

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's that time of year again when Christmas carols and decorated trees begin to fill the malls – no wait, that was October.

It's that time of year when your calendar is probably filling up quickly, whether you celebrate Christmas or not. Please keep a space open for our swimming and kids' Christmas party on December 16th, and a party being put on for us by Christ Church of

The Meadows on December 22nd. We'll also scour the neighbourhood for the best dressed house/yard. Please refer to the newsletter for all the details.

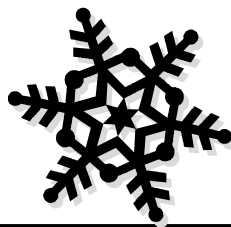
January's newsletter will include details for our annual Oilers Family Night, Family Ski Night, and Family Day Weekend Sleigh Ride.

Our board is starting to thin a little as some members find other commitments are cutting into their volunteer time. April will also be the end of the term for some other members, so it's a great time to start thinking about a New Year's resolution to volunteer more and join our board. Please come to the January meeting to learn what we're all about, whether you want to fill a vacant position immediately, or start learning the ropes for one opening up in April. We usually meet the first Monday of the month at Velma E. Baker School, unless that is a holiday, in which case we meet the second Monday (as is the case in January).

We need a new Programmer to make sure our swimming, greenshack and children's programs continue. We still require a Canada Day Rep to help organize the July festivities at Mill Woods Park. Come out and see what other tasks you can help with, and remember that Mill Woods Community Patrol is still looking for new recruits to help monitor our neighbourhoods.

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

Kathleen Mahé



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO

We are trying AGAIN to set up a master e-mail list for all our upcoming bingos.

So far it's working great for volunteers for evening and weekend bingos.

Unfortunately, most of our upcoming bingos are from 11 am – 4 pm and we are really short a base of workers for these bingos. There is no experience required. It's easy and we'll train you. If you are home during the day, or have a flexible work schedule, please consider helping us out and you will receive a \$50 voucher at the same time.

We will send out an e-mail to anyone on the list notifying them of the upcoming bingo. The first responses received will be given positions. If you are unable to work it, there is no need to respond. All responses will be replied to.

To have your e-mail address added to our list, please e-mail kdmahe@telus.net.

Our next bingos in 2008 are:
February 20 afternoon
March 2 evening
April 10 afternoon
June 19 evening
August 1 afternoon



Parkway Bingo's new address is 8775 51 Ave.

To work a bingo you must

- be a community league member (memberships will be available at the bingo).
- be available to work the entire shift. If you will be a half hour late, or need to leave a half hour early, we will not be able to accommodate you for that bingo.
- be a resident of The Meadows. Only if we are unable to fill the required positions with Meadows residents will we consider taking community league members from outside our boundaries.

You will earn a \$50 voucher to use on children's programs and an additional \$25 for any late night shift (10:00 – midnight).

NOTE: If you are completing your volunteer requirement for Mill Woods Soccer, you will not receive a voucher.

FREE PUBLIC SKATING

(Southside Arenas)

Confederation:	11204 - 43 Ave	Fridays	6:30 - 7:30pm
		Saturdays	12:15 - 1:15 pm
Donnan:	9105 - 80 Ave	Mondays	6:15 - 7:15 pm
		Thursdays	6:15 - 7:15 pm
Kenilworth:	8311 - 68A Street	Sundays	12:45 - 1:45 pm
Kinsmen:	1979 - 111 Street	Sundays	4:45 - 5:45 pm.
		Thursdays	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Michael Cameron:	10404 - 56 Street	Fridays	7:45 - 8:45 pm
Mill Woods:	7207 - 28 Ave	Saturdays	1:30 - 2:30 pm
		Sundays	3:15 - 4:15 pm
		Thursdays	2:30 - 3:30 pm
Tipton:	10849 - 81 Ave	Mondays	6:15 - 7:15 pm



Schedule subject to change Phone: (780)496-4999

FAMILY SKI & TUBING NIGHT

at
SUNRIDGE SKI HILL
 (across the river from Rundle Park)

February 23, 2008 Time: 6-10 pm



Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

We have the tubing hill too, so be sure to tell your teens!

Little Hoopsters

Starting
 Jan 8—March 11



5:45 - 6:45 pm
 Beginner: introduction to basketball

7:00 - 8:00 pm
 advanced: has basketball basics

Ten sessions
 \$50 members
 \$55 non-members

Call Catharine @ 757-8806

Children's Christmas Coloring Contest

Age Categories:

- 3 - 5 Years
- 6 - 7 Years
- 8 - 10 Years
- 11 - 12 Years

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Prizes will be awarded

For Coloring Sheets Contact Emily Ollerhead @ 466-0546
 Deadline for entries is December 19, 2007

Bright Lights Best Decorated House Contest

Looking for an excuse to buy those new Christmas lights?

