



# InkLink

# LIBRARY NEWS

December 2008 Newsletter Edition

October and November were very busy months in the library and December promises to be just as exciting! Each week during the school year, all students have a regular library period. Parents are asked to try to help their children remember to bring their library books. Please note that Overdue Notices were printed and sent home with the November Report Cards. If you know that your child returned the books listed on the Overdue Notice on or after Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, please disregard this notice. Otherwise, please help your child look for the books listed, and, if you do not locate the missing books, please write a note to the librarians on the notice and return it to the school.

We will be reading and discussing gingerbread themes and stories with the students in Kindergarten. Kindergarten students will have an opportunity to create the decorations for a “Gingerbread Land” display in the Library. We will be reading and listening to a variety of different Christmas materials with the students in Division 1. We will also be reading and listening to *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson with the students in Division 2.

## **Students are invited to help decorate our “Poet-Tree” in the Library**

Students in Kindergarten, Division 1 and Division 2 are invited to help decorate the library in December. Students in Division 1 will be encouraged to choose and write a descriptive word (or poem) about snow, winter, December, Christmas or Hanukkah to decorate our “Poet-Tree.” Students in Division 2 will be encouraged to write a descriptive poem to decorate our “Poet-Tree.” Kindergarten students will also be making some decorations that will showcase their learning and understanding of patterns to add to our “Poet-Tree.” To add to the excitement of our “Poet-Tree” project, we are publishing the poems from the “Poet-Tree” created last year in a book which will be on display in the library. We hope to make it possible to publish the work created by our students for this project each year and make copies of our book of student poetry available for families to purchase if they wish. Please feel free to visit the library and see our student “Poet-Tree” as well as the sample book that has been created.



## Student Authors

Congratulations to our student authors: Tessa Anderson, Lexi Hilderman and Shannon Reeves

These students entered their short stories in the Young Writers Creative Writing Contest last year and they have had their stories published by Young Writers of Canada (Canadian Poetry Institute Inc.).

These stories can soon be found in our school libraries at both the Glenmeadows Campus and the Knob Hill Campus in *Cloud Cover*, the anthology published by The Canadian Poetry Institute Inc.

For more information about writing contests offered by The Canadian Poetry Institute, please contact the Librarians and/or visit the following website: [www.poetryinstitute.shawbiz.ca](http://www.poetryinstitute.shawbiz.ca)

*Families that READ together, SUCCEED together. . .*

Parents, you are your child's best reading coach. Research shows the strong influence parents have on the literacy development of their children. You can help your child be a successful reader by reading aloud to them on a regular basis. Reading aloud is a wonderful way to spend time with your child. It helps build their vocabulary and stretches their imaginations. Children look up to their parents and imitate their behaviour. By making reading aloud an enjoyable part of your routine, you will help to ensure that reading will become a regular part of your child's life. It only takes a few minutes a day to begin to make reading a habit for your child(ren).

Musicians, dancers, athletes and artists all know that practice, commitment and dedication will lead to success. Make a commitment to be your child's reading coach and cheer them on as they achieve reading success.

## Scholastic Flyers

Scholastic Flyers will usually be sent home once a month giving students and parents the opportunity to purchase books for their home libraries. The December Scholastic Flyers were sent home in November in order to ensure that we will have all of your orders in before the Christmas break. This year we have a fabulous team of parent volunteers who are handling the scholastic orders for all of the classrooms at the Glenmeadows Campus. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your order(s) please do not hesitate to contact Darlene Edwards. ***Please note: Scholastic does not accept cash. Please send cheques payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd. with your orders. Thank you.***



## Thanks for Volunteering



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

- Rick Alger
- Lani Atkinson
- Debbie Boud
- Brenda Brewer
- Anita Fraser
- Anne Gover
- Amber Hark
- Stacey Ibach
- Corinne Jones
- Charlotte Jukes
- Geina Kiriachuk
- Lisa Krauss
- Cherie Krol
- Heather Cameron Lamb
- Marliese Romanchuk
- Louise Sully
- Susan Trafford
- Dana Wong
- Kristin Yakiwchuk

*Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.*

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 in the library please contact Darlene or Dawne at the campus of your choice:

Glenmeadows Campus – Darlene Edwards: [dedwards@calgaryartsacademy.com](mailto:dedwards@calgaryartsacademy.com) or 532-3020 ext. 2014

Knob Hill Campus – Dawne Anderson: [danderson@calgaryartsacademy.com](mailto:danderson@calgaryartsacademy.com) or 229-3010 ext. 2223

Thanks for volunteering!

## Resources for Parents and Students

Curriculum Handbooks for Parents are available under Programs and Services for Parents at <http://education.alberta.ca>

The Alberta Learning website provides access to some fantastic information and resources including educational games, links, and more for parents and students. Visit [www.learnalberta.ca](http://www.learnalberta.ca)  
To Log-in you will need to enter the following: User ID: LA361 Password: 4372

## Upcoming Events

❖ January 27, 2009

WordaPalooza Literacy Event at Glenmeadows Campus



❖ February 10, 2009

## WordaPalooza Literacy Event at Knob Hill Campus

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