



# WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message

We have had a fantastic first semester, and given that this is Mackenzie's Fiftieth Anniversary year, I am especially grateful that so many good things have happened since September. The Solar Panels were installed on the school roof as part of the SWITCH initiative; Grade 9 student Brandon Pludwinski carried the Olympic torch through North Bay; Grade 11 student Zak Bernholtz, along with three former Mackenzie students, went to Copenhagen for the Climate Change Conference; Grade 9 student Lolo Zhao will represent Canada in the Table Tennis competition at the Pan Am Games in El Salvador; we won \$10,000 through the "Tech It Away" Best Buy project and then another \$20,000 in a competition sponsored by Best Buy. This contest was undertaken by our Grade 12 pilot Interdisciplinary Information/Communication/Technology class led by Ms. Extavour. Another group of students in Mr. Stitt's class was

invited to create posters that will represent Baycrest's strategic futuristic plan. The time that our teachers devote to their students both during class time and in the multitude of co-curricular teams, clubs and contests is worthy of the highest praise.

We are gearing up for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion which will be held from Thursday, April 29 until Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check out the reunion website at [www.mackenziereunion.com](http://www.mackenziereunion.com). If you know Mackenzie alumni, please encourage them to register and participate in this half century event.

Many thanks to you, our parents, for the support you give our school. We all have a common goal-the finest social and academic education for the students at W.L. Mackenzie Collegiate.

**Helene Green  
Principal**

## School Advisory Council

The School (Parent) Advisory Council provides advice and support to the school's students, staff and principal. Where appropriate, we provide advice and support to the Trustee and to the Toronto District School Board.

Our meetings are posted in the student agenda, and generally take place on the first Monday of each month, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the staff room. The administration and Student Council always give a report on past, current and future events.

We invite parents to attend our meetings, as they are valuable sources of

information about our school, its programs and activities. This is a great way for parents to find out about what is taking place in our school.

The City of Toronto has been asked to look into increasing pedestrian traffic and safety near the school, and whether a pedestrian crosswalk could be installed on Wilson Heights Boulevard and Codsell Avenue.

The Weizman Institute made a presentation about their Math-by-Mail program, which is an extra-curricular math enrichment correspondence program to create activities and challenges for students who are inter-

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ested and skilled in mathematics. The school's administration is looking at possibly bringing this program to Mackenzie students.

Our school will be one of the few in Ontario that will have solar panels installed on its roof to be able to generate electricity. The Council has written to the Mayor to ask whether or not he would agree to sponsor his environment day at the school, and hopefully during Mackenzie's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**George Berger and Zan Molko  
School Advisory Council**

# Science Department

It is hard to believe that semester one has come to an end and semester two has already begun. What an amazing semester! Our grade 9 students had a guest speaker from the Canadian Space Resource Centre (CSRC) visit their classes to give a general overview of space. Some grade 9 students had the opportunity to go to the Ontario Science Centre to take part in a space simulation activity. Other grade 9 students also had the opportunity to go to the Ontario Science Centre to attend workshops on various topics in our ecology and chemistry units. Our grade 10 students had a guest speaker from Ryerson University who provided a workshop that aimed at increasing the awareness of the Engineering profession to young students. Our grade 10 students also had the opportunity to go to the Ontario Science Centre to attend two workshops on various topics in our ecology and climate units.

Many of our physics students went to Ryerson University where they were given a tour of the lab facility and the campus, attended engineering workshops, and participated in a number of engineering contests where the winners received prizes at the end of the day.

