

MHG NEWS

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Meena Rooden (8b) received the 2nd place on the regional round of the National Science Olympiad and Miia Helen Merilo (8b) received the 5th place in the same competition. They are invited to the final round of the contest as well as Karina Saealle (8a) and Karolin Ruumet (8a). The supervisors were Helen Semilarski, Helin Semilarski, Helle Sorge, Kirstin Karis, Paul Martin Kull, Hans Teras and Martin Pent.
- Rahel Värton (4a) received the 1st place among grades 4–6 in the creative writing competition of Fotografiska Tallinn and the Estonian Children's Literature Centre. Martha Johanna Garcia (4a) received the 3rd place and Liisi Brett (10a) shared places 1–3 in the same competition.

BIRTHDAYS

- 22.01 ENE TANNBERG**
24.01 MAIMU SÄRAK
25.01 PILLE ERIKSOO



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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Küllo Vask (11b) shared 2–3 place in the case contest of the State Court.
- Our teacher Maigi Varusk interviewed Piret Tänav in her online podcast channel Roosa Raadio. Roosa Raadio portrays people around us who inspire and do their work passionately. The previous interviews have been with Sigrid Butlers, Alla Vinitšenko and Maie Kuusk.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 20 – school round of the English Olympiad for secondary students; Russian language translating competition of Tartu city for secondary students
- January 22 – regional round of the national German Olympiad; **deadline for submitting grade 9 Personal Project reports**
- January 23 – regional round of the Chemistry Olympiad
- January 25 – the beginning of the II semester in basic school; the beginning of a new course in English for grades 11; a regional round of the French Olympiad



ORGANIZATION OF LEARNING FROM JANUARY 18

- All classes are back to contact learning at school. It is needed to follow the commuting routes agreed at the beginning of the school year - in the wardrobe, canteen as well as during break time. Classes need to be ventilated regularly.
- We ask you to follow the agreed lunch times to minimize the number of people in the canteen at the same time:

10.50–11.10 grades 3–4

11.05–11.25 grades 5–6

11.45–12.05 grades 7–8

12.00–12.20 grades 9

12.10–12.30 grades 12

12.40–13.00 grades 10

12.55–13.15 grades 11

13.50–14.10 grades 2

14.45–15.05 grades 1

- We strongly recommend wearing masks inside the school building.
- All extracurricular classes will resume following the restrictions set by the Ministry of Education (recommendations from 08.01.2021 and 15.01.2021).
- All curricular folk dance and choir classes will resume. All students need to wear masks when participating in them and choir practices take place by voice groups.



HISTORY CORNER

Skating facilities have been included in the schoolyard of MHG for almost 100 years now. The Teachers' Council discussed the letter from the Ministry of Education back in 1922 that, among other topics, suggested opening an ice skating track for organizing collaborative games (RA, EA.3460.1.265, l. 186).

They were not able to create the ice rink during the school year of 1922/23. It was finally opened in 1925/26 with the help of the Parents' Committee. They were hoping for an economic profit from the ice ring and therefore one needed to pay for using it. The price of the ticket depended on whether some music was playing in the evenings or not. It was also possible to buy a seasonal ticket that was not valid during the music nights. A ticket vendor was hired and a heating stove was installed in the ticket stand to keep the vendor warm.

The need for some supervision arose in January and therefore the parents agreed to take turns in keeping the order on the ice rink. After calculating the income and the expenses, they found out that they were in balance and they had not made any extra profit for the school. The students were not very active skaters and the reason behind was thought to have been the absence of the heating room (RA, EA.3460.1.622, l. 14-15).

In June 1926, the school principal Hans Karu made an announcement during the meeting of the Parents' Committee stating that the ice ring had not been profitable enough but admitted that it was important for the health and should be continued. Mr Karu admitted that opposite to the fear that the lawn would become too muddy in spring, it was dry regardless of the huge amount of snow left on the ground. Mr Karu also consulted Georg Hellat, an engineer and the architect of the school building, regarding building a small house for the ice rink. Mr Hellat had promised to send a plan for it. May it be that the house ends up too high, then the alternative choice would be to build it next to the exhibition gate. The discussions for building the house continued during the next years' meeting of the Parents' Committee with the final plan constructed by Arnold Matteus, the city architect. This skating house would have been constructed from individual pieces but would also have been more expensive. Finally, they decided to build the house from wood (cost 63 500 marks) that was relatively cheaper than a stone building (about 150 000 marks). (RA, EA.3460.1.622, l. 24-29)