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LIBRARY NEWS

March 2008 Newsletter Edition

Happy New Year! Each week during the school year, students in Division 1 and Division 2 have a regular library period as follows:

Division 1		Division 2	
Mrs. Dean	Tuesday	Mr. Binding	Wednesday
Mrs. Rawlings	Tuesday	Mr. Cooper	Wednesday
Mr. Davis	Wednesday	Mrs. Hoey	Wednesday
Mrs. McMullen	Thursday	Mrs. Maxwell-Keen	Wednesday
Mrs. Stonehouse	Thursday		
Mr. Paul	Friday		
Ms. Wilkinson Blanc	Friday		

Students in Division 2 are now being asked to return their library books on Tuesday each week in order to ensure that the library classes on Wednesday run more efficiently.

Parents are asked to help their children remember their library books each week!

BECAUSE WE CARE... *Putting a Face to MS*



MS Read-A-Thon

Students attended a brief presentation on behalf of the MS Society on Friday, February 8th. Sherry Carson, a parent in our school community who has Multiple Sclerosis, helped to “*Put a Face to MS*” by sharing her story.

Sherry and Marty Carson donated several gift bags from their company, *Hardcore Hair*. One student from each division was the lucky recipient of a gift bag containing hair care products.

A fourth gift bag was raffled off at the Mardi Gras Dance on February 8th. The raffle proceeds are being donated to the MS Society.

In keeping with the philosophy behind the Circle of Courage, students were invited to show their generosity by doing something for others and participating in the MS Read-a-Thon for a period of 3 weeks from Friday, February 8th until Friday, February 29th.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read and for supporting your child’s participation in our 5th Annual MS Read-a-thon.

Completed pledge sheets, along with the funds collected, should be returned to the teachers by Wednesday, March 5th



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR... *Help our classroom libraries grow!*



There will be a Scholastic Book Fair on March 13th & March 14th, 2008 in conjunction with the Student Led Conferences. It will be held inside the library from 11:00 am to 8:30 pm on March 13th and 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on March 14th.

How the Book Fair Works:

Students will be given the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class to preview the wide selection of books offered on March 11th, 12th and 13th. **Attached is a flyer with *one free entry ballot for the Family Event Draw*.** The flyer features only a few of the many books available. We encourage you to visit the fair with your child(ren) on Thursday and/or Friday to see the many selections available. While there, be sure to enter the draw. By entering the draw, your child could win \$25 in books. An additional \$25 worth of books will be awarded to the winner's classroom!

The books on display at the fair are available for direct purchase. Choose from hundreds of titles including Klutz activity books and software! Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card - both Visa and MasterCard will be accepted. Sorry, we will not be able to accept debit card payments, Scholastic Bonus Coupons or Scholastic Book Club Tokens.

You may wish to consider donating a book to your child's classroom library when you visit our Book Fair. Such books will enrich the education of our children. We've asked teachers to fill out a **Classroom Wish List** so you'll know which books they think will add to their student's knowledge and imagination. The books you give will become a permanent part of the classroom library. Every gift will be recognized with a bookplate identifying your family or a student as the donor. Be sure to look for the Classroom Wish List display when you arrive.

All school proceeds (up to 60%) from the Book Fair sales will go directly to benefit the school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Book Fair Volunteers are still needed!

Volunteers Needed

If you love books and are looking for a place to volunteer some of your time, we would like to invite you to help in the library. **Anyone who would like to volunteer any time at the Glenmeadows Campus and/or to assist with the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair**, please contact Darlene Edwards at dedwards@calgaryartsacademy.com or 532-3020 ext. 2014. Thanks for volunteering!



FREE Resources For Parents & Students: Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and Thesauri

The Alberta Learning website provides access to some fantastic information and resources including educational games, links, and more for parents and students. All students in Alberta have on-line access to a set of encyclopedias, dictionaries and thesauri through **Grolier Online** and the **Online Reference Centre (ORC)**.

Visit www.learnalberta.ca

To Log-in you will need to enter the following:

User ID: LA361 Password: 3275

PLEASE NOTE: You can only access the Grolier Online Resources using the Alberta Learning website, User ID and Password noted above.

Once you have logged in to the Alberta Learning Website using the password and user ID noted above, you can select the Online Reference Centre or type Grolier Online in the box underneath Search LearnAlberta.ca Resources and click on the search icon. A list of references and the appropriate grade levels will appear for you to choose from.

Grolier Online Kids is for students in grades 3 – 7. This database of online reference resources includes magazine articles, pictures, videos, maps and more... and includes access to: Amazing Animals of the World, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, Lands and Peoples and The New Book of Knowledge.

Grolier Online Passport is for students in grades 7 – 12. This database of online reference resources includes magazine articles, pictures, videos, maps and more... and includes access to: Amazing Animals of the World, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, Lands and Peoples and The New Book of Knowledge.

If you are “New to Grolier Online,” **Select Start Here: Go Tutorial**, otherwise, you can select the reference of your choice or use the search function and type in your subject. (Parents of young students may want to go through the tutorial together with their child(ren).

The ORC for students in K – grade 12 consists of several on-line research databases including the Canadian Encyclopedia, eLibrary elementary, the History Study Centre, the Science Resource Centre, World Book for Kids, World Book Online and more!

Student Authors & Creative Writing Contests



Thank you & Congratulations to all of the students who entered their poems in the *Young Writers Creative Writing Poetry Contest* last November. Sixteen of our students have made it to the next round of judging and will have their work published this year in “*Puppy Dogs and Roses*” by the Canadian Poetry Institute! Final results for this contest will be announced in late May, 2008.



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Poetry Institute of Canada's Young Writers Creative Writing Contest: Short Stories

All students between the ages of 7 and 18 are invited to enter the Poetry Institute of Canada's **Young Writers Creative Writing Contest**. The Poetry Institute's Short Story Contest is for young writers and there are two age groups: 7-11 years and 12-18 years. Students are invited to enter a short story of no more than 360 words. Cash prizes of up to \$250 will be awarded to schools and young writers. All entries must be typed. Hand-written stories must be submitted to Mrs. Edwards by Monday, March 17th so that they can be typed.

All typed entries must be submitted to Darlene Edwards in the Library on or by Wednesday, March 19th. All entries must be submitted by the school and will be mailed on Friday, March 21st. **Parents and students, please do not mail your own entries**. Young writers whose work is accepted for publication will be notified by letter. For more information, please contact Darlene Edwards or visit the following website: www.poetryinstitutue.shawbiz.ca

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!



Thank you very much to Sherry Carson for "Putting a Face to MS" for the students at Calgary Arts Academy. There have been many positive comments from students, parents and teachers about her presentation. Sincere thanks to Sherry and Marty Carson and their company, *Hardcore Hair*, for their generous donations of gift bags.

As you are all aware, schools cannot operate efficiently without the assistance of our volunteers. Thank you to the following parents who have made charitable donations of their time and/or resources to the library in January and February:

✿ Marty Carson	✿ Deb Flaig	✿ Anita Fraser	✿ Heather Lamb
✿ Sherry Carson	✿ Ann Gover	✿ Geina Kiriachuk	

Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

Reminders

- ❖ March 5
- ❖ March 11th – 14th
- ❖ March 13th – 14th
- ❖ March 17th
- ❖ March 19th

MS Read-A-Thon Pledges are Due
Scholastic Book Fair at the Glenmeadows Campus
Book Fair Volunteers Needed!!!
Division 2 Guest Author Visit: Simon Rose
Short Story Contest: Stories & Signed Parent Permission Forms are Due

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