## Best Buy Winners \$20,000.00

William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute was among 15 schools selected from across the country by Best Buy Canada to receive a \$20,000 technology grant. Best Buy's "Best in Class Fund" encourages teachers and students in grades 7 to 12 to develop proposals that show how incorporating technology into the classroom can benefit student learning. More than 80 submissions were received nationwide. The concept for the Mackenzie video submission was

Our physics students also had a guest speaker from York University who talked about the Engineering and Physical Science Degrees which are offered at York University. The grade 12 physics students had the opportunity to go to the University of Toronto where they were given a tour of the lab facilities and the campus as well as an information session about the engineering studies that are available at the University of Toronto. Some of our grade 11 biology students had a guest speaker who talked about her personal experience with the HIV virus. They also had the opportunity to go to the Ontario Science Centre to attend an internal systems workshop and the Body Worlds exhibit. Our grade 12 Biology students had the opportunity to go to the Ontario Science Centre and use up to date technology for a DNA fingerprinting lab. Some of the grade 12 students had the opportunity to hear Nobel Prize laureates in biology and chemistry give guest lectures at the University of Toronto.

The MSc club (Mackenzie Science Club) meets once a month and runs events which challenge the students' engineering and

developed by students in the new pilot course Information Communication Technology and Innovative Learning. There has been no final decision yet on how to spend the well-deserved prize money. Teachers, students and the administration are coming up with some great ideas for technological enhancements.

J. Extavour - CL Science

science skills. The school events prepare members of the club to participate in Science Olympics across the province (i.e. York University, University of Western Ontario, etc.). Already this season, members of the club participated at McMaster University in Hamilton, York University, and the University of Toronto. Ms. Law, Mr. Leder, Dr. Burt, Ms. Gugoiu, Ms. Batras, and Ms. Rukavina advise the club, providing unique opportunities for student leadership and community involvement.

Overall, a great semester! The Science Department is looking forward to Semester II!



S. Leder - CL Science



# Social Science Department

Mackenzie's Social Science Department continues to offer a variety of interesting courses and activities. Some of the interesting course-related field trips during Semester One included: Ms. Sugarman's Grade 11 "World History to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century" class participated in Lab and Exhibit lessons at the Royal Ontario Museum and her Grade 12 World History class attended a workshop at Opera Atelier to enhance learning of the Baroque Period (this class also attended a dress rehearsal performance at Opera Atelier); Ms. Lee's Grade 9 Geography classes spent a day at the Royal Ontario Museum to participate in the Rocks and Mineral labs;

Mr. Watt and Mr. Wilms' Grade 10 Civics classes observed the Justice System in operation at the Provincial Court House – Criminal Division; Ms. Tersigni's Grade 11 Law class observed court procedures and specific legal issues and met with a judge at the University Avenue Courts; Ms. Gourley and Mr. Cade's SAP classes visited the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health (CAMH) to understand mental health issues and they went to the Bata Shoe Museum to look at the social/cultural factors that affect fashion and Mr. Cade's World Religion class visited various temples of worship to gain a deeper understanding of the religions studied.

In November, the department and a select group of Mackenzie students planned our annual Remembrance Day assembly. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, our entire school demonstrated its respect for this most solemn occasion. The Mackenzie Remembrance Day committee worked diligently in preparing for this school-wide presentation. All participants performed magnificently.

Overall, we feel first semester has been a very positive experience. We are all looking forward to second semester.

D. Nemerofsky - ACL Social Science

## Student Services

The Student Services department had another busy semester. These were the highlights, broken down by grade:

### Grade 9

Students had an opportunity to reacquaint themselves with Student Services with visits to our department and the Career Centre. Students also participated in our Study Skill and Exam Preparation Workshops. The Girls' Group (grade 9 and 10 students) began meeting and new members are always welcome.

### Grade 10

All grade 10 Career Studies classes participated in Career Centre Workshops that included self-exploration with the *Who Am I?* program.

### Grade 11

All grade 11 students had the opportunity to complete Jackson Vocational Interest Surveys and Career Directions Inventories, to be analyzed by *Research Psychologists*

*Press Inc.* to help discover career aptitudes and aid with course selection.

### Grade 12

Our efforts to help prepare graduating students for post-secondary pathways continued in full force. Grade 12 students attended information sessions presented by over 25 university and college liaisons during lunch hours and after school. Student Services also hosted a College Degree Panel assembly, a Pathways evening for parents and students, a University and College Application Presentation and several scholarship information sessions and workshops.

Student Services is also very proud of our growing Peer Tutor Program. With over 100 volunteers, the program has been instrumental in helping all Mackenzie students to reach their full potential.

