



Thor News

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Thor College Science Fair

On Thursday, February 26, 2009, Thor College had its annual Science Fair. Each student showed his or her science project to the entire school. We even had a Kindergarten Corner this year and it was all about space. There was a super rocket ship that students could sit in for a few minutes.

The projects were wonderful and there should be even better ones next year, so keep your eye out for them.



Science Fair-Kindergarten Corner

The winners of the Science Fair are as follows:

Primary – Grades 1-3

3rd place – Michael S.
Kaleb B.

2nd Place – Adam M.

1st Place - Tristan B.

Junior – Grades 4-6

3rd Place – Jacob T.

2nd Place – James & Elizabeth H.
Alex B.

1st Place – Alan D.

Senior – Grades 7-8

3rd Place – Carter C.

2nd Place – Dallas P.

1st Place – Sean P.

Secondary – Grades 9-12

3rd Place – Garland G.

2nd Place – Dan P.

1st Place – Dan L.

The following students will be going on to Bear Creek Secondary School for the Regional Science Fair on April 4, 2009:

Alan D., Alex B, James & Elizabeth H., Jacob T., and Dan L.

Congratulations to Elizabeth and James H. and Alexander B. for receiving Honourable Mentions at the Regional Science Fair for their projects. Congratulations to Alan D. for receiving the Grade 4 Future Young Scientist Award.



Simcoe Regional Science Fair

Spelling Bee

On March 26th, Thor College held its annual Spelling Bee. Previous to the Spelling Bee, class eliminations were held in each classroom from Grade 1 to Grade 12 and 3 people were chosen from each grade to go to the gym. Some students were nervous but everyone did a great job. Even the Kindergarten students had an opportunity to show off their spelling skills.

The winners of the Spelling Bee are as follows:

Primary – Grades 1-3

3rd place – Sarah G.
2nd place – Jessica D.
1st place – Kaleb B.

Junior – Grades 4-6

3rd place – Elizabeth H.
2nd place – Austin H.
Jacob T.
1st place – Luke H.

Senior – Grades 7-8

3rd place – Sean P.
2nd place – Dallas P.
1st place – Carter C.

Secondary – Grades 9-12

3rd place – Dan L.
2nd place – Brad B.
1st place – Garland G.

At the assembly for the Spelling Bee winners, the PreK to Grade 2 students entertained us with a school cheer that they had been working hard on. They did a fantastic job and the older students were humming the tune long after the assembly was over.



Thor College Cheer Kindergarten to Grade 2

Hey there Thor College you're real
COOL CATS

You have a lot of this and a lot of that
So don't be afraid to stand up and shout:
Thor College is the best and there is no
doubt!

Chorus:

*Chugga up chugga, chugga chugga
chugga!*

*Chugga down chugga, chugga chugga
chugga!*

*To the side chugga, chugga, chugga
chugga!*

*Other side chugga, chugga, chugga
chugga!*

Hey there Thor College you're real
COOL DUDES

You have a lot of class and just a few
rules,

So don't be afraid to stand up and sing-
Thor College is the best, now that has a
nice ring!

Chorus!

Hey there Thor College you have
awesome teams

And the students work hard, and reach
for their dreams

So don't be afraid to stand up and
DANCE....

Thor College is the best, no one else
stands a chance!

Chorus!

Maple Syrup Tour

By the PreK to Grade 2 classes

On Tuesday, April 7, 2009 we went to the Tiffin Centre to see how the maple syrup works. Our tour guide's name was Holly. She showed us how the trees get their food. We learned how to tell how old a tree is. You can tell how old a tree is by how many rings are inside.

Then a guy told us a story. He showed us how they made maple syrup back in the old days. Then we went to the sugar bush.

We had lots of fun. We had candy too. Mrs. Daly gave us a treat! Some maple syrup! It was yummy! Then we got another candy with the maple syrup. After that we went back to school.

By Jessica D., Grade 2



At the Maple Syrup tour

The Kindergarten students had a great time on the Maple Syrup tour. Here is what they said:

Gabi – “A man told us a story about an itchy tree.”

Vitale – “We got maple lollipops – that was my favourite.”

Jake – “I learned about how they made maple syrup in the ‘old’ days.”

Sophie – “I learned how to tell how old

trees are.”

Lucas – “We learned that the way we make syrup is to boil the sap so it is really, really hot and then it makes maple syrup. Syrup is really, really sweet and we put it on pancakes.”

Sofia – “I was walking in the woods in the deep snow making footprints.”

Alisha – “I like the candy.”

Victoria – “Mrs. Wilson’s boot broke.”

Kathleen – “I was a pretend maple tree and they measured me.”

Aadam – “My mom came on the trip”



Maple Syrup tour by Sarah G. - Gr. 1

U12 Ball Hockey

By Elizabeth H. and Madison R.
Grade 5

On Monday, April 20, 2009 Thor's U12 ball hockey team went to a ball hockey tournament at the Rinx.

Once we got to the tournament we ran out of the bus because it was raining. We saw a bunch of other teams that we would be facing, like Tall Pines. We got into our change-room and we had to hustle because of traffic.

Our first opponent was ACHS. We played well but could have played better because they won 11-0.

