



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 3, 2011. 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 Thursday, November 10, 2011, everyone gathered in the gym for Remembrance Day. The stage was decorated with crosses and wreaths. There were colourful and interesting posters all around us for the Remembrance Day poster contest.

Mrs. Hughes was on stage introducing each class and welcoming our guests.

Mr. Bill Brock was our guest

judge on this day along with Mme. Thompson. Mr. Brock is from the Alliston Legion.



Poster contest judges

The Kindergartens and Grade 1/2s sang 'Are you Sleeping?'. Students Lukas E. and Emma M. read the poem 'Little Poppy'. The Grade 3/4 class recited 'In Flanders Fields' followed by some Grade 5/6 students reciting in French. Danielle M. played an absolutely beautiful rendition of 'Amazing Grace' on the recorder.



Danielle M. playing 'Amazing Grace'

The Grade 5/6 class read some statistics about the war on terror; followed by the Grade 7/8s explaining our human rights.

The musical group consisting of Blake, Jordan, Bronte, Tyler, and Keah performed 'Sakura, Sakura'.

Students Tyler G. and Jordan E. did a great job of performing 'The Last Post' with 2 minutes of silence.



Jordan & Tyler playing 'The Last Post'

Everyone then enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Laurie.

Special thanks to our guest, Mr. Bill Brock. We appreciate him coming to Thor and helping to judge our posters.

Poster Contest winners

The winners for the poster contest are as follows:

PRIMARY

Grades 1-3

3 rd	Kyle H.
2 nd	Gaby R.
1 st	Emma M.

JUNIOR

Grades 4-6

3 rd	Adam M.
2 nd	Emma F.
1 st	Danielle M.

SENIOR

Grades 7-8

3 rd	Bronte S
2 nd	Jordan E
1 st	Sara D

Legion Area Level Poster contest winners

We wish to acknowledge the First, Second, and Third place winners at the Lisle Legion Area level poster contest:

Color Grades 1, 2, and 3

- 1) Gaby R.
- 2) Emma M.
- 3) Kyle H.

Color Grades 7,8, and 9

- 1) Sara D.

Black & White Grades 4,5, and 6

- 1) Emma F.
- 2) Arthur S.
- 3) Kareem K.

These students have been invited to a presentation at the Lisle Legion on December 3rd.

The First place winners have been forwarded on to the Zone Level, we wish the students good luck at the next level.



Gaby R. at the Lisle Legion

Remembrance Day Parade

On Friday, November 11, 2011 students in Grades 5 to 8 went to downtown Barrie to watch fellow classmate, Aaron T. in the Remembrance Day parade and to hear the presentations at the Memorial Square Cenotaph.



At Memorial Square Cenotaph in downtown Barrie

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all who filled a shoebox and brought in toys for Operation Christmas Child. There was such enthusiasm that we actually ran out of shoeboxes to fill! Our school managed to donate over 50 shoeboxes plus 3 bags full of toys! It's your efforts and care that will bring smiles to the faces of children around the world come Christmas.

Thank you,

Jennifer Hill



Operation Christmas Child-Shoeboxes

SSAF Volleyball League

by Coach Cherie Hughes

What a great season the volleyball squad had this year. It started with tryouts back in September culminating in a squad of 12 players. Training consisted of practices twice a day as well as four times a week in Phys. Ed.

Due to the hard work and commitment of the team we played some amazing volleyball throughout the season and placed third in the northern division, progressing to the SSAF championship finals.



Thor Thunderbolts Volleyball Team

The finals took place at Richmond Hill Montessori School. On this day we played our 'best' and 'worst' volleyball. The team showed leadership and great enthusiasm throughout the tournament. We faced some tough competition but with our goal differential we defeated Waldorf school and progressed to the semis where we faced Northmount. We took a comfortable lead in the first set but 'lost' focus and Northmount won by a small margin. In the second game our run of bad luck continued and unfortunately we were beaten.

Our thanks go out to the team, parents, and staff for your dedication and support throughout the season. You guys were awesome and a credit to the school. Thanks to our captain, Tyler G. who remained composed throughout the

season. Thanks to Coach Frank for your patience and to Coach Hughes for your assistance.



U10 Indoor Soccer

by Coach Hill & Frank

The U10 soccer team played in a tournament on December 8th at the Hangar. They did extremely well finishing with a 3-2 record after the round robin to claim 2nd and a spot in the semi-finals. They then played Tall Pines in the semis and the game ended in a tie. They had to go into a shoot-out and after 11 shots, Tall Pines got the winning goal.

The team did great and made the coaches, parents, and school very proud. Special mention goes to our team captain, Corey Gilmore. He did the team proud as our goal keeper during an intense shoot out. Well done team!



Thor Thunderbolts U10 Indoor Soccer team

Basketball exhibition games

by Coach Cherie Hughes

On Friday, December 9, 2011 we hosted our first exhibition basketball tournament. What a great start to our season as the Thunderbolts took on Toronto Montessori – a great game but we were graceful in defeat. Next we faced Blaisdale – this game went to the wire and with some excellent defense from the Thunderbolts we were victorious winning 28-18.

Finally we faced our toughest competition of the day, Metro Prep who had beaten Toronto Montessori by quite a margin. With some outstanding performances from our starting line up Jordan E., Tyler G., Keah H., Blake C., and Darren L. we held Metro Prep to a 22-22 tie at half. The intensity of the game meant that Metro Prep took a lead and the game finished at 36-30.

