



Thor News

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Corn Roast

On September 10, 2010 Thor College held their annual corn roast. The corn roast was a great opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and for new students to meet returning students.

During the corn roast some activities included a bouncy castle, a soccer game, and a TCPA book drive.

Everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs and at least two pieces of delicious corn, while chatting with other parents and teachers.

The corn roast was the perfect start to the year and I am sure they will be great in the years to come.



Helping with the corn

Thank you to Mr. Dean for barbecuing the delicious hotdogs and hamburgers; thank you to Mr. Bulman and Mr. Madden for cooking the corn over the fire; and thank you to the many families who donated books to our book drive.

Stream Study Report

By BoMin K., Gr. 6

On Wednesday, September 15, 2010 the PreK to Grade 8s went to the Tiffin Centre for a stream study. First we went to the house and learned about ponds and food chains. A pond is a small area of water that is smaller than a lake. Food chain is a series of living things which are linked to each other, because each thing feeds on the next and so on and so forth. (eg. Birds eat fish, fish eat bacteria).

Next, the PreKs went to the pond, followed by the Grade 7 & 8s. The grades 5 & 6s were the last to go. The Grade 5 & 6s played octopus. Octopus game rule is when you are tagged, you turn into an octopus. There were many different coloured wood sticks on the grass. The sticks are the food. If you caught the most food, you won. After this game we went to the pond.

Arthur caught a snapping turtle at the Tiffin Centre. The length was 9 cm and width was 6 cm. It was a baby snapping turtle. That was a rare living thing for the Tiffin Centre's pond. There were tadpoles, water striders, snails, snapping turtles, fish, and crayfish. I got a water strider. Male water striders' length is 1.1cm – 1.4 cm

and female water striders are 1.3 cm – 1.6 cm. We had a lot of fun.

After catching living things, they gave me 2 sheets of paper. It was for drawing a favourite living thing in the pond and describe it. There were many fish names on another paper. We went back to Thor College with our boots, nets, and buckets.



Arthur's snapping turtle

Math Bee

On September 22, 2010 the whole school participated in the Math Bee that took place in the gym. It started at approximately 1:30 p.m and went to 3:00 p.m. We held this event because it is an annual tradition and also to test the students' math skills. Everyone did very well and the winners were as follows:

Primary – Grades 1-3

3rd Place – Lucas N., Jake D.

2nd Place – Michael S.

1st Place – Corey G.

Junior - Grades 4-6

3rd place – Ashley T.

2nd place – Adam M. Spencer H.
BoMin K.

1st place – Tristan B.

Senior (Grade 7-8)

3rd Place – Bronte S., Blake C.,
Luke Hiebert

2nd Place – Jordan E.

1st Place - Ashleigh A.

Thor Cross Country Run

On Friday, October 1, 2010, Thor College held our annual cross-country run. The standings for the school were as follows:

PreK-K Girls

3rd place – Erin K.

2nd place – Ava Rose D.

1st place – Sola K.

PreK – K Boys

3rd place – Lucas H.

2nd place – Jake E.

1st place – Carlos N.

Grade 1/2 Girls

3rd Place – Gaby R.

2nd Place – Emma M.

1st Place – Lauren B.,
Sofia N.

Grade 1/2 Boys

3rd Place – Frank P.

2nd Place – Lukas E.,
Kyle H.

1st Place – Lucas N.,
Jake D.

Grade 3/4 Girls

3rd Place – Hannah B.

2nd Place – Ashley T.

1st Place – Jessica D.

Grade 3/4 Boys

3rd Place – Ethan B.

2nd Place – Adam M.

1st Place – Corey G.

Terry Fox Run

By Mr. Frank

Grade 5 & 6 Girls

3rd place - BoMin K.

2nd Place – Sara D.

1st Place – Sky Ann D.

Grade 5 & 6 Boys

3rd Place – Liam C.

2nd Place – Tristan B.

1st Place – Spencer H.

Grade 7/8 Girls

3rd place – Kaitlyn M.

2nd place – Bronte S.

1st place – Ashleigh A.

