**