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SKI DAY FUN



TPS had a fun-filled day tubing, skiing, and snowboarding at the Horseshoe Valley Resort. Two busloads of students and staff enjoyed the winter wonderland. More pictures on pages 3 and 4.

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MARCH 8 - 19, 2010

HORSESHOE VALLEY RESORT WELCOMES TPS

TPS sends our well wishes to Canada's Olympians



VALENTINE'S DAY



C U P J D ' S W O R K S H O P



C U P J D ' S
W O R K
S H O P

Cupid's Workshop was working non-stop to keep up with the demand for TPS candygrams, proceeds went to the Haitian Earthquake Relief Fund.

February 14 was a Roman holiday, held in honour of a goddess. Young men randomly chose the name of a young girl to escort to the festivities. The custom of choosing a sweetheart on this date spread through Europe in the Middle Ages, and then to the early American colonies and Canada.

Men will spend nearly twice the amount women spend on the holiday. The average man plans to shell out \$135.35 to impress the people in his life while women only expect to spend \$72.28; these are US stats but Canada is comparable.



TUBING FUN

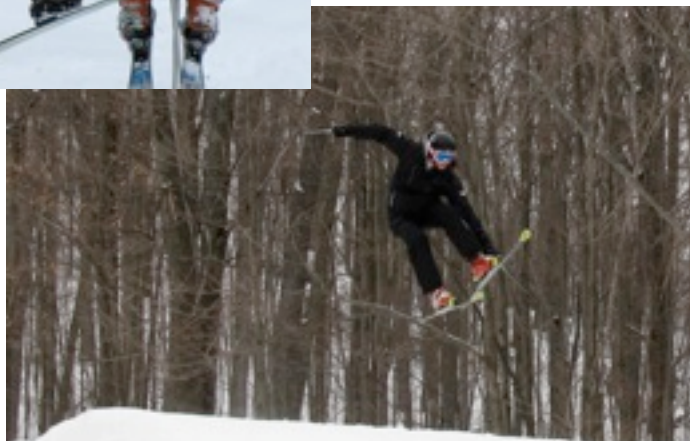


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SNOWBOARDING

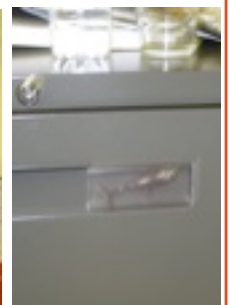
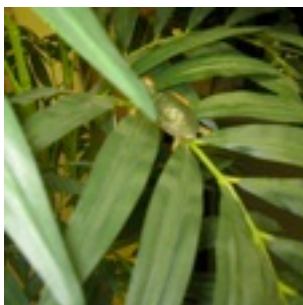
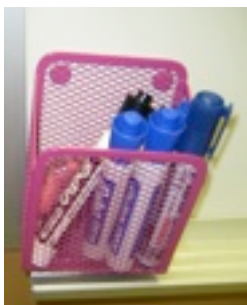
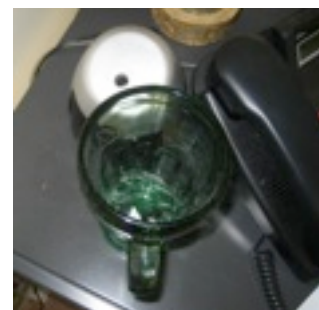
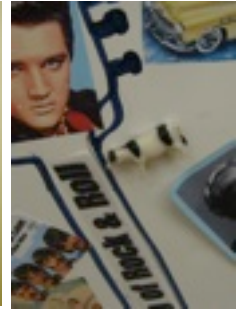


Scavenger Hunt for Study Animals

The February House Competition (held on March 3) was a Scavenger Hunt for Study Animals. Small plastic animals (dinosaurs, barnyard animals, sea creatures, and jungle animals) were **hidden in plain sight** throughout the school; each classroom had three animals with ten more placed in common areas. Each animal was worth five house points to the student who found it. Amateur and professional hunters commenced looking at precisely 10:00 AM. The poor animals did not stand a chance, by 12:45 PM the last hold out had been found. Staking his claim to Hunter Extraordinaire was Andrew Fox for Pegasus with five finds. The results of the Hunt were as follows:

Centaur - 70 points, Pegasus - 60 points, Minotaur - 40 points, and Phoenix - 30 points

Can you spot where they were placed? Below are some of the hiding spots in plain sight.





The U14 Basketball finished the regular season with a 3 and 5 record. The team lost in the quarter-finals of the SSAF play-offs. They also participated in the SSAF Tournament where again they lost in the quarterfinals. TPS tournament MVP was Jared Negin.