Grade 7/8 Boys

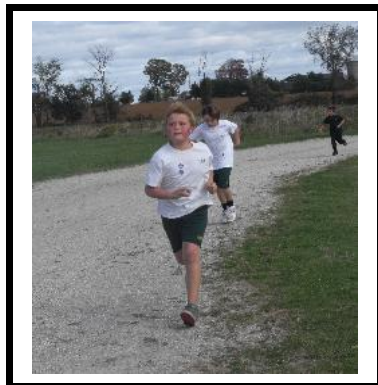
3rd place – Michael S.

2nd place – Luke H.

1st place – Jordan E.



Sofia N. - running cross country



Running cross country

Thor College pulled together as a community and raised \$3125.50 for the Terry Fox Foundation and their continued fight against cancer. It was a tremendous effort by all members of the College and one of which we should be very proud.

All students participated extremely well on the day of the run and the donations exceeded our wildest expectations. The Olympians narrowly edged out the Royals to claim the honor of being the house that collected the most money. The Pirritano boys, Antonio and Frank, amassed the most pledges and claimed the prized Terry Fox Anniversary T-shirt.

Again, congratulations to the Thor College community, we have set the bar very high and look forward to challenging this total in 2011.



TERRY FOX RESULTS



Fire Safety Trailer

By Emily D., Grade 4

The fire safety trailer was very fun because we all learned about fire safety. I learned that you should never open the door when there is a fire and I also learned to never panic.

I learned so many things to do when there is a fire and we also got to call 911. I learned also that we should have a meeting spot at home and today I am going home and I am going to tell my mom and dad that we should have a meeting spot in case of a fire.

We also learned stuff we should do in the kitchen. These are the things I learned today.



Fire Safety Trailer

Dress Down Day

One Friday a month is a “Dress Down Day”. Students are invited to wear their every day street/play clothes to school for a small donation. Proceeds go towards supporting the Thor College Parents Association and other charitable organizations.

On Friday, October 8th the theme for Dress Down Day was ‘House Colours’ – **Tigers**, **Hurricanes**, **Olympians**, **Royals**.



Tigers on Dress Down Day

SSAF Cross Country

By Mrs. Hughes
Cross-country coach

Cross-Country started way back in September when the students were introduced to laps of the track. Each grade was asked to run laps of the track that was equivalent to what they would have to perform at the SSAF Cross-Country at Sunnybrook Park, Toronto.

After several weeks of training during recess as well as training guidelines for out of school practice; the team was raring to go.

We left for Sunnybrook Park on the morning of October 15th with a squad of 15 students from grades 3-8. The weather was great with the sun shining most of the day which helped keep our athletes warm and ready for action.

We arrived just in time to register and set up the Thor College camp. The athletes listened intently to the team talk then it was time for the first race.

" Take your marks.....go"
They were off.....

It was an intense yet exciting day for everyone, especially Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Mike who were proud of all their achievements.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came and supported the team as well as taking photographs and helping with the odd warm-up!

We were very successful as a team with some great individual performances as well as several personal bests. The team showed great improvement and if there was a prize for team spirit we would have won it hands down!

Well done to everyone!



Cross Country team

Chappell's Farms Pumpkin Patch

By the PreK to Grade 2 classes

On October 20, 2010 the PreK to Grade 2 classes went on a field trip to Chappell Farms. Here is what some students thought:

Lukas E. – on our primary field trip to Chappell Farms we picked pumpkins and fed animals. We had a lesson on how to grow pumpkins. We went on a wagon ride tour and saw scary decorating. My favorite part was the Boo Barn.

Jake D. – Today I went to Chappell Farms and we fed some cool animals and we went in the Boo Barn and my favorite part was the animals. The animals were a pig, a lamb, a goat, and a sheep. The Boo Barn was amazing and there was a gift shop and we had a lesson on how to grow pumpkins.



How to grow a pumpkin@Chappell Farms

Thor Flag Football

By Mrs. Hughes

The Thor College Flag Football tournament was held indoors this year due to inclement weather. However, this did not affect the spirits and enthusiasm of all the participants.

The tournament ran extremely efficiently displaying excellent team work from both staff and students. All teams showed great sportsmanship, however, in any tournament there is only

one winner and on this occasion the flag football champions 2010 were the Olympians.

2nd place – Royals

3rd place – Tigers, and

4th place – Hurricanes

Well done to everyone and keep up the good work!