A big thank you to Ms. Blejman for organizing a trip to Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre for our students in the Student

Success program. Students experienced a full day of team building and leadership skills development. Thank you also to Ms. Extavour and Mr. O'Brien for accompanying the group.

The Student Services department would like to extend a congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Kulendran who leaves our department for Lawrence Park C.I. where she assumes the role of Vice Principal. Ms. Kulendran has been a tremendous asset to our department and she will be greatly missed by both teachers and students alike!

We would like to extend a big welcome to Mr. Leder who joins our guidance team for Semester Two!

We wish all students a successful second semester. Look out for Course Selection Presentations and Course Selection Week during the month of February.

**T. Klement - CL**  
Student Services/Student Success

## MaCS News

Our MaCS Program students have had a busy first semester and we welcome all of our new students who began the program in September. In addition to all of the enrichment opportunities our students have had through curricular and extra-curricular activities, the following are some first semester highlights:

In October, our grade 9 MaCS students spent three days and two nights at Muskoka Woods attending an orientation and leadership trip. It was a wonderful event that was packed with fun and challenging activities including low ropes courses, zip line, tennis, orienteering, mountain biking, archery, team building initiatives, sky gazing, a games

night and an open gym night. It was an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills, meet new classmates and build friendships that will last through high school. Thanks to Mr. Chippier, Ms. Dyke, Ms. Lee, Ms. Kulendran, Mr. McIntyre and Ms. Rukavina who supervised the grade 9 MaCS classes on this trip.

Coming up in March, our grade 10 MaCS students will be going to the Canadian Ecology Centre in Mattawa to participate in a high-tech winter ecology program. The grade 11 MaCS trip planning is also underway with a trip planned in May.

About 370 applications were received from students interested in joining the MaCS

Program in September 2010. A record 650+ attended our MaCS Information Night. We are busy processing those applications and would like to thank all of the MaCS students, teachers and administrators who helped us with our Information Night, Testing Day and application assessments.

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead the MaCS program and share the pride we all feel with the growth, accomplishments and successes that our MaCS students experience. Best of luck to the grads of 2010.

**N. Kulendran - MaCS Coordinator**

## Computer Department

We sent 2 teams to the IBM CASCON Programming Competition on November 4th. Our first team, Amandeep Grewal and Manodasan Wignarajah (both grade 12 students) placed second out of 35 (see picture) and our second team, Daniel Olshansky (grade 12) and Lior Lustgarten (grade 10), placed 4th! Way to go Mackenzie!!

**J. Dyke - ACL Computer Studies**



*IBM Cascon Competition - 2nd Place*

# English Department

The English Department was thrilled to host The Lyon's Roar, Mackenzie's bi-annual speech contest. Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 all presented speeches to their English classes and top students in each class had the opportunity to compete in Grade finals adjudicated by various teachers across the curriculum. This semester, eight Grade 9 students competed in the finals and top honour was awarded to **Kim Nguyen** for her very engaging speech on the topic of the colour pink. Finalists included **Ami Cohen-**

**Rimmer, Diana Steinberg, Ayesha Islam, Kevin Fuentes Mendes, Grayson Alfonso, Joshua Martins and Jacob Cameriao.** **Aakash Goel's** amusing speech about his experiences riding the T.T.C. took top honours in the Grade 10 finals. Competing alongside Goel were **Ricky Chhoukdean, Joseph Yoon, Arieh Chaiton, Arash Khazaei and Selah Kennedy.** Seven Grade 11 students competed and top honour was awarded to **Maor Bernshtein** for his passionately delivered speech on vegetarianism.

Finalists included **David De Sanctis, Faith Joy Barrientos, Alexandra Draguleasa, Alejandro Enamorado, Dennis Khaiteer and Eve Sharabi.** The English Department congratulates all speech finalists and winners and all students for their in-class speeches. Special thanks to staff adjudicators and to Ms. Mancini for emceeding the event.