We had a 2-hour break because they were behind schedule. We went to the arcade to play some games because we had so much time. We got a team picture done by Adrienne.

We played Tall Pines the best we could. Sean Atkinson scored our only goal. Even though we got a goal, the other team won 3-1.

We had lunch and then we got back on the rink to play Sunnybrook School. They didn't win any of their games so far, so we had a good chance at winning this. We played an excellent game but lost 7-0.

On the way back to school we stopped at Tim Horton's and Mr. Smith bought us some Timbits.

U14 Ball Hockey

By Carter C.

On Tuesday, April 21, 2009 Thor's U14 ball hockey team played at the Rinx. The team included Dan P., Brad B., Dan L., Sean P., Jordan B., Dallas P., Brandon S., Luke H., Jacob T., James H., and myself.

We won our first game by forfeit against Lyn Rose. The second game we lost 5-3. The third game we tried really hard but still lost 7-5. The last game we had improved quite a bit; the team worked well together and the game was close. We lost 3-2.

Even though we didn't make the finals, we still worked hard and had fun doing it.



U14 Ball Hockey Team

Art Show

On Thursday, April 23, 2009 Thor College had its very own Art Show. There were many paintings, big and small, to fill the gym.

From superheroes to natural mobiles to Van Gogh paintings. They were all wondrous creations from the entire school.



The winners of the Art Show are as follows:

Primary Grades 1-3

PLACE	STUDENT	ARTWORK
3 rd	Tristan B.	
3 rd	Lucas Pyz	Dinosaur
2 nd	Michael S.	
1 st	Emily D.	Van Gogh

Junior Grades 4-6

PLACE	STUDENT	ARTWORK
3 rd	Anastasia M	Underwater
3 rd	Zachary C.	Space creatures
2 nd	Megan A.	Super Hero
1 st	Luke H.	Brown paper

Senior Grades 7 & 8

PLACE	STUDENT	ARTWORK
3 rd	Carter C,	Mobile
3 rd	Jordan B.	Mobile
2 nd	Dallas P.	Mobile
1 st	Sean P.	Mobile

Secondary Grades 9 – 12

PLACE	STUDENT	ARTWORK
3 rd	Daniel P.	Car
2 nd	Ashley K.	Posture
1st	Garland G.	Running Man

Spaghetti Dinner

The student council held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Grade 7-12 students that are going to Fair Glen Camp. The front hall of the school had a table lined with gift baskets for a silent auction. These gift baskets were very generously donated by one of our parents, Mrs. Bryan.

The spaghetti dinner raised \$624.00 and the silent auction raised \$240.00.



Altogether, the spaghetti dinner and silent auction was a huge success. The total turn out for this event was approximately 75 people.

Many thanks to all the students on the Student Council, Mrs. Madden, and Mrs. Bryan for making this supper and silent auction fundraiser a huge success. Congratulations to the winners of the silent auction:

Animal Lovers Pack – Mrs. Chadwick
 Sci-Fi Game Bundle – Khan Family
 School Stuff – Annie Pittman
 Rock On Gift Pack – Annie Pittman

Grade 7-12 trip to Fair Glen Camp

By Samantha S., Grade 12

On March 27, the Grade 7-12 students, departed at 10:30 for an adventure of a lifetime! They went camping at Fair Glen. Although they were having the time of their life, it was an educational trip. The camp counselors were more than willing to answer any questions we had. We learned to persevere even when we thought there was no point. We also learned that to make a good team you must have communication between the members; you must be willing to listen and cooperate.

During this trip there were many activities that needed team work such as canoeing, orienteering (a scavenger hunt) and even the survival game. The survival game started out by getting a card that stated whether you were an herbivore, omnivore, or carnivore. During the game not many herbivores got eaten, they tended to stick together in a pack and split up only when the omnivores or carnivores tried to eat them. At the end of the game the herbivores outlasted, outwitted, and outplayed the omnivores, carnivores, and even the hunter, played by Mr. Mike.

During the scavenger hunt, the students were paired into two people groups. As soon as the competition started, many of the groups took off running without planning. Jordan and Samantha were the only other team, (besides Mr. Mike and Ms. Hurst) that took their time and planned out where they were going to go first and how they were going to get there. In the end Sam and Jordan came out on top getting 14/14 markers. They showed great teamwork!

Some events that didn't require teamwork between the students were rock climbing and the high ropes. Even though these events did not require teamwork they did, however, require a lot of encouragement from the other students because both events were harder than they looked. A few of the students went swimming in the just above zero water and loved it. The first night we had a campfire and roasted marshmallows. By the end of the trip everyone was so worn out that we slept all the way back to school!



Our Students' Work



Taking Care of Horses by Michael S.Gr.1

Some days we go to the barn. We help Miss Evans feed the horses in the barn. Their names are: Stryder, Timbit, Pokey, Chichi, and Freckles

We have to fill the hay nets, fill the water buckets, then clean the stalls, and sometimes brush them. That's what we do for the horses

By Hannah B., Grade 2

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Alliston Legion
District Drumhead Service
& Parade

on
Sunday, June 7, 2009
@ 1:00 p.m.

The parade will start on Albert
Street at the old arena and end at
Alliston Union Public School
(WWI Cenotaph)

If anyone is interested, please try to be
there by 12:45 p.m.