



HAMILTON ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

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November—December 2010.

Message From Principal and Artistic Director

The excitement is in the air! Academy students and teachers are getting ready for the school Christmas play. It is a great project for the whole school: Ms. Franek, a producer of “One Splendid Tree” works long hours on rehearsing, costumes, and staging; Ms. Pawliw and the students are enjoying preparing dance pieces for the play; Ms. Kicek is working on the songs; and Ms. Le and her Visual Art class are helping with stage decoration and props.

There will be two morning performances for the local schools on December 9 and 10, and one evening play on the 9th. It is very important that all our students will be at school on those days. We are looking forward to see Marilyn Helmer, the author of the book “One Splendid Tree” at the evening performance on December 9. Copies of the book will be available for sale and Marilyn Helmer will sign the books.

All students got 10 tickets for the play to be sold to family and friends. Since the play is our first fundraising event of this year, it would be great if potential donors will come to the school and see our talented students. We are counting on parents and staff to invite supporters of arts in our community to come see our play.

Winter break is coming soon and Grade 5-7 students will get their Midterm Reports on December 22. Grade 8 and 10 students will get their report cards at the end of the first semester on January 28, 2011.

Anna Shkolnik
Principal

Max Ratevosian
Artistic Director

Non-Academic Policies

The following policy on using electronic equipment at HAPA has been approved by the staff, the board of directors, and the parents association.

Use of Electronic Devices During School Hours

HAPA students are not allowed to use cell phones or iPods during school hours, 8:30am—4:30pm. Computers can be used only under supervision of teaching staff.

The policy is coming to effect on Monday, December 6, 2010. Students and parents can contact each other during school hours by using the school phone.

Extra-curricular Activities

In order to foster excellence in academic studies, HAPA is committed to work closely with parents in regulating students’ after school activities. Any student not performing to her/his full potentials will not be allowed to participate in school extra curriculum activities, school performances, and additional evening arts programs until student’s academic studies and progress will meet school’s expectations.

Food Drive at HAPA

In a spirit of giving and helping less fortunate we will have designated the whole month of December as a Food Drive Month. Students and parents should contribute only non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Dundas Food Bank.

One Splendid Tree

Thursday, December 9,
2010.

7:30 p.m.

Christmas Break

Wednesday,
December 23 2010—
Friday, January 7,
2011.

Classes resume on
Monday, January 10,
2011.

Report Cards

Grade 5 to 7:
December 22.

Grade 8 to 10:
January 28

Potluck Lunch

December 22nd at
12p.m.

Happy Birthday To:
William Hall and Hannah
Fursman!



Lockers

Thanks to Andy Stocks we got lockers for our students. After winter holidays, each student will be assigned a locker and should bring a lock to start using it. It is important for students to follow the rules in using lockers.

- To clean the locker from wet clothes and food items daily.
- Do not store items which could be harmful to the student and the school community.
- To clean the locker on the last day of school.

Remembrance Day

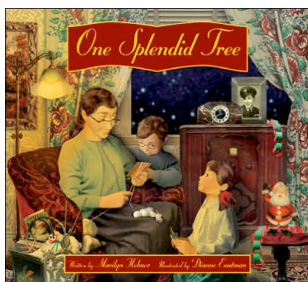
On November 11th, all students and staff attended the Remembrance Day Memorial Service at the Dundas Cenotaph. Our senior students, Gabrielle and William, carried the memorial wreath and placed it on the monument footstep on the school's behalf.

Potluck Lunch

On the last day before the holidays (December 22nd) at 12:00 noon we will have a holiday potluck lunch. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the lunchroom. Parents of students with allergies are encouraged to send food items that their children can eat. On that day, students can be picked up at 2:00p.m. Supervision will be available for students staying until 4:30p.m.



Report from the teachers



From Ms. Marie Franek (Social Studies, Drama)

As I walked last Saturday to the Village Theatre Waterdown to see A. Strindberg's "Miss Julie" I caught a glimpse of the float with Santa and his cheerful "Ho, ho, ho". How busy we've been in my classroom to finish the work (drama monologues Gr. 9, projects social studies Grade 5,6,7) in order to immerse ourselves into the upcoming production of One Splendid Tree. And we are all so excited! Yesterday the rehearsal started to feel like a performance that we all want to present next week! There are still millions things to do, but the students are trying their best. And they will, I am sure of it! Hohoho!

From Ms. Diane Le (English, Science, Geography, Civics, Computers, Visual Arts)

Throughout November, students in science have been studying structures, flight and simple machines. Students are finishing up their units and should expect tests in the coming weeks. In English, Grades 5, 6 and 7 have completed their first novel study and will soon begin their poetry study. Grades 8 and 10 are finishing their poetry unit and will begin technical work on grammar throughout December. Students have also been working hard to create props for the upcoming Christmas play. A reminder to all students to come to each class prepared and to have homework assignments completed at the beginning of classes.

From Mrs. Anna Shkolnik (Mathematics)

During the month of November Grade 5 and 6 have studied measurements, times, and multiplication by 10,100,1000, 0,1, 0.01, 0.001 at different levels of difficulties. The students have shown a great interest in studying a 24-hour clock and different time zones in Canada. Grade 8 completed just review of the two units: Integers and Equations and will have a test this week. The students have shown a good progress in solving word problems involving equations. In Grade 7 we covered area of polynomials and now are working on Integers. In Grade 10 we completed Analytic Geometry unit and started Algebra.

From Ms. Melania Pawliw and Mr. Max Ratevosian (Ballet)

To allow parents to have a better understanding and to see the progress of the students in the dance classes, we are inviting all parents for observation classes on Wednesday, December 15 and Thursday, December 16 at the regular Ballet and Modern times.

Grade 5,6,7

Ballet: 9:00a.m.—10:20a.m.

Modern: 1:00p.m.—1:45p.m.

Thursday.

Grade 8, 10

10:45a.m.—12:00p.m.

2:00p.m.—2:50p.m.

*Modern classes are only on



Students have been discovering and learning about a new dance form: swingdance, that they will be performing in the Christmas play.