Thanks to our super sub Lachlan F. who scored a basket in his debut and Emma F. who also scored a basket on her debut. A great squad performance from everyone. Coach Hughes and Coach Frank are looking forward to January.

Thanks also to the Grade 5/6 class and the TCPA who ran the snack bar for the day.

Effective Speaking

On December 12, 2011, 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.

The students placed as follows:

Primary (Grade 1-3)

3rd place – Raiden C.

2nd place – Ella Z.

1st place – Kyle H.



Effective Speaking

Junior (Grade 4-6)

3rd place – Corey G. & Adam M.

2nd place – Emily D.

1st place – Arthur S.

Senior (Grade 7-8)

3rd place – Jordan E.

2nd place – Aidan B.

1st place – Keah H.

Music/Art trip

by Mme. Thompson

On Thursday, December 15th, students from Grades 3 to 8 took part in a school trip to Toronto, where they had the opportunity to develop their knowledge and appreciation of the arts.

The day began with a trip to the Toronto Opera company on Queen Street, where an intimate viewing of a duet between two of Canada's top jazz musicians was on the bill. One, being a pianist, and the other being a flute player. The duet was an hour of impressive jazz, with varying types of songs played, ranging in tempo and emotion.

Soon after the concert, students made their way to the Art Gallery of

Ontario, within walking distance to the Opera Company. Thor was greeted by a tour guide, who gave a descriptive tour, focusing on the theme of identity. Students looked at various paintings with people in them, and were asked to describe what they thought was the story or situation of the person in the painting. As art is mainly about interpretation, many different answers were given. The tour ended with a look at some very modern art, and how identity was expressed through that style.

Overall, the day was an informative, interesting and cultural day which helped students to reflect upon their own understanding and appreciation of art. We were fortunate to partake in this day, and hope to have a trip like this again in the future.



At the Toronto Opera Company

Christmas Concert

On Thursday, December 22, 2011 Thor College held their Christmas with a Twist pageant. Everyone started arriving at the school just before 6:00 o'clock.

Our MCs were Keah H. and Ben P. 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, including the

Grades 5 to 8 play written and directed by Mme. Thompson and Mrs. Hughes. What a fantastic performance by all the students in this comedic pantomime of Cinderella on the Night Before Christmas. They had the audience in stitches the entire time and the characters were well chosen and played their parts perfectly.

The Grade 1 & 2 class performed The Little Drummer Boy in French (Le petit enfant tambour), directed by Mme. Thompson; and there were musical performances by Thor music students; all directed by Ms. Tyndall.



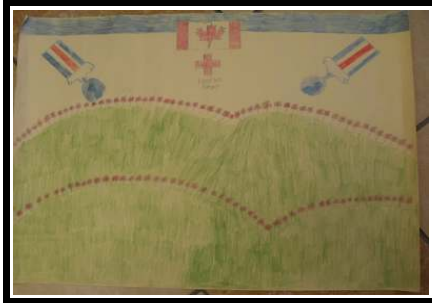
After the pageant, there were treats and refreshments for everyone.

We would like to thank all the staff and students for their hard work and talented efforts during the Christmas Pageant. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.



Our Students' Work

Poster Contest Winners



Corey G. - 1st place Junior Division



Danielle M. - 1st place Junior Division



Sara D. - 1st place Senior division



Emma M. - 1st place Primary division



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



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Events at Innisfil Public Library,

January 2012

Registration is required for all events.

Churchill Branch: 456-2671

Cookstown Branch: 458-1273

Lakeshore Branch: 431-7410

Stroud Branch: 436-1681

Paws To Read ®

These gentle, loveable, certified therapy dogs just love it when children read them books! Sign up today for the chance to read them a story!

Perfect for beginning readers, struggling readers, shy readers or ANY child that loves to read to dogs!

Churchill: Wed., Jan 11, 6-7 p.m.

Registration required. Children sign up for a 15 min session reading with a dog.

Family Literacy Day 2012

Get ready to celebrate Family Literacy Day at the Innisfil Public Library with a month long Family Read-a-thon! From **January 1st-27th** read or listen to a book together as a family – at the library, at bedtime, in the car – wherever and whenever your family likes to share stories – then visit any Innisfil Public Library branch to record your books.

Will we read 50? 100? 500? 1000!?
You'll have to get reading to find out!

We'll wrap-up the Read-a-thon and celebrate our success with a party for the whole family. Join us for our Family Literacy Day **Rhyming Bingo Pajama Party** (back by popular demand)! Come in your coziest pajamas and enjoy warm hot chocolate, bingo-mania, and great prizes!

All ages welcome. Please register in advance at your local branch.

Cookstown: Friday, January 27, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Churchill, Lakeshore, Stroud:

Saturday, January 28, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Lego Club!

All Lego will be supplied by the library. Ages 6 and up. Free. Registration required.

Stroud: Wed., Jan. 4, 1-2 p.m.

Cookstown: Sat., Jan. 7, 1-2 p.m.

Lakeshore: Sat., Jan. 14, 1-2 p.m.

Drop In Storytime (All Ages)

Bring the whole family and enjoy songs, stories, rhymes and more. Drop-in Storytime is a great introduction to reading. No registration required.

Cookstown: Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays (alternates
with Early Years) 10:30 a.m.

Lakeshore: Friday and Saturday
mornings, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime and After School Programs

Innisfil Public Library offers storytimes and after school programs for children all ages.

Registration begins: Tuesday, January 10

Programs run the weeks of: January
17-February 28