

Larkspur Playground to be built next spring

All funds raised and secured for the build

Everyone is invited to celebrate achievement at Open House with Hon. Gene Zwozdesky



All members of the Meadows community, particularly the students, families and staff of Velma E. Baker School, are invited to attend an open house to celebrate securing the funding to build the Larkspur playground.

The celebration takes place Monday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at Velma E. Baker School, located at 2845 — 43A Ave.

The Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, MLA for Edmonton-Mill Creek, will be on hand and give a presentation while designs of the new playground will be posted for everyone to see and refreshments will be served .

The funds to build the playground were raised through grants and other fundraising efforts by the Larkspur (Velma E. Baker) Playground Re-build Committee.

FREE SWIM

Sunday,
November 21

from
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

at the
Mill Woods Rec Centre

Bring your valid
Community League
membership card
for free admission



FMT launches student recognition program

A new program designed to affirm the efforts, achievement and improvement of students has seen the light of day at Father Michael Troy Junior High.

The Renaissance program seeks to motivate students to achieve their goals and is composed of a series of student recognition programs including the BUG OUT program, the Renaissance

Rallies, the Renaissance Wall of Fame and the Roving Renaissance Program.

BUG OUT provides an opportunity for students to be recognized by Bringing Up their Grade by 5 per cent or maintaining an honors average standing during each term. Successful students are re-

cognized by being invited to a breakfast or lunch and individual names are drawn for awards. Over the past several years, approximately 90 per cent of the students signing up for the challenge have been successful.

Renaissance Rallies are held to recognize students who have achieved consistent effort, demonstrated academic improvement or maintained academic successes.

The Renaissance Wall of Fame recognizes the academic achievements of students each term.

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November Bingo

Earn vouchers towards your child's fees in sports, non-profit activities and school fees

For more information,

contact Kora at themeadowsbingo@shaw.ca

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**Next Monthly Board Meeting:
Monday, November 2 @ 7:30 p.m.
Velma E. Baker School**

****VISITORS WELCOME****

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Renaissance Recognition Program

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Recognition cards are filled out by teachers and posted in the gathering area of the school. Individual names are drawn for awards.

The Roving Renaissance Recognition is held on Renaissance Day when a targeted behavior (e.g. excellent attendance, use of agendas, homework completion, etc.) is reinforced and recognized in random classrooms.

“We want to show students that we care about them and will do our best to recognize each student’s contributions,” said Debbie Rowley, principal of the school.

“The basic tenet of the program is that what you respect, recognize and reward is what gets accomplished while the mission of the program is to bring excellence, competency, creativity and life to Father Michael Troy School,” she added. “What we create today can only create a better tomorrow.”

The school welcomes support from parents, community members and business owners in the form of financial donations, donations of items, business discounts or coupons for student recognition. For more information on how you can contribute, contact the school at 780-471-1962.

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It is hard to believe that two months of school are behind us. We would like to thank all our students, staff and parents for their support of the Terry Fox event that was held on September 25. Through everyone’s effort and support, our school raised \$2188 for cancer research! We had a very successful Read-In Week October 5 to 9 with the theme *Books are Windows on the World*. To focus on the importance of reading we had many guests who took the time to read to our students: parents, politicians, community members, businesses representatives and family members. They shared the gift of reading during that special week. Students not only exercised their brains the first week of October, they also exercised their bodies for the Walk-to-School event October 5 to 9. Thanks to the many parents who dropped their children a block away from the school and encouraged their child to walk to school!

In October, I had the privilege of sharing the school’s excellent Alberta Education Achievement results and district survey results at the School Council and Parent Association meetings. We were very proud of our grade three and six students’ results on the Provincial Achievement tests. We would also like to congratulate all our students in grades 1 to 6 for their accomplishments on the Highest Level of Achievement Tests in reading and writing last year. Provincial achievement results were recently sent home with our grade 4 students. Grade 6 students who have moved on to junior high will receive their results from the school they are currently attending.

November is our month for sharing evidence. Students have been collecting Evidence of Learning and will share this information with their parents at the Three-Way Conferences November 24-26. Progress reports will be distributed on November 27. As we continue our Assessment for Learning journey students are working on understanding the learner expectations, setting criteria and working on self/peer reflection and assessment. To date, our students have completed two interim measures in retelling, summarizing and Numeracy.

November is Curling Month at Velma E. Baker and our students will be actively involved in learning how to curl or enhance their curling skills from the previous year. Our gym becomes curling ice (waxed floors) for the month and students use full-sized curling rocks to learn the sport. Our training and conditioning then makes its way to the Eilerslie Recreation and Curling Club on November 18 and 20 where our students take to the ice and to show off their curling skills.

The School Council and Parent Association have been very busy this fall. Thanks to all the parents who supported the S.U.T.P. program; our Purdy’s Chocolate campaign is currently underway at the school. The P.A. will organize Operation Christmas Child once again this year. Please watch for more information.

The Christmas Concerts are right around the corner and will be held on December 15 and 17. Again this year, in support of people in need, we will be collecting for “Santa’s Socks” and non perishable food items. Prior to each concert we will draw for “Best Seats in the House” with proceeds going to an inner city organization.

Remember there’s simply “A Galaxy of Books” to enjoy: Read! Read! Read!

Maureen MacDonald
Principal

