

# MHG NEWS

FEBRUARY 2

MIINA HÄRMA GYMNASIUM  
NEWSLETTER

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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Our