**D. Berenstein - CL Communications**

## Grade 10—Literacy EQAO

As we head into second semester, please be aware that the EQAO Grade 10 Literacy Test will be administered to all Grade 10 students on the morning of **Thursday, April 8.** Previously eligible students who have not yet written the test or have not successfully completed the test will also write the test on this date as will students in Grades 11 or 12 who are new to the province. The purpose of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is to ensure that students have acquired the essential reading and writing skills that apply to all subject areas in the provincial curriculum up to the end of Grade 9. All students in public and private schools

who are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma are required to write the OSSLT in Grade 10. Students who have been eligible to write the OSSLT at least twice and have been unsuccessful are eligible to fulfill the requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). Successful completion of the OSSLT or OSSLC is a graduation requirement.

Teachers across the curriculum are committed to preparing our students for the test and lead students in Grades 9 and 10 in subject-specific EQAO-styled reading and writing

activities to help prepare them for the kinds of activities they will encounter on the test. An abbreviated mock-OSSLT will be administered to all Grade 10 students on Wednesday, March 24 in their homeform classes. Teachers will assess these tests and provide students with feedback prior to the OSSLT on April 8. For more information on the OSSLT please visit the English Department page of the Mackenzie website ([www.wlmac.ca](http://www.wlmac.ca)) or visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) for more information and practice activities.

**D. Berenstein - CL Communications**

## The Lyon Queens

This year *The Lyon*, Mackenzie's student newspaper, is in the capable paws of four fierce and fiercely intelligent young women: Laura Nyman, Alice Yi, Grace Chung, and Anzella Gasataya. Laura eavesdrops on conversations and roots through recycling bins to gather topics for each issue. Laura, Alice, and Grace carefully proofread every article, correct mechanical errors, and cut flights of fancy. Finally, Anzella lays it out and makes it look nice.

Students have access to an abundance of international, national, and local news online and in free publications like *Metro*, so this year *The Lyon's* editors are focusing their attentions on Mackenzie-centric issues. Our November issue looked at Mac's skyrocketing attendance, interviewed in-house rock band Ace of Spades, and followed a day in the life of a teacher.

Our December issue covered the burgeoning Mackenzie-Yorkdale partnership, previewed SAC's Sleep @ Mac event, and cheered on our wrestling team.

Of course, our readers will soon leave Mackenzie and become contributing members of society, so we have made some forays into the world outside *The Lyon's* den. We've interviewed protesting Northern Secondary students, freelance journalist John Lorinc, Olympic athlete Vicky Sunohara, and television star Pat Thornton. And Ksenia Gueletina's review of David Nickle's short-story collection *Monstrous Affections* caught the attention of at least one non-Lyon when it was posted online. Mr. Nickle himself reviewed Ksenia's review on his blog, where he reflected on "how much more intelligent and insightful today's teens are,

as compared, say, to the crew of hunched-over, dodecahedron-rattling Morlocks that we were when we did . . . a school newspaper in Richmond Hill some . . . seven or eight years ago."

Laura et al devote many solitary hours to *The Lyon* every month in order to give their fellow students a voice (or, rather, a roar). Editors rarely receive much recognition or thanks, so if you happen to see Laura, Alice, Grace or Anzella stalking the halls, do commend them for their maturity, leadership, and hard, hard work. And if you'd like to make their jobs just a little bit easier, contact them with ideas for stories, especially on Mackenzie culture and Mackenzie's fiftieth anniversary. Speaking of which, look for our special anniversary edition in the spring.

**D. Regan - English**  
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# Business Department

Ms. Graham's Introduction to Business class enjoyed designing a convenience snack food as part of their Unit on Marketing. Students had to create a snack food, design an ad to sell their product, design appropriate packaging that would attract customer attention, and create a customer survey. Snacks ranged from chocolate bars to breakfast bars.