U14 BASKETBALL



FUTURE SCIENTISTS

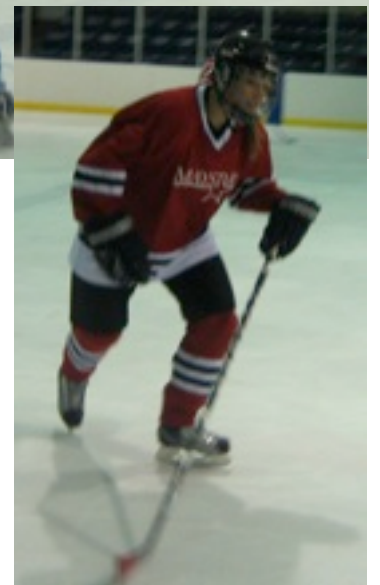


Ms. Klieber's Science class donned their safety goggles, snapped on their rubber gloves, screwed on their thinking caps and proceeded to conduct lab experiments into the fascinating world of data collection. Students observed, recorded, and reached conclusions given their findings.

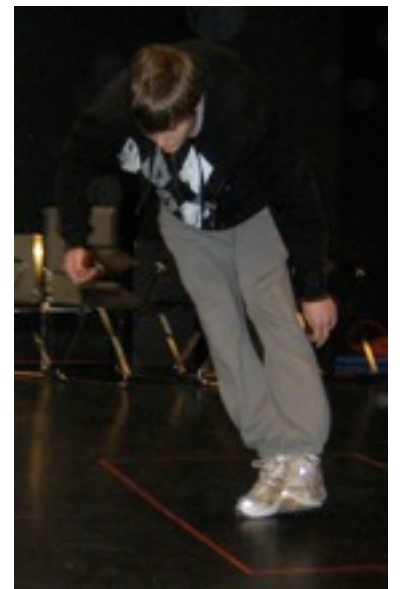


Shinny Hockey

After battling each other for 4 months on the ice, shinny hockey came to an end for this school year. The fun starts again next October.



Drama Excursion to the Clown Workshop



Ms. Kauffman's Drama 9/10 class took part in a Clown Workshop at the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre. The workshop was led by artist Adam Paolozza (recently in *Spent* and upcoming in *Grimm Too*). The students had a chance to explore their inner clown, while learning some of the techniques and skills that comprise the art form. The students learned to laugh, cry, trip and fall, and came to realize how difficult it is to be truly silly.



School Announcements

Grade 10 Literacy Test:

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be written by all Grade 10 students on April 8, 2010.

Literacy Test Preparation Seminars:

In an effort to better prepare our students for the upcoming Literacy Test (OSSLT), we will be conducting seminars which will offer information, instructions, skills and tips for the reading and writing components. The sessions will occur between 4:15 and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24 and 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 1. **Attendance is mandatory.** We will be reviewing sample tests.

Easter Break School Closing:

School will be closed on Friday, April 2 and on Monday, April 5, 2010.

Course Selection Primer for Students entering Grades 9 and 10 next year:

Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. a seminar will be conducted for all students and their parents who will be entering grades 9 and 10 for the following school year. The seminar will focus on the pertinent information required to make decisions for charting a future academic path given the multitude of courses available and the aspirations of each student for post-secondary school study.

Community Service Hours:

Visit the TPS Guidance page on the wikispace to get access to updates regarding any and all TPS Community Involvement initiatives, events, and the necessary forms and information regarding Community Involvement hours. All forms on the site are available in hardcopy from Ms. Tsimikalis in the Guidance Centre. She will also answer any questions you may have.

OPEN HOUSE:

There will be an Open House for new families and students on Saturday, April 10, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.. All are welcome to attend.

Parents Advisory Council Meeting:

The next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday March 23rd, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the school. All parents are invited to attend.

PAC "Meet and Greet":

The Parents Advisory Council is hosting a "Meet and Greet" for all parents and staff of Toronto Prep School on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Dessert and Coffee and great company will be the fare of the evening. For more information go to pac@torontoprepschool.com

Late and Absent Policy Reminder:

A reminder to parents, please call or email if your child will be absent or late for any reason. Contact Ms. Boudreau at boudreau@torontoprepschool.com or call 416.545.1020.

Course Selection for Next Year:

Initial Course Selection material has been given out to all students entering grades 11 and 12 next year. Please fill out the Course Selection sheet and return it as soon as possible to the Main Office. Final course selection meetings will commence in late March with the Principal. Students entering grades 7, 8, 9, and 10 will have their meeting in mid-April.

Easter, Passover Greetings:



Passover starts on Tuesday, March 30th and is celebrated for 7 days until Monday, April 5th.

Happy Passover!

Easter will be celebrated on April 4th. This year is a special occurrence as it is one of the few times the western calendar and the Eastern Orthodox church coincide in celebration this century.

Happy Easter!



