

*WESTSIDE ACADEMY
HIGHLIGHTS
2009-2010*

June 18, 2010

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten began for the first time ever in September with the rest of the school!! We had 11 Kindergarten students this past year which provided lots of personality. With Mrs. Spyker at the helm, learning, parties, and field trips made every day an amazing experience. Kindergarten Graduation Day included a fun morning at Bubba Baloo's and then the Kindies arrived back at Westside for their afternoon commencement! Families attended the event and watched as their child stepped up to the next grade!

SCIENCE

Science Fair brought another year of excellent exhibits! The top Westside Academy winners were: 1st Place: Ashley Anderson/ Forrest Tower; 2nd Place: Lindsay Dimler; 3rd Place: Sarah Alspaugh and Madelynn Eliason/Julia Giesbrecht. The finalists were: Brooke Tower/Caroline Kohlen, Laura Spyker, Alisha Mann/Christina Provan, David Harned/Randy Giesbrecht, Kyla Crego, William Legault, Lindsay Doherty, Nathan Provan, Andrew Ardell/Jonathan Ardell, and Justis Fisher. These teams participated in the Central Interior Science Exhibition at UNBC in March. Our students had a super finish at UNBC! These were their standings:

- Ashley Anderson/Forrest Tower won Gold along with: CNC Social Sciences Award, UNBC Mathematics Award, Spruce Kings Excellence in Science Award, Best in Category-Life Sciences Level 1 and Best in Exhibition-All Categories. They won the opportunity to attend the Canada Wide Science Fair in Peterborough, ON in May.
- Lindsay Dimler won Gold along with: BC Innovation Council Award, Chevron Canada Award, Society for Canadian Women in Technology Award, and Best in Category-Automotive Sciences Level 1. She also won the opportunity to attend the Canada Wide Science Fair in Peterborough, ON in May.
- Sarah Alspaugh won Gold along with Young Innovator Award, Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of BC Award, Best in Category-Engineering Level 1. She joined our other 3 students in attending the CWSF in Peterborough in May.
- Laura Spyker won Silver along with the Canadian Diabetes Association Award
- Lindsay Doherty won Gold along with the Science Alliance Camp Award
- Madelynn Eliason/Julia Giesbrecht won Gold and the BC Ministry of Environment Environmental Award
- Alisha Mann won Gold and the Judges' Choice Award
- Caroline Kohlen/Brooke Tower won Gold and Best in Category Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Sciences Level 2
- Andrew Ardell/Jonathan Ardell won Gold and the Best in Category Earth & Environmental Sciences Level 1
- David Harned/Randy Giesbrecht won Silver for their project.

Canada Wide Science Fair Winners were:

- **Lindsay Dimler ~ Silver – Automotive Sciences**
- **Bronze – Ashley Anderson/Forrest Tower ~ Health Sciences**

OTHER AWARDS

Several students entered the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day contest. The following students won with their projects in the Poster & Literary Contest at several levels:

Junior Poetry ~ Megan Stillwell (1st Place + 2nd Place Zone); Regan Desmarais (2nd Place); Kate Richards (3rd Place)

Senior Poetry ~ Lindsay Dimler (1st Place + 2nd Place Zone); Janoah Fisher (2nd Place)

Junior Poster (B & W) ~ Madelynn Eliason (1st Place); Emma van Dinter (2nd Place)

Junior Poster (Colour) ~ Quinlan Nowoczin (1st Place); Whitney Anderson (2nd Place); Vienna Mracovic (3rd Place)

Intermediate Poster (Black & White) ~ Sarah Alspaugh (1st Place)

Senior Poster (B & W) ~ Jenna Dimler (1st Place + 1st Place Zone); Kaylee Harned (2nd Place); Lindsay Dimler (3rd Place)

We had several students in Grade 6-10 entered the Creative Communications contest. Many of these students had their work qualify for publishing. Keep writing!!

And, of course, our own Jaymie Walker qualified to represent Westside Academy at the Regional Spelling Bee held in Prince George this year.

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GRADE 6 to 10 CONCERT BAND

Our Concert Band had a tremendous year! The band performed in the MusicFest FanFare at Vanier Hall where they competed with schools from this region. Our band received a SILVER PLUS medal for their performances, and the band was recommended to the national level! FABULOUS!

SPORTS

This was our first year ever with a Girl's Senior High School Soccer Team!!! Thanks to Mrs. Daniela Johnson for her soccer coach expertise! The girls had great fun, participated in the Zone Championship Tournament and won a plaque for "The Most Sportsmanlike Team". Well done, ladies!!

SPECIAL EVENTS

We had an afternoon of Christmas Entertainment provided this year by Kindergarten to Grade 7 students! The high school performed Dr. Seuss', "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"! Hailey Alexander transformed into the Grinch and the rest of the high school cast and crew did a spectacular performance with her! Special thanks to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Tower. The Student Council filled in the gaps with a variety of activities such as "Jeans Day", "Breakfast Days", "Pyjama Day", and "Beach Day" to name a few!

FIELD TRIPS

Pastor Rob and 2 groups of students from Grade 4 – 12 headed to Victoria this year! They meandered around the campus at UVic, the city of Victoria and attended tours of the BC Legislature. Teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 5 planned several field trips for their classes this year and had great fun experiencing all the different ideas that helped them learn.

GIVING PROJECTS

We had another successful year of fundraising for Sri Lanka and the Parables. Parables went to Honduras and worked with Brighter Horizons Ministries to provide children and families with much needed help! We will continue our fundraising efforts into the next school year and look forward to your participation in these events! Well done, good and faithful servants! THANK YOU!

GRADUATION 2010

We had 7 graduates this year: Hailey Alexander, Rikki Desmarais, Jenna Dimler, Janoah Fisher, Samantha Wilson, Evan Smith, and Hayden Smith. The Graduates chose the theme, "Celebrating Our Differences". Both the ceremony and the banquet took place at Westwood MB Church! Thanks to all who made this day a memorable one!

VOLUNTEERS

Bless all of you who had a heart to help this year from the classroom to the kitchen to the neighbourhood to the field trips to whatever help was needed! You make the difference in the students' and staffs' lives every year. Thank you again to everyone!

And now, as we prepare for the fall, we wish you to take care of your tuition, both outstanding amounts from the past school year and the summer registration fees for July and August. Your final tuition statement for the 2009-2010 school year is enclosed. Mrs. Beck will be in the office in the summer, so you can make payments. Just call her at #250-964-9600 to ensure she is in the office. Another option is to leave post-dated cheques for the summer fees. For those with outstanding accounts, please make payment in full or speak to Pastor Marlo about your intentions in clearing these amounts up.

Have a great summer FULL of family fun!!