Grade 10 Business classes embarked on their scavenger hunt to the downtown business core in October. The day began with a tour of the Rogers Centre including a stop at the Blue Jays' suite and standing

on the playing field. Small groups of students then followed clues to gather business and political information from several locations: "Caffeinated Causeway" (coffee shops on Bay), "Politics Unusual" (city hall), "Corner of the Four Giants" (the banks at King/Bay), and "Inside Out" (the BCE Place). Many thanks to Ms. Cuttle for her ingenious organization of the clues and routes, to business teachers Mr. Stoffman and Mr. Freedman and to Ms. Extavour, Mr. Di Salle, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Elso-Ponzo, Ms. Scott and OISE student teachers for making the day fun and educational for our students.



*Business Scavenger Hunt*

## DECA – Mackenzie's Business Club

This year's club executive of Jonathan Li (President), Milena Mednikov (VP, Finance), Anna Kuznetsov (VP, Training), Rahul Goel (VP, Marketing) and Jaiansha Elanko (VP, Marketing) has recruited the highest club membership to date. Over 50 students attended the Regional Competition on Thursday, October 29 at Seneca College, Newnham Campus, with

Jonathan Li and Jake Bodanus bringing home medals. Many others received ribbons and overall, 31 students have qualified to compete at the Provincials on February 8-9, 2010. Students are meeting at lunch hours to prepare for the February competition.

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK MAC!!**



*DECA – Mackenzie Business*

## School Partnerships - Baycrest

The Baycrest-Mackenzie Partnership has continued its activity this year under new leadership. Mary Cossever, Tal Milman, Vlad Popa and Nico Leone have done an amazing job in promoting the Partnership, updating the Partnership website and preparing a number of upcoming events. We are once again grateful to the active volunteers and those who have expressed interest in volunteering at Baycrest. Time

and time again our volunteers have expressed their gratitude for their experience at Baycrest. We hope more students will join in our efforts to give back to our community. Also, many thanks to all the teachers who have helped us offer these opportunities to our students.

**Mme. Martin-Jordache**



*Baycrest Partnership*

## School Partnerships - Yorkdale

Mackenzie continues to develop its new partnership with Yorkdale. Ms. Graham's Grade 12 Business Leadership class has been working on a project that involved creating and marketing a virtual gift for Yorkdale's Shopping Centre to benefit a charity of the students' choice. Students were divided into 5 teams, selected a target market, did a SWOT and Situation Analysis, designed a virtual gift, and chose a charity. They used creative advertising to "sell" their virtual gift on

Yorkdale's Facebook page. Students presented their work to the managers at Yorkdale in January. Yorkdale will match (up to a maximum of \$5,000) donations to Children's Wish, the charity associated with the group (Bobby Georgiadis, Noah Martin, Jason Blum, Amit Gabay, Sammy Beyo) which obtained the most sales.

This is a prime example of two partners (Mackenzie and Yorkdale) working on a project that benefits both partners, while reaching out to serve the community.



*Yorkdale Partnership*

**M.G. Graham - ACL Business & School Partnerships**

# Visual Arts Department

There have been a number of exciting field trips for arts students this past semester. In early November, the grade 10 Media Arts class participated in the Reel Asian Film Festival's outreach for high school students. In the morning we attended an animation workshop held at the National Film Board of Canada where the students made short public service messages using stop-frame animation. Creating original storylines and making the figures out of plasticine, they produced 4 amazing mini-films of very high quality. In the afternoon, we attended a screening of 8 short films from young emerging filmmakers, some of whom were in attendance and who stayed for a Q and A afterwards. To our delight, our mini-films were shown to the public as part of the general program.

Another exciting field trip occurred in December, when the grade 9 art classes went to the Art Gallery of Ontario to experience "King Tut: The Golden King and the Age of

the Pharaohs", a blockbuster show that contains a large number of superb Ancient Egyptian artifacts including two colossal statues, one of the boy-king Tutankhamen, and the other of his father, Akhenaten/Thutmose IV. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to see in person examples of Ancient Egyptian Art that they had studied as part of the grade 9 Art History survey of art of the ancient world.