Thor Flag Football tournament

Poetry Contest

On Thursday, October 28th Thor College participated in their annual poetry contest. Students from grades PreK to Grade 8 participated. The Kindergartens presented their poems as a group. Everybody did really well and the results are as follows:

Primary (Gr. 1-3)

3rd place – Lucas N. - Army Fight

2nd place – Jake D. - The Pit

1st place – Corey G. - Halloween

Junior (Gr. 4-6)

3rd place – Jessica D. - Remember

2nd place – Arthur S. - Christmas

1st place – Sara D. - Friends

Alan D. - The Box

Senior (Gr. 7-8)

3rd place – Kirsten H. - Secretariat

2nd place – Bronte S. - Dawning

1st place – Kaitlyn M. - Locked Door



Kindergartens reciting a poem

Halloween Party



Thor College Staff - from the 80s

On Friday, October 29th, 2010 Thor had a Halloween party at school. There was a Haunted House on the stage and it was very dark and scary. Everyone dressed up in costumes and after lunch we had a costume contest and a pumpkin-carving contest in the gym. The teachers all dressed up in fashions from the 80s. The students in Miss Thompson's French class performed a Halloween dance and song.



Primary -Halloween dance

Our costume winners were:

PreK to SK

- 3rd place – Carlos N.-Combine
- 2nd place – Erin K.- Tinkerbell
- 1st place – Raiden C.-Elvis

Grade 1 & 2

- 3rd place – Lucas N.-Spider
Lukas E.-Darth Vader
- 2nd place – Lauren B.-Bunny
- 1st place – Jake D.-Swat Team

Grade 3 & 4

- 3rd place – Michael S.-Super Mario
- 2nd place – Ashley T.-MexicanGirl
- 1st place – Emily D.-SkeletonBride

Grade 5 & 6

- 3rd place – Spencer H.-Nerd
- 2nd place – Liam C.-StormTrooper
- 1st place – Sara D.-ZombieTeenager

Grade 7 & 8

- 3rd place – Winston B.-The Fonz
Bronte S.-GypsyGirl
- 2nd place – Michael S.-Pirate
Kirsten H.-Avatar
- 1st place – Kaitlyn M.-DeadWaitress

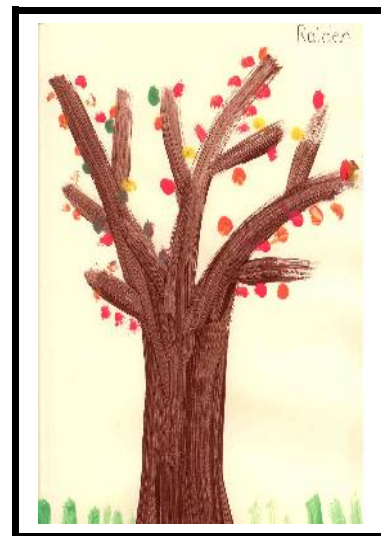
For the pumpkin carving contest the houses ranked as follows:

- 1st place – Hurricanes
- 2nd place – Royals
- 3rd place – Tigers
- 4th place – Olympians

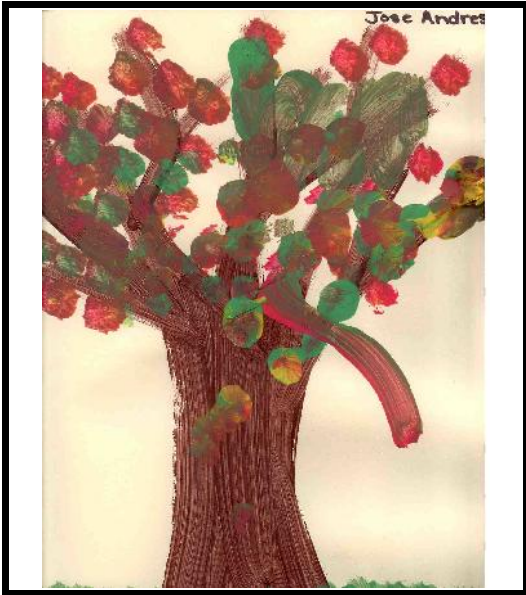


Pumpkin Carving

Our Students' Work



Art by Raiden in JK



Art by Jose Andres in PK



Turkey by Erin K., JK



Stream Study by Ava Rose, SK