- 1st Place: \$125.00 Sobeys Gift Certificate
- 2nd Place: \$75.00 Sobeys Gift Certificate
- 3rd Place: \$50.00 Sobeys Gift Certificate

Nominate your neighbour - Contact Emily @ 466-0546

Judging Will be done during the Christmas Holidays

The Meadows Community League Directors and Community Reps

President	Kathleen (Katy) Mahé	463-3602
Vice-President	Emily Ollerhead	466-0546
Past President	Kenn Tuckey	440-3420
Secretary	Brenda Beier	463-6530
Treasurer	Bruce Poon	469-8695
Bingo Rep	Kathleen (Katy) Mahé	463-3602
Casino Rep	Dana Richard	469-9985
Membership Director	Gail Hetman	466-5382
Communications Director	Yvonne Lennox	466-7694
— Newsletter	Yvonne Lennox	466-7694
— Website	Yvonne Lennox	466-7694
Program Director	Brenda Beier	463-6530
— Children's Programs	Catharine Schoendorfer	757-8806
— Adult Programs	Vacant	
Block Parent	Vacant	
Neighbourhood Watch	Amarjeet Sohi	463-7977
Civics Director	Rispah Kiptoo	633-6575
— Projects	Bruce Poon	469-8695
	Kenn Tuckey	440-3420
	Rispah Kiptoo	633-6575
	Amarjeet Sohi	463-7977
	Vacant	
— Public School Rep	Vacant	
— Catholic School Rep	Vacant	
Facilities Director	Vacant	
— Rinks	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
Sports Director	Bik Grewal	463-8068
— Soccer	Gary Biddell	440-0379
— Basketball	Bik Grewal	463-8068
— Hockey	Vacant	
— Softball	Vacant	
Community Recreation Coordinator	Shelley Kwong	496-1473
Canada Day Representative	Vacant	

DO YOU HAVE GOOD NEIGHBOURS?

Everyday people in our neighbourhoods help make our community a better place to live. Safedmonton's Good Neighbour card is an easy, free and colourful way to say "thank you" to those who make our communities safe and more connected. All you need to do is take a moment to jot a few words of thanks and deliver this to someone who makes a difference in your neighbourhood. Show someone you know how much you appreciate what they do to make our city a great place to live!



To order your cards call 944-5487.

Free cards are also available at the public libraries.

For more info visit
www.edmonton.ca/safedmonton

Christmas in the Meadows



-Sleigh Rides
-Skating
-Hot Choc.
-Hot Dogs
-and lots more fun!

Dec 22, 12-4

At the pond south of Sobeys on 34st.

Sponsored by
CHRIST'S CHURCH
OF THE MEADOWS

KUDOS KORNER

DID ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS RECENTLY HELP YOU WITH SOME SPRING CLEANING, HELP YOU OUT OF A JAM, OR DO SOMETHING FOR OTHERS THAT YOU FEEL IS WORTHY OF RECOGNITION? PLEASE CONTACT YVONNE, OUR COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, AND SHE'LL TRY TO PUT IT IN THE NEXT NEWS-LETTER FOR YOU.

The Meadows Community League

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Next Monthly Board Meetings:

**Monday, December 3rd @ 7pm
&
Monday, January 7th @ 7 pm**

Velma E. Baker School

****VISITORS WELCOME****

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 26 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 30. 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 six large boxes that were distributed to various agencies. Our UNICEF project built two schools through generous donations by our families. Operation Christmas Child collected over 100 boxes for needy children. Thank you to everyone for their generous support!

December will be the time to spread Christmas cheer and share the gift of giving with the students. 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. We will also be collecting canned and non-perishable food items for the less fortunate at our Christmas Concerts. We hope that you will join us for the gift of music at our Christmas Concerts on December 18 and 20 with performances at 1:15 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. Please 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. 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. "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 2007, 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 2007. School resumes on Monday, January 7, 2008.

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!



Dorothy Cronk, Principal

Employment Opportunity at Velma E. Baker School

Come and join our team!! We are accepting applications for lunch supervisor positions.

Hours are 11:30 - 12:50 pm. Starting salary: \$15.00 per day.

Kid's Christmas Party

Where: Millwood's Rec. Centre
Date: December 16th, 2007
Swim from 4:00 - 5:30

Party with Santa - Party Room 3rd floor
Time: 5:30 - 7:00
Cookies and Milk will be served
Receive a Treat Bag From Santa
Contact Emily @ 466-0546