The week before the winter break also witnessed our annual December arts night called "Java After Dark". The Library was transformed into an intimate venue resembling a coffee house, with a small stage where our two emcees, Keren Ginzburg and Daniel Siegel introduced one of the best programs we've ever had in terms of overall quality of performance, both musical and dramatic. In addition, at the beginning of the evening, we had a screening of films made by the Media Arts students, and we included the mini-films made at the NFB.

**S. Morrison - ACL, Arts**

## Bench and Heart



**"Bench and Heart" by Rebecca Kreidstein, Dana Gurevich, Vithuga Premkumar, Lauren Lefler, Ariella Sone, Darusana Yogarajah.**

# Library Department

During the month of September, the Wm. Lyon Mackenzie Library and Information Center held Library Orientation and Information sessions for all Grade 9 students. As well, workshops were held, all during Semester 1, for various classes to inform them of new databases available at the Mackenzie

Library Webpage. These databases provide students with authoritative sources to support their research for all their courses.

The Career classes were introduced to both print and on line resources when they came to the Library for their Career Orientation

lessons. On Dec. 3, numerous classes came to the library to hear speakers talk about genocide in Rwanda.

**D. Papernick - Library**

# L a n g u a g e s

## French

This year our grade 12 French students have had the chance to test the knowledge they acquired in debating French existentialist philosophy by participating in a conversation on *how to live a meaningful life* with a senior client at Baycrest. The discussions were animated and the students were impressed with the wealth of life experience of the Baycrest clients. Also, the Baycrest seniors were delighted with the Mackenzie students and their fresh outlook on life.

Grade 11 French students spent a day at Glendon college where they were immersed in a francophone environment and had the chance to practice their language skills by participating in an interactive presentation and visiting the campus. We were very happy to reconnect with our student, Daron Martin, who is now at Glendon. Daron showed us around and gave our students valuable insights into the college's life.

**Mme. Martin - Jordache**



## ESL and International Languages

Exciting news... Student Success Program! The English language learners had a very memorable presentation with the Children are People Child Care Centre this past fall. The ELLs wrote stories about immigration which incorporated our "Character Development" initiative. The ELLs read their stories to the preschoolers highlighting the importance of respect, integrity, fairness, kindness and caring, cooperation, teamwork, honesty, responsibility, and empathy. After, the ELLs assisted the children with drawing

pictures about their favorite stories.

Another outstanding event was the apple orchard trip. Mr. O'Brien's GLS class and Ms. Soto Gordon's ESL D learned about the fall harvest, picked apples, and sampled local treats. Fun was had by all! Thanks for organizing the fantastic trip, Mr. O'Brien!

Finally, Ms. Soto Gordon and Ms. Hanna's ESL C classes have taken up the cause of collecting pop tabs until June 2010 for

Robert Hampson. Mr. Hampson then sells these tabs to recyclers. The cash he receives goes to President's Choice Children's Charity to purchase wheel chairs and related equipment. Many thanks to the homeform teachers and classes for collecting the pop tabs. Congratulations to Ms. Alianak's class for collecting the most tabs for semester 1!

**S. Soto Gordon - ACL ESL/Int. Languages**



## Physical Education Extra Curricular Programs

### *Athletics:*

It has been an exciting and eventful fall and winter season for the Mackenzie Athletic Program. Over 270 students have participated on 18 different teams this first semester. Our students have successfully represented our school in the TDSSAA, consistently demonstrating teamwork, integrity, fairness and sportsmanship. Some of our teams have achieved excellent results this year. Mackenzie's Jr. Boys Volleyball team earned a silver medal at the North Region finals. The Cross-Country team sent athletes to the City Finals again this year. The Girls' Tennis team captured the gold medal in the North Region Finals. The Wrestling team continues to dominate the North Region and has participated in several tournaments. Our Senior Girls Basketball team was very competitive in the regional pool play and made it to the playoffs. Currently, the Jr. Boys Bas-

ketball team continues to play competitively in the region and is favoured to earn a play-off position. Our Sr. Girls Volleyball team remains undefeated and recently captured a silver medal at the Wolburn Dynasty Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The Mackenzie Athletic program exists thanks to the dedication of our volunteer coaches. I would like to thank our coaches for all the time and effort they put into creating opportunities for Mackenzie students.

### *Extracurricular Activities:*

Ashton Taylor is currently the Student Activity Council Vice President in charge of clubs. Ashton has been working extremely hard to promote extracurricular activities at Mackenzie. Our goal is to have all students participate in at least one club or activity this year. We have had tremendous success

getting students involved and participating in Mackenzie school life. Mackenzie currently has 65 clubs running at lunch and after school. This winter, a new council with representation from all clubs, was created. It was called the Mackenzie Leadership Council. The goal of this council is to improve communication between clubs and administration and to continue to find new ways of getting Mackenzie students involved.

I would like to thank all our staff supervisors who volunteer their time to ensure that Mackenzie has a diverse selection of extracurricular activities available to all students. For a complete list of clubs please visit our website ([www.wlmac.ca](http://www.wlmac.ca))

**Ms. Jennifer Brunner - ACL  
Extra-Curricular Programs/Athletics**

## Health & Physical Education

The Health and Physical Education Department would like to take this opportunity to share an important message with you. A recent study has found that there has been a 40% increase in obesity for the group aged 12 to 17 years. There are several illnesses

and diseases that are directly related to obesity. Course option selections for next year will occur in a few weeks. Establishing healthy eating habits and regular physical activity routines, early in life, are very important. We ask you to seriously consider

discussing Health and Physical Education as one of your son or daughter's electives.

**J. Willis - ACL Health & Physical Education**

# Mathematics Department

The Mathematics Department is continuing to offer many opportunities for students to enrich their mathematical knowledge through mathematics competitions.

The Contest Dates for the Canadian Mathematics Competitions 2009/2010 (The Center for Education in Mathematics and Computing from the Faculty of Mathematics, University of Waterloo) are:

The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) will take place on **Wednesday February 24, 2010.**

**Thursday, February 25, 2010:**  
PASCAL CONTEST  
(Grade 9)CAYLEY CONTEST  
(Grade 10)FERMAT CONTEST  
(Grade 11)

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010:**  
EUCLID CONTEST (Grade 12)

**Thursday, April 8, 2010:**  
FRYER CONTEST (Grade 9)  
GALOIS CONTEST (Grade 10)  
HYPATIA CONTEST (Grade 11)

As always we are continuing to offer the Canadian National Mathematics League (CNML) Series.

**A. Karageorgiou**  
ACL - Math

## Farewell to Ms. Kulendran

With mixed emotions Mackenzie bids farewell to Niva Kulendran, our MaCS coordinator. Ms. Kulendran has been a valued member of the Student Services Department and has forged strong relationships with the students across the school. She has led the multifaceted aspects of the MaCS program for the past 2 1/2 years and has initiated several new and creative ideas in that program. We will miss her very much and wish her great success in her new role as Vice Principal at Lawrence Park Collegiate.

**Mackenzie Administration**



Left to Right/Front Row - Ms. T.Klement, Mr. D. Chippier  
Back Row - Ms. Y. Elso-Ponzo, Ms. S. McDonald,  
**Ms. Kulendran, Ms. L. Potapova**

## TDSB Youth Host Program

The TDSB Youth Host Program is a project funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) to help newcomer youth adjust to their new communities in Canada through mentorship. The program is now being delivered and is FREE of charge to newcomer students at William Lyon Mackenzie and other neighbourhood schools.

Newcomer students are matched with Canadian youth who help in a variety of ways including tutoring and assistance with homework; planning for university and college; practising English; as well as finding sports and other recreational activities in the com-

munity. Participants also have the opportunity to take part in our monthly field trips which include Canada's Wonderland, Ontario Science Centre and CN Tower.

The Youth Host Program is currently being delivered at William Lyon Mackenzie by In-School Host Facilitator, Rochelle Elliston, who works out of the school each Thursday from 11: 30 am to 4:30pm. You can reach her at (416) 395-2045 or [rochell.elliston@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:rochell.elliston@tdsb.on.ca) We look forward to hearing from you!

**Rochelle Elliston**

