



the buzz

a weekly newsletter from mrCS

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FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

By now you should have all received (and had time to read) your copy of the Annual Giving Campaign brochure. The 2009/2010 campaign was officially launched in the first week of November. Since then we have had some inspirational donations from several different sections of our school community.

Recognizing the difficulties we face this year the staff have been amazing. Total donations from them amount to \$29,280, quite incredible!

Six school board members have between them donated \$6,200. Equally amazing.

We have received \$1,400 from friends and grandparents.

11 School families have so far donated \$10,625.

These are great numbers, but they represent only 50 out of 182 possible participants, or approximately 27% of our immediate community. With 100% participation from our community, there is a chance that we will get through this extremely difficult year without further cuts or disruption to our programs. These are difficult times for many, and our school has been no less immune to the effects of the downturn than anyone else.

If you have made the choice of a Christian education for your children, then you are quite clearly parents who put the welfare and development of your children very high on your priority list. You share this fact with those founders of 53 years ago, who worked so hard to bring Christian education to this community for their children and our children.

Today we would ask you to make one more choice. At this moment in our long history, we would ask you to choose to make a gift to the Annual Giving Campaign. We need to raise \$125,000 this year. All gifts are tax-receiptable and as financial year end approaches, now would be a great time to get your donation in. As a rough guide, a \$1,000 gift earns a 43.7% tax credit, meaning an actual cost to the donor of \$563.00. Pledges can be made and then gifts actually given numerous ways, over time—for example in post-dated cheques or by credit card or as a lump sum.

Please consider a gift, big or small. We need them all. We need to work together as one community to ensure the current programs continue for the year. Pray about it, and follow where the Lord leads.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss the campaign with me.

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MRCS ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN
the gift of Christian education today. the foundation for tomorrow.

IN THE BUZZ

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CALENDAR

December 9

Grad Christmas dinner at Milestones,
5:30 pm

December 16

Dress rehearsal for Christmas Concert,
1:00 pm

December 17

Christmas Concert,
1:30 pm & 7:30 pm

December 18

All School Chapel

December 18

Last day of school before Christmas
Break

December 21-Jan 1

Christmas Break

FROM THE OFFICE

RE-REGISTRATION FOR OUR CURRENT FAMILIES

Believe it or not, we are already planning for next school year. Re-registration for our current families begins in January and you will be sent re-registration forms for your children in grades K-11. We allow our existing families to register before we open up registration to our community. You will have until February 8th to return your form(s). Re-registration will include a \$100 per family registration fee, a July 1 post-dated cheque for the first month's tuition, and a PAD form (automatic bank withdrawal) for the remainder of the school year. If you would like to pay the entire year's tuition all at once and receive the 2% discount, we will require the July 1 post-dated cheque for the first month's tuition and the remainder of the tuition in a cheque post-dated September 1.

REGISTRATION OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in September 2010, January is the time to register for those families who already have children at MRCS. We should be able to let you know by January if we have been approved for all day every day Kindergarten.

REGISTRATION FOR THOSE FAMILIES OUTSIDE OF OUR MRCS COMMUNITY

If you have friends or relatives who might want to register their children for the 2010/2011 school year, please let them know that registration begins on Monday, February 8. There will be an Open House on Wednesday, February 3 from 1:00-3:00 pm, and again from 6:00-8:00 pm. An Open House specifically for Kindergarten will be the same evening at 7:30 pm.

If you have any questions concerning the re-registration or registration process, please contact Jackie Versfelt in the school office, or e-mail j.versfelt@mracs.ca.

MRCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT DEC 17TH

Our wonderful annual school Christmas concert is scheduled for Dec 17th this year. As usual there are two performances planned, an afternoon performance at 1.30pm and an evening performance at 7.30pm.

This year the afternoon performance will be a full formal performance instead of just a dress rehearsal and as such we are opening the 1.30pm concert to the wider community.

If you know someone who you think might enjoy this event or someone who might be interested in our school for their own children, please invite them along to the afternoon concert; we would love to have them.

These school musical events are one of the many things we do exceptionally well at MRCS and are a great opportunity for us to showcase our young talent, and show our wider community what a blessing our school and its Christian education is.

SCHOOL NEWS

2010 MRCS FINAL SPELLING BEE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, 2009

(The winner will represent MRCS in the Regional Written Bee)

GRADE FOUR	GRADE FIVE	GRADE SIX	GRADE SEVEN
Cole Peters	Jay Jeong	Kiera Fritsch	Timothy Chua
Will Pollard	Myah Barber	Toby Marginean	Bradley Shearing
Liam Mitchell	Mikayla Bruendl	Alice Do	Bethany Stokes
Emily Armbrust	Ben Douglas	Elizabeth Crosby	
Caleb Kinney	Tim Lee	Brodie Alexander	
Timothy Song	Simon Bogdanov	Emmanuel Atte	
	Nicole Chua	Sara Lynam	
	Brandon Armstrong	Laura Sterne	

The MRCS Final Bee will begin at 12:50 in the gym. The competition should take about 30 minutes to complete. All are welcome to attend and see how the competitors perform on some challenging words. It should be an exciting afternoon!

DINERS CLUB



Next Diners Club ***1ST OF THE SEASON*** Christmas Dinner,
Wednesday December 2nd - \$25/pp.
Babysitting will be offered by donation, all proceeds for
Esperanza or Grad.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19

Grade 6/7 skiing

January 4

School re-opens after Christmas Break

January 8

Interims go out, grades 8-12

January 11

Re-registration for existing families
begins

January 13

Grad photos

January 21

Last day of Semester 1