

HUSKIES HIGHLIGHT REEL

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We are proud to announce that 21% of our students obtained an overall average of 80% or higher on their mid-term report card.
- Level III students planning to attend **Memorial University** are reminded that the deadline for applications for the Fall semester is **March 1st**.
- There will be a course selection meeting for Grade 9 parents from MPI on Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 pm.
- Educational website for students www.cdli.ca
- 2008 SafeGrad committees are meeting weekly. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you want to be part of one of the committees email Ms. Elizabeth Pritchett.

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Huskies Win Kentucky Cup

Mount Pearl Senior High School's bragging rights are safe!

The MPSH Huskies and the O'Donel Patriots clashed in their annual battle for the Kentucky Cup. The Mount Pearl Senior High Girl's Hockey Team topped O'Donel during an action packed game.

Huskies started out strong and ended strong as they skated to a 2-1 win before energized fans at the Glacier.

This year's Huskie Team Captain, Melanie Tucker, scored the winning goal during the first minute of the overtime period.

This was the 26th year for the Kentucky Cup and all the girls were excited to play in the game. This year's team roster includes:
Lindsey Feehan
Andrea Green
Nicola Holden
Melissa Smith
Clara Pollard

Michelle Hawkins
Nicole Morris
Chelsea Fitzgerald
Melanie Tucker
Rebecca Deering
Syd the Kid
Lucky Smith
The Wall Elliot
Erika Peddle
Erica Nixon
Amelia Gallant
Angela Connolly
Holly Smith
Tara Shave
Laura Ricks
Laura Wilkens
Amy Holwell
Kelly Butler



Brainstorm Competition 2008

Megan Drodge represented MPSH at the Brainstorm Competition held at Memorial University on Saturday, February 16th. Megan was successful in the preliminary competition held at the school and was selected to attend the provincial competition hosted by the Faculty of Medicine, Neuroscience. There were

forty students from across the province participating in this contest. Megan ranked 15th place in the province. Students were asked questions on the brain from the Brain Facts Booklet during the competition. Special guests, Pam Anstey from Epilepsy NL and Christina Dove from the Autism Society,

asked the questions and graduate students from Neuroscience gathered a wide assortment of prizes for all participants. Neuroscientist, Dr. John McLean, coordinated the event. Students were also given the opportunity to visit several research labs studying Alzheimer's Disease and stroke recovery.

This was an excellent opportunity for Megan to learn what it would be like to have a career in Neuroscience. Perhaps, she will find a cure for diseases such as Parkinson's or Alzheimer's some day! The Brainstorm Competition has a website at : www.med.mun.ca/brainstorm1/ for students who may wish to participate next year.



Contestants and teachers await the start of the competition

www.med.mun.ca/brainstorm1/

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

On February 19th and 20th twenty-nine students from MPSH attended the Model UN at Memorial University. They joined approximately 300 students from the metro area and Corner brook and spent two days

learning about the structure and format of UN debate while exploring such topics as globalization, the Darfur Crisis, Drug Trafficking, and UN Reform. All students did a fabulous job, and some were recognized

for individual achievement. Kurtis Coombs won a Matthew Gillard award for being the best delegate in the Darfur room, while Caitlin Hutchings, Adam Sheppard, and Malcolm Sheppard received honorable

mentions. Congratulations are extended to all who participated for a great job!

Teacher Ambassador Program

On February 13, four teachers of MPSH had the opportunity to find out what it is like to work outside the classroom and enter the world of skilled trades. As part of their TAP (Teacher Ambassador Program) accreditation process, Mr. Michael Kinsella, Mr. Shane Antle, Ms. Andrea Norris and Mr. David Newhook left

their whiteboards and textbooks behind and donned hard hats and aprons for a day. These teachers will be phasing in Job Shadowing, an exciting new program at MPSH where students in Career Development, Vie et Carrière and Enterprise Education get to follow a professional in the workplace for a day.



SKILLED TRADES PROGRAM

Mount Pearl Senior High is currently in the second year of the Skilled Trades Pilot project. We are currently offering Skilled Trades 1211, Residential Construction 2211, Design and Fabrication 1212 and Design and Fabrication 2212. These courses are geared towards giving students practical hands-on exposure to various trades with the intent of sparking an interest in pursuing a trade as a career.

