

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a peaceful and relaxing holiday.

If volunteering or volunteering more is one of your New Year's resolutions, boy do we have a job

for you! We have some recent resignations in addition to some already vacant positions. Please phone me if you think you can help.

- Treasurer - The bad news is that our amazing Bruce Poon has resigned. The good news is that he's still helping us out and is willing to train his replacement. The better news is that we hope to hire a book keeper, significantly reducing the usual duties of the Treasurer.
- Program Director - We are also losing the talents of Catharine Schoendorfer and need to replace her to ensure that existing programs, especially for our children, will continue. This position is full of possibilities depending on what new programs and ideas you want to bring to our community.
- Rink maintenance - We need our ponds flooded and cleared. Please see our ad in this section.
- Canada Day Representative - Right now, The Meadows is not represented on the Mill Woods Presidents' Council Canada Day Committee. If you have been to the Canada Day festivities and think you might like to be involved in the production of this event, try attending a meeting to see if it's something you might be interested in.

Thank you to Emily Ollerhead for organizing the Kids' Christmas Party at the Rec Centre. Winners of the Christmas Lights contest will be announced in the February newsletter.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events in February.

- Feb. 17 - Family Day Weekend Hay Ride
- Feb. 23 - Family Ski & Tubing Night
- Feb. 26 - Oilers Family Night

We didn't intend to lump all the fun together, I'm afraid that's just the way it all worked out. Check in next month's newsletter for all the details.

In the meantime, stay warm and remember to keep those walks free of snow and ice!

Kathleen Mahé

The Meadows Community League

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Next Monthly Board Meetings:

Monday, January 7th @ 7pm
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Monday, February 4th @ 7 pm

Velma E. Baker School

****VISITORS WELCOME****

FREE SWIM

Mill Woods Recreation Centre
Sunday, January 20th
Time: 4 - 5:30 pm.

Bring your League Membership Card



FREE PUBLIC SKATING

(Southside Arenas)

Confederation: 11204 - 43 Ave

Fridays 6:30 - 7:30pm

Donnan: 9105 - 80 Ave

Saturdays 12:15 - 1:15 pm

Kenilworth: 8311 - 68A Street

Mondays 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Kinsmen: 1979 - 111 Street

Thursdays 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Michael Cameron: 10404 - 56 Street

Sundays 12:45 - 1:45 pm

Mill Woods: 7207 - 28 Ave

Sundays 4:45 - 5:45 pm.

Tipton: 10849 - 81 Ave

Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Fridays 7:45 - 8:45 pm

Saturdays 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Sundays 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Thursdays 2:30 - 3:30 pm

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



Registration: January 8, 2008

Velma E. Baker School

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

For rentals, please bring your shoe size, weight and height information

\$10 Meadows Community League Members

\$15 Non-members

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



KUDOS KORNER

DID ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS RECENTLY HELP YOU WITH SOME SNOW SHOVELING, 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 NEWSLETTER FOR YOU.

DO YOU NEED INFORMATION ABOUT ANYTHING?

- Call 211 for your community connection

MWSA Outdoor Soccer Registration



February 5, 6, and 7
Mill Woods Town Centre Mall
6:30 - 9:00 pm

Final Registration
Sunday, February 24th
Mill Woods Town Centre Mall
11 am - 3 pm Mill Creek Room

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

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.

THE MEADOWS COMMUNITY LEAGUE DIRECTORS AND COMMUNITY REPS

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| President | Kathleen (Katy) Mahé | 463-3602 |
| Vice-President | Emily Ollerhead | 466-0546 |
| Past President | Kenn Tuckey | 440-3420 |
| Secretary | Brenda Beier | 463-6530 |
| Treasurer | Vacant | |
| 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 |
| Web Site | Yvonne Lennox | 466-7694 |
| | Brenda Beier | 463-6530 |
| | Catharine Schoendorfer | 757-8806 |
| Program Director | Vacant | |
| Children's Programs | Vacant | |
| Adult Programs | Vacant | |
| Block Parent | Vacant | |
| Neighbourhood Watch | Vacant | |
| Civics Director | Rispah Kiptoo | 633-6575 |
| Projects | Rispah Kiptoo | 633-6575 |
| | Bruce Poon | 469-8695 |
| | Amarjeet Sohi | 463-7977 |
| | Kenn Tuckey | 440-3420 |
| | 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 | |



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ICE MAINTENANCE REQUIRED

We need one or more people to maintain our skating surfaces at Fountain Lake and Meadowbrook ponds.

Our ponds are cleared and flooded, so this job involves hauling and using ice equipment.

We will pay ~ \$15/hr.

And you will have many grateful neighbours.

For more information, please contact

Miles at 440-0219

Sidewalk Snow removal is the responsibility of the Homeowner/ Tenant – Please Keep the Sidewalks safe, it is the Law

Property owners or tenants have primary responsibility for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. The City of Edmonton Traffic Bylaw #5590, states that it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove snow, ice and other debris from the sidewalk adjoining their property within 48 hours after a snowfall. Failing to comply with this bylaw may result in a fine of \$85.00 and a bill to the property owner for the cost to clear the sidewalk. If you are a tenant, you should be aware of whether you have assumed this responsibility as part of your rental agreement. If you have a corner lot, YOU are responsible for maintaining the walk along the side of your house. These walks are often well travelled and take residents to and from the super boxes and the bus stops.

If you are planning to travel, please make arrangements to ensure that your sidewalks are cleared while you are away.

The City of Edmonton clears snow from sidewalks adjacent to schools, hospitals, seniors' complexes and city owned property.

For seniors that might need help with sidewalk shovelling, the city might have a list of people willing to clear the snow for reasonable rates. Call the City of Edmonton Citizen Action Centre at (780) 496-8200.

If you have concerns about sidewalks that have not been cleared or would like to report an infraction, please contact the City of Edmonton Planning and Development Department, Complaints and Investigation Section by calling (780) 496-3100.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the best in 2008!

December was a very exciting month around Velma E. Baker School. Our Christmas Concert was held on December 18 and 20 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!

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" at a special assembly on December 21. 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.

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 work on summarizing, retelling and Numeracy. Our students are working through the new social studies curriculum as well as components of the new mathematics curriculum. We are excited about the advancements in technology with the addition of a Smartboard and the staff, students and parents are enjoying United Video Streaming. Members of our Instructional Leadership Team will be sharing school technology information with the parents at our February 13 School Council meeting.

"Compassion" is the additional Character Education trait that all of us are working on throughout December to February. We are looking forward to February's Kind and Caring month, to enhance the work on "Compassion". Since September, 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! Our "I can" cans continue to be a focal point in the classrooms as students work on goal setting and "I can make a difference" statements.

We look forward to great month of reading, learning and sharing! 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 am - 12:50 pm. Starting salary: \$15.00 per day.