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# Thor News

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## SSAF Elementary Indoor Soccer

The Elementary soccer team from Thor College went to the SSAF Indoor Soccer tournament in North York on November 5, 2009. It was fun for the students. The results very close. The first game was against RHMS. We lost 3-1. The second game was against ARS and the score was 2-0. The third and final game was against Northmount. This game was our closest, we only lost 2-1.

We left feeling pretty good about ourselves, because even though we didn't win any games, we were well matched with the other teams and we had tried our best.



U14 Indoor Soccer tournament

## Royal Winter Fair

By Kirsten H., Gr. 7

On Friday, November 6, 2009 the Grade 1-10 students from Thor College went on a trip to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

The Royal Agricultural Winter

Fair is the world's largest indoor fair that has agricultural, canine, and equestrian events. The Royal Winter Fair started in the year 1922. It has something different going on every day for the two weeks that it is on. The day we went to the Fair, Prince Charles was there and we were lucky enough to see him and we were pretty close.

I learned at the Fair that there are many different types of sheep, not just the white fluffy ones you see in the fields. The cows were so big; some of them weighed over 1000 pounds. I also went to see the dog show and one dog broke the world record by jumping the highest.

There were many exciting things that I did and I hope to go to the next one. I had a great time at the Royal Winter Fair.



Royal Winter Fair

## Remembrance Day & Poster Contest

On Tuesday, November 10, 2009, everyone gathered in the gym for Remembrance Day. There were colorful and interesting posters all around us for the Remembrance Day poster contest.

Mr. Jack Tiernay, a Naval officer, and Mr. Joe McCarroll, an Army officer, were our guest speakers on this day. They told us about the hard life during the war and their experiences while they were there.

Dan L. was dressed in army uniform and read 'In Flanders Field' and then we watched a music video called 'Pittance of Time'. After the music video, one student from each class brought up a wreath and placed it by the cross.

Mrs. Veenstra played 'The Last Post' with 2 minutes of silence and then the Primary choir went on stage and sang a Remembrance Day song.

Everyone had a wonderful time and learned a lot about the War, the reason we wear a poppy, and why we pause for a moment to remember.

Special thanks to our guest speakers, Mr. Tiernay and Mr. McCarroll. We appreciate them coming to Thor and telling us about the War.



Remembrance Day – Mr. Joe McCarroll – Army



Remembrance Day-Mr. Jack Tiernay-Naval

Poster Contest winners

The winners for the poster contest are as follows:

**PRIMARY**

Grades 1-3

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jake D.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jessica D.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Adam M.

**JUNIOR**

Grades 4-6

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Farhan K.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elizabeth H.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Austin H.

**SENIOR/SECONDARY**

Grades 7-10

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bryan P.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kirsten H.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dan L.



Poster Contest

**Pop Tabs for Wheelchairs**

On Tuesday, November 17, 2009 Thor College had a guest speaker come and pick up the pop tabs that we had collected last year. The speaker's name was Robert Hampson. Robert is 17 years old and works with the President's Choice Children's Charity by collecting pop tabs to raise funds for wheelchairs and related equipment for children with physical disabilities.

While he was here, Robert told us a little bit about himself. Two weeks after his 4th birthday, Robert was diagnosed with a brain tumor, this resulted in Robert at a very young age to

become blind due to a surgery, which was needed to destroy the tumor.

Three months later, the tumor grew back; since that time it has grown back 3 times.

Robert has spent 5 years of his life in chemotherapy, has had over 1, 500 needles, 30 000 pills, 50 MRI's, dozens of CT Scans, eight operations, several trips to the ER, and has spent many years of his life in a hospital bed.

While he was in the hospital, Robert met other children with physical disabilities and thought that he was lucky because he had working arms and legs. He found about the pop tabs for wheelchairs and decided to start collecting them so he could help get wheelchairs for kids like the ones he met in the hospital. He now has his own charity called The Robert Hampson Pop Tabs for Kids Fund.

Robert is an active competitive swimmer with the Variety Village Flames; he downhill skies, water skies, rock climbs and is also a tandem biker. He loves guitar and singing and does both very well. He is an aspiring musician.

We should all be inspired by this young man and the courage, dedication, and commitment he has shown in helping others less fortunate.



Robert Hampson-Pop Tabs for Kids

Thor College would like to continue the tradition of collecting pop tabs in order to save up enough to donate towards making a wheelchair. Parents are encouraged to start a collection at work to donate to the school as well.

### **Effective Speaking**

On December 10, 2009, Thor College held its annual speech contest. It was held in the school gym. Each student in Grades 3-10 presented their speech to their class, and three students from each class advanced and presented their speech in the gym.

We had special presentations by the Kindergarten class and the Grade 1-2 class.



**Effective Speaking**

The students placed as follows:

#### Primary (Grade 1-3)

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Sophie W.

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jessica D.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Antonio P.

#### Junior (Grade 4-6)

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Madison R.

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ben P.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Alan D.

Alex B.

#### Senior (Grade 7-8)

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Kirsten H.

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Carter C.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Jacob T.

#### Secondary Division

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Dan L.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Dallas P.

### **Christmas Pageant**

On Thursday, December 17, 2009 Thor had a Christmas Pageant. The parents started arriving at the school and they were given the pageant program. The parents sat down and waited for the play to begin.

The play was called “Snowed in At Thor College”. The opening begins with students arriving at school. Throughout the day a snowstorm develops outside; and the kids are snowed in. Kaitlyn M played our secretary, Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Mike played himself and Kirsten H. and Jacob T played the B101 newscasters.

There were musical performances by the Primary Band, the Junior Band, and the Senior Band; all directed by Mrs. Veenstra. Each class did their own performance and they were very well done. After the pageant, there were treats and refreshments for everyone.



Mr. Mike would like to thank all the staff and students for their hard work and talented efforts in the Christmas Pageant. Thank you to Mrs. Barb Wilson for producing and directing the play. Thank you to Miss Wardlaw for the set design and bringing sign language to Thor College. Thank you to Mr. Smith for his technical and broadcast presentation. Thank you to Miss Sweet for her bubbly personality, and to Miss Piett, Mr. Gregotski, and Mr. Smith for their creative ideas and performances. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

## *TCPA News*

### **Spaghetti Supper**

The TCPA held a Spaghetti Supper/Silent Auction fundraiser for the Grade 7-10 trip. Thanks for a great evening last night. We raised \$600.80 from the dinner and cookie sales, and \$221.25 from the silent auction. Congratulations to the winners of the silent auction:

Cookie – Elizabeth

Lotions, etc. – Megan

It's A Man's World basket – Arshad

It's a Guy Thing basket – Liam

You Go Girl basket – Jacqueline

Bath basket – Jane

Hot Wheels book pack – Mrs. Spiller

Gingerbread House – Barrett-Hogg family.

We're certainly off to a great start for the Grade 7-10 trip. Many thanks to all the students, the TCPA, Mrs. Madden, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Patterson, and

Mrs. Bryan for making this supper and silent auction fundraiser a huge success.

## *Other News*

One of our former students, Ashley Hunt, recently received a certificate for Ontario Scholar. This award is presented to students who have graduated Grade 12 with honors (an average of 80% or higher). We are very proud of Ashley's achievement.



**FROM ALL OF US AT  
THOR COLLEGE, WE WISH  
YOU A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



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