Names in the News

Barrie Man's Brush with the Law

Returning from a visit to Toronto, a Barrie man got more than he bargained for on his way home. Stopping at the service centre on the 400 just south of King Sideroad, he picked up a box of Timbits, a coffee (double-double), and filled his truck with gas. As he was pumping the gas he inadvertently spilled some on his plaid lumberjack jacket. Not thinking much of it he proceeded to drive north on the 400 towards Barrie.

He sipped his coffee, had a few Timbits and decided to have a cigarette. As he lit up, ash fell on the sleeve of his jacket, igniting his arm. Intent on getting home he did not pull over but rather rolled down his window hoping that the cool air would put out the fire. At this moment an OPP cruiser signaled him over to the shoulder, the man immediately complied.

To the man's disbelief the OPP officer proceeded to arrest him and and charge him with a criminal offence.

The charge - "waving a firearm".

Honey, I Shrunk the Kids



Curse lifted for the Olympics, but now it resumes ...



- WACKY WORDS -

Examples:

SAND

WEAR
LONG

(sandbox)

(long underwear)

1.

L~~E~~AST

2.

DexEpoCsEuNreT

3.

JUS 144 TICE

4.

one	another
one	another
one	another
one	another
one	another
one	another

5.

history history history

6.

B	B
A	A
R	R

7.

musically

8.

pants
pants

9.

C
O L B
U S E

10.

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Answers on page 13

ATHLETICS

GIRLS U20 VOLLEYBALL - BOYS 3 ON 3 HOCKEY



Toronto Prep's U20 Girls Volleyball team started out with a bang! Two big wins in the first two matches, defeating two tough Willowood and Metro Prep teams. Although the effort was there, the competition was tough and the girls fell in the standings. The team was essentially made up of novices to the sport and despite our place in the standings the girls exhibited much improved skills. We will get 'em next year girls!



TPS entered a 3 on 3 hockey tournament and faired very well finishing second with a 5 and 1 record. The boys had an opportunity to "dangle" and showboat as many highlight reel goals were scored in the wide open format of the tournament. Special mention to Dylan Salter and Ben van Reekum for their exceptional play.



House News

Point Totals



Total Points

944 points

935 points

665 points

522 points

February Points

94 points

118 points

74 points

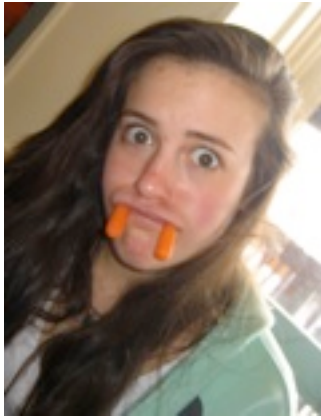
95 points

Participant	Points	House	House Points
1. T. Salter	146	Centaur	5 points
2. D. Stein	145	Phoenix	4 points
2. J. Smith	145	Phoenix	4 points
4. Mr. Pizzuto	140	Centaur	2 points
4. Z. Woods	140	Centaur	1 point

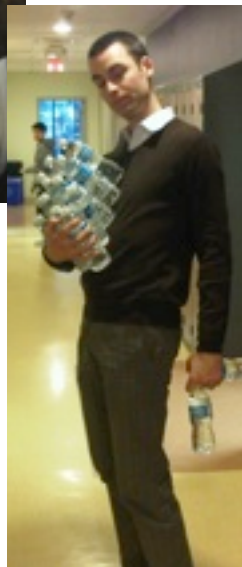
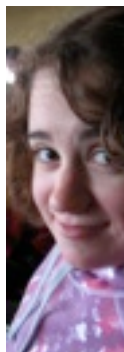
Exceptional Deed Points	
Pegasus	6 Pts
Centaur	8 Pts
Phoenix	8 Pts
Minotaurs	27 Pts

Participant	Points	House
1. Mr. Costley	1182	Pegasus.
2. Mr. Pizzuto	1181	Centaur
3. Mr. T	1169	Zeus
4. Mr. Oest	1161	Phoenix
5. Zoe Woods	1149	Centaur

HOUSE POINTS FOR FEBRUARY				
Competition	Pegasus	Centaur	Phoenix	Minotaur
U20 Girls Volleyball	6	4	0	4
U14 Basketball	6	8	6	10
U16 Basketball	6	8	4	4
U20 Boys Basketball	6	6	2	6
3 on 3 Hockey	4	6	6	4
Hockey Pool	0	8	8	0
Study Animal Hunt	60	70	30	40



Out Takes



Answers to Wacky Words: 1. Last but not Least 2. Indecent Exposure 3. A Gross Injustice 4. Six of One, Half Dozen of Another 5. History Repeats Itself 6. Parallel Bars 7. Musically Inclined 8. Pair of Pants 9. See-Through Blouse 10. Double Cross