Trades such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, plastering, roofing, sheet metal, and flooring are all covered in the Skilled Trades and Residential Construction courses. The Design and Fabrication courses expose students to the world of CNC and high-end CAD programs. Students interested in engineering as a career would reap the benefits of this course. We will also be piloting two new courses in the

Fall of 2008 with the introduction of Power and Energy and Robotics Manufacturing Technology. These courses have been met with great enthusiasm by the entire student body and the staff. Enrollment is at the maximum and we expect great things in the fall. Any parent wanting more information can e-mail Mr. Bennett at gonzobennett@esdnl.ca.

Forum For Young Canadians

We are pleased to announce that Megan Drodge has been selected from applicants across Canada to attend a National Student Conference. The Forum brings more than 550 senior high school and CEGEP students from across the country to Ottawa, the Forum for Young Canadians explores the inner workings of the Canadian political system. Congratulations Megan.

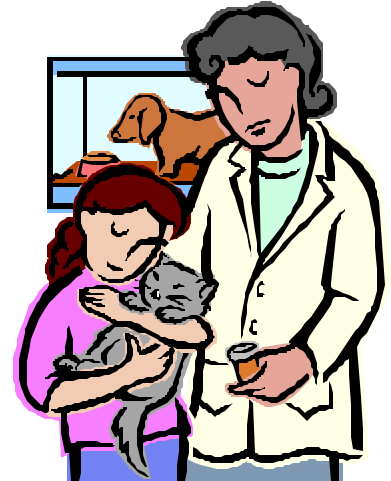
Animal Rights Club

In the past year, the Mount Pearl Senior High Animal Right's Club has taken an initiative to help animal shelters in St. John's and Mount Pearl. One favorite organization is Beagle Paws. The members of Beagle Paws are dedicated to rescuing abandoned or abused beagles and helping them find good homes as family pets.

Beagle Paws is the largest beagle rescue organization in Canada. It relies both on donations and volunteers to foster beagles until adoptive families can be found. This year the Animal Rights Club families raised and donated funds to Beagle Paws through their 'Pennies for Beagle Paws' campaign.

In addition materials collected in this fall's Blanket Drive were donated to Beagle Paws so that foster would have help with bedding and food for the beagles in their care. For more information on Beagle Paws, please go to www.beaglepaws.com

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Environment Club

The Mount Pearl Senior High Environmental Club has launched a three-week environmental awareness campaign. This campaign, based on the 3 Rs of being Green, will allow the school to help save the environment. It will also make students and staff aware of how their actions affect Mother Nature.

The first week of the campaign, February 25th - 29th, is Recycle Week. This week is jammed packed with a recycling blitz and incentives to get people putting their recyclables in the right containers. The second and third weeks are Reduce and Reuse, respectively. During this time members of the school

community will be encouraged to reduce their waste and reuse what materials they can.

The Environmental Club would like to thank in advance everyone who helps with, or takes part in, this important effort.



www.beaglepaws.com

Counsellor's Corner

A reminder to Level III students planning to attend **Memorial University** that the deadline for applications for the Fall semester is **March 1st**. Applications are available at the Guidance Office or students can apply online at www.mun.ca/regoff. MUN interviews

will be held at MPSH on Thursday, May 1st. During that time applicants will have an opportunity to have an individual consultation with a Memorial representative to discuss program options and courses. Applicants will be informed of their scheduled interview time though

their homeroom teacher in late April.



Physio Quest

Physio Quest offers high school students an opportunity to learn more about physiotherapy through on-site visits to Physiotherapy Departments. Students who are seriously considering physiotherapy as a career are invited to participate in this program. Any student who would like to apply for Physio Quest is asked to see Ms. Short ASAP for more information as space is limited.

Math League

On Saturday, February 9th, students from Mount Pearl Senior High School attended the Mathematics League competition held at Memorial University. Two teams of Level 3 students competed with teams from the metro region to com-

plete 8 problems and one relay question. Both teams demonstrated outstanding problem solving skills and were excellent ambassadors of our school. Ms. Sparkes would like to thank Stephanie Kelly, Daniel Morgan, Lindsey Nor-

man, Holly Peddle, Lisa Saunders, Adam Sheppard, Malcom Sheppard, and Ian Wilding. Thank you to Ms. Olmstead and Mr. Lambert (teacher intern) for attending the competition.

