



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 4, 2010. The team ended up losing our first game, playing strong and defeating the second team 4-0, and despite playing a fantastic game, lost our 3rd game to a very strong team. Our final game was a tie with a score of 0-0.

Our team played strong and hard with few breaks in between. The team played exceptionally well and has a lot to be proud of. They represented Thor both on and off the field very well. Excellent job Thunderbolts!!

Remembrance Day & Poster Contest

On Wednesday, November 10, 2010, everyone gathered in the gym for Remembrance Day. There were colourful and interesting posters all around us for the Remembrance Day poster contest.

Mr. Bill Brock was our guest speaker on this day. He told us about what life was like at home while the war was going on.

The Grades 5 to 8 students sang

Oh Canada in French, Adam M. and Jessica D. read poems and Kaitlyn M. finished by reading 'In Flanders Field'. We then watched a music video called 'Remembrance Day Soldier Cries'.

After the music video, teachers brought up a wreath and placed it on a cross followed by their students laying their poppies under the crosses.

Mrs. Veenstra played 'The Last Post' with 2 minutes of silence.

Special thanks to our guest speaker, Mr. Bill Brock. We appreciate him coming to Thor and telling us about the War.



Mr. Bill Brock – our guest speaker

Poster Contest winners

The winners for the poster contest are as follows:

PRIMARY

Grades 1-3

3 rd	Karley W.
2 nd	Kyle H.
1 st	Emma M.
1 st	Sofia N.

JUNIOR

Grades 4-6

3 rd	Sara D.
3 rd	Sky Ann D.
2 nd	Ashley T.
1 st	BoMin K.

SENIOR

Grades 7-8

3 rd	Jordan E.
2 nd	Kirsten H.
1 st	Winston B.
	Luke H.



Poster Contest

Remembrance Day

On Thursday, November 11, 2010, everyone gathered in the gym at 10:45a.m. for Remembrance Day moment of silence.

The Kindergarten to Grade 2 students presented a Remembrance Day song followed by a video called

“Pittance of Time”.

Special thanks to Mrs. Veenstra for coming in two days in a row to play The Last Post for us.



Kindergarten to Grade 2 -Remembrance Day song

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thank you for your great enthusiasm with filling your Christmas shoe boxes! As a school we were able pack 42 shoe boxes that will brighten the day of a child in need this Christmas! Thank you for your generosity and taking part in this special project ☺

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wardlaw

SSAF Volleyball League

The Thor Thunderbolts hit the hardwood for the very first time in school history and our Grade 7s and 8s did us very proud. The College entered the Small Schools Athletic Federation (SSAF) elementary boys volleyball league and competed very hard against some stiff competition. We finished with a 4-8 record which landed us in a very respectable 5th position out of 7 schools.

The team consisted of Ashleigh A., Winston B., Blake C., Jordan E., Tyler G., Luke H., Kirsten H., Bronte S., and Michael S. The team was ably guided by Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Frank.

All team members tried their best and made valuable contributions to our performance. The team did a great job and set the bar very high for any future representatives of the College.



Thor College Volleyball Team

Camp Quality Puppet Show

by Adam M. - Gr. 4

On November 23, 2010, the students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 saw a puppet show.

Camp Quality is a camp for people with cancer. They have hot air balloon rides, water slides, the police and the fire department come and they let them use their equipment, and they have many more cool activities.

Camp Quality does puppet shows of people with cancer and our school saw it! It was about Sophie, Natalie, Mathew and Jack. The people with cancer were Sophie and Mathew. Mathew had a birthday party at the zoo and they all got stuffed toys. Sophie got a lion, Natalie got a zebra, Matt got a penguin, and Jack got a monkey.

My favourite part was when they went to the zoo. I learned that just because people change on the outside doesn't mean they change on the inside.



Students watching the Camp Quality Puppet Show

Royal Ontario Museum

by Gaby R.-Gr. 1

On Thursday, November 25, 2010 students from Thor College went on a trip to the Royal Ontario Museum. We went to see the dinosaur bones. After that we went up the stairs to the show on how to bring back the wild. Then we went for lunch and snack.

After lunch we went up more stairs to see more dinosaur bones. My favourite part was when we went in the bat cave. My next favourite part was digging in sand.

We got to go to the gift shop and I bought a crystal. After that we went to the bus and it took us back to Thor College.



Looking at dinosaur bones at ROM

I Believe in Christmas

By Rosina H., Gr. 8

On Thursday, Dec. 9th the entire school went to see a play at the Cookstown Theatre.

“I Believe in Christmas” is about a boy who stopped believing in Christmas and Santa Claus. So one of Santa's Elves takes him and his sisters to the North Pole. There they meet the elves, Mrs. Claus, and Santa. An evil elf tries to trick David so that he can ruin Christmas. David stops him and Christmas is saved! David and his sisters return home happy with a long story for their parents.

There are some songs and dances in the play as well. We all really enjoyed ourselves at the quaint little theatre.

I Believe in Christmas

By Jessica D., Gr. 4

On December 9, 2010 we went to a play called I Believe in Christmas. It was all about teaching this boy named David to care and believe in Santa Claus and to believe in Christmas.

There was a Dad, a Mom, two sisters named Cathy and MaryAnn. There was also Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, elves and one of the elves was named Doody.

Cathy and MaryAnn did care, did believe in Santa Claus, and did believe in Christmas. The three kids, MaryAnn, Cathy, and David went to the North Pole with the elf, Doody and at the end David learned to care, to believe in Santa Claus, and to believe in Christmas. We had an awesome time.

Effective Speaking

On December 10, 2010, Thor College held its annual speech contest. It was held in the school gym. Each student in Grades 1-8 presented their speech to their class, and three students from each class advanced and presented their speech in the gym.



Effective Speaking

The students placed as follows:

Primary (Grade 1-3)

3rd place – Gaby R., Corey G.

2nd place – Sofia N.

1st place – Kyle H.

Junior (Grade 4-6)

3rd place – Hannah B.

2nd place – Alan D.

1st place – Adam M.

Senior (Grade 7-8)

3rd place – Rosina H.

2nd place – Bronte S.

1st place – Ben P. & Jordan E.

Gingerbread Houses

On December 13 the students got together in the gym to build gingerbread houses. The gingerbread house kits were donated to the school by the Daly family, along with the icing sugar and smarties for decorating.

Teachers and students worked hard and were a great help to each other. All of our finished work was put on display for the night of the Christmas Pageant and then each student got to take their gingerbread house home.

A special thank you to the Daly family for their very generous donation.



Students working on their gingerbread houses!

Christmas Concert

On Thursday, December 16, 2010, despite numerous missed days due to cancelled buses and snowy weather, Thor College held their Christmas Concert. Everyone started arriving at the school just before 6:00 o'clock.

Our MCs were Ashleigh A. and Santa Michael. They did a great job of introducing the performers and keeping us laughing with their jokes.

The concert consisted of singing and dancing by each class, songs in

French by the French classes directed by Miss Thompson, and musical performances by the Primary Band, the Junior Band, and the Senior Band; all directed by Mrs. Veenstra.

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 during the Christmas Concert. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.





Thor College Parents' Association

The TCPA has kicked off the school year with some fabulous fundraising work! Special thanks and much appreciation to all the parents who have supported our initiatives, the proceeds of which go directly to programs to support our school.

This year all fundraising dollars will go towards projects that benefit the kindergarten room, Smart Boards, the Grade 7 & 8 Trip, and the New Spring Garden Project.

To date for the school year 2010-2011, the TCPA has raised an impressive \$1651.45, as a result of:

- Dress Down monies \$145.70 from September/October/November;
- \$490 from the Parent Teacher Interviews Spaghetti Dinner
- So Simple Designs gift cards: raised \$190.00
- \$410.75 from MacMillan's Orchard

- \$605 from the Gift Basket Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the gift basket raffle:

- Tea – Aline Jablonski
- Coffee – Emma Marrs
- Mommy and Me – Sara Daly
- Italian – SkyAnn Davenport



Mrs. Jablonski receiving her Tea Gift Basket

Look for more exciting fundraising initiatives in the new year, including the Snowball Formal on Saturday January 29, 2011, the VISTA card program, and a school-wide garage sale in late spring.

Thanks for your continued support and we wish you and your family a very happy holiday season!

Your TCPA



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



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