Pi Day π

Once again, mathematics students at Mount Pearl Senior High School will celebrate Pi Day. On the third month and fourteenth day, mathematics students participate in activities that honor

the irrational number, P . Look forward to a scavenger hunt and classroom activities involving 3.14!!

Rotary Exchange Program

Kendra Power was recently selected by the local Rotary Clubs of the Northeast Avalon area (5 clubs) to participate in the **International Youth Exchange** program. She was the only Level I student selected from

this area. Through this program, Kendra will travel to Spain, live with a Spanish host family, and experience life firsthand in a different country, school, and social environment. Kendra will complete her Level II studies while in Spain, while a Spanish student studies here.

Andrew Hynes off to Quebec City

Good Luck to Andrew Hynes!! Andrew is a member of the Newfoundland Labrador floor hockey team competing in the Special Olympics Canadian Winter Games in Quebec City. The games are from February 26 to March 1. Athletes will be given the opportu-

nity to represent Canada at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho, USA. Good Luck, Andrew and have a great time.

Public Speaking

For the third year in a row, MPSH has been victorious in returning the Lions Club Speak Off trophy to our school. Melissa Jordan's speech made the school very proud on Mon. Feb. 25 as she competed against five other students for the coveted first place in this annual competition. Melissa's speech, "How Far Would You Go to Get Ahead," was defined as "inspiring" by one of her questioners at the competition. She will continue with the speech and compete in the

Lions Club Zone Speak Off in April. We wish her the best of luck.

Also to be commended for their participation in the same speak off were Rebecca Mercer, who spoke on "Teen Stress," and Megan Drodge who spoke on the "Impact of Technology in Society." All three level III students are inspirations, showing that speaking in front of an audience appears effortless for students at MPSH. Well Done Ladies!

Students Get Awards in Duke of Edinburgh's

Congratulations to students in Ms. Mercer's Challenging Needs class who received awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program Ceremony. James Doody received a bronze award and Brittany Ainsworth, Robyn Kenny and

Megan Hounsell received silver awards. Premier Danny Williams made the presentation at the Capital Hotel on February 11, 2008.



Entrance Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that five of our Level III's will receive an early offer of an **Entrance Scholarship** to Memorial. These are students who have a minimum of a 90% Entrance average at midterm and they

will receive a minimum of \$2,000. Congratulations to : **Catherine Orr, Caitlin Hutchings, Lisa Saunders, Adam Sheppard and Sean Adams**. For those who do not currently possess the required average,

please continue to work hard as you will receive \$2,000 if your final admission average is 90% or above and \$1,000 if your final admission average is 85% to 89.99%.

“Mmmbeth”

Because of the shift system in the fall, the drama club unfortunately was unable to meet so this is their first production of the year and they are very excited about it. In the past week around thirty students auditioned for a part in the spring production and another ten or more indicated an interest in working backstage. This

spring we are going to produce a parody of Shakespeare’s play, Macbeth. It is a very silly comedy with many slapstick moments, modern references and ‘pun’y lines. The students are revved up and rehearsals begin Monday afternoon, February 25, 2008. The Regional High School Drama Festival is scheduled to take place the

week of April 21st at the Reid Theater at Memorial University. It will be a five-night festival with 15+ high schools and junior high schools competing. We hope many students and parents from our school will plan to attend. The caliber of performance in St. John’s is very high and an enjoyable evening of theater is guaranteed.



Speak Out For Change

Both the Animal Rights and Environment Club have drafted petitions aimed at asking our Provincial Government to make positive changes for Newfoundland and Labrador. The content of each petition follows below. If you would like to sign one, or both documents, copies can be found at the front desk of the school office. Or if you would like your own copy in order to gather even more signatures please email our teacher-sponsor, Ms Smith (janetsmith@esdnl.ca)

Animal Rights Petition

To: House of Assembly

Newfoundland and Labrador

We, the undersigned, encourage the development and enactment of legislation to better protect animals in our Province from cruelty. Our current animal protection laws are outdated, leaving those who would defend animals in distress too often a position of being ineffective. As a society we must take action to promote the humane care and protection of all animals and to prevent cruelty and suffering.

We ask for clear and strict laws concerning what constitutes proper care of domestic species, with firm consequences for

noncompliance. In that regard, we ask for legislation to allow for tougher sentences in all cases of animal cruelty - whether the animal is wild or domestic. Sentencing options should include unlimited fines, longer jail terms and lifetime bans on animal ownership.

It is time for Newfoundland and Labrador to take a stand. We, as a people, must deal appropriately with those who are cruel to animals and who take pleasure in inflicting suffering upon them.

Environment Club Petition

To: House of Assembly

Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

We, the undersigned, ask the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to immediately begin work to develop material recycling centers in this Province. In particular, we ask that paper recycling plants be developed to supplement, or replace, our Province’s existing paper mills. We feel this will greatly reduce the waste now ending up in our Province’s landfills, create employment, and help preserve Newfoundland and Labrador’s forests.

Honor Roll

Orr, Catherine
Hutchings, Caitlin
Saunders, Lisa
Sheppard, Adam
Adams, Sean
Lewis, Krystina
Drodge, Megan
Wilding, Ian
Morgan, Daniel
Ridgeley, Kaitlyn
Williams, Melissa
Evans, Erin
Tungkarak, Ravikarn
Critch, Sarah
Gibbons, Megan
Purdy, Timothy
Maddigan, Jennifer
Holden, Peter
Anstey, Kyle
Stein, Leanne
Kelly, Stephanie
Clarke, Amanda
Joy, Andrea
Legge, Stephanie
Mosher, Aaron
Norman, Lindsey
Hodge, Jessany
Byrne, Julia
Pearson, Leah
Gibbons, Courtney
Peddle, Holly
Turpin, Stephanie
Kelly, Chantelle
Cross, Shannon
Babstock, Nadine
Harnum, Justin
Rose, Jessica
Hudson, Christopher
Osmond, Leanne
Reid, Carissa
Elliott, Kristen
Baker, Alicia
Fitzgerald, Erica
Baker, Erin
Abbott, Daniel
Field, Emily
Morris, Julie
Doyle, Daniel
Pitcher, Jacob
MacDonald, Lisa
Power, Jordon
Budgell, Adam

Knox, Tyler
Hounsell, Veronica
Murphy, Danielle
Parsons, Ellen
Baggs, Melissa
Hoyles, Evan
McGrath, Adam
Nixon, Erica
Kerrivan, Meghan
Brien, Stephen
O'Brien, Michael
Stamplecoski, Chelsea
Keats, Gregory
Best, Ashley
Rideout, Bethany
Gallant, Amelia
English, Joseph
Dwyer, Matthew
Grimes, Stephen
Thompson, Tyler
Parsons, Brandon
Brushett, Gregory
Hynes, Crystal
Power, Melissa
Thorne, Jordan
Taylor, Lothian
Humphries, David
Feehan, Joshua
Windsor, Lauren
Tobin, Sara
White, Brittany
Winsor, Jeremy
Howlett, Michael
Miminis, Leto
Trickett, Janet
Andrews, Lauren
Grant, Jonathan
Deering, Rebecca
Wood, Jennifer
Harnum, Jordan
Gellately, Shelby
Elliott, Henry
Pumphrey, Katherine
Peckham, Sydney
Quinlan, Kaitlin
Schwartz, Stephanie
Elliott, Gillian
Linehan, Ashley
Cutler, Bethany
Wall, Justin
Power, Kendra
Holwell, Amy

Walsh, Caitlyn
Bessey, Nathan
Evans, Dana
Power, Matthew
Reid, Jeffrey
Morris, Nicole
O'Neill, Katie
Fitzgerald, Chelsey
Critch, Julie
Wheeler, Nicole
Pittman, Zachary
Gibbons, Stephanie
Fillier, Christopher
Feehan, Lindsay
Sheppard, Rebecca
Brushett, Courtney
Callahan, Shane
Steele, Laurie
Duggan, William
Morgan, Benjamin
Stein, Heather
Foote, Adam
O'Rourke, Brendon
Randell, Alexander
King, Alex
Chaulk, Zackary
Orr, Julie
Manning, Gerald
Pollard, Clara
Barrett, Stephen
Curran, Ciaran
Holden, Nicola
Voisey, Robyn
Anstey, Patrick
Younge, Kyle
Smith, Alana
Newman, Ashley
Gordon, Dean
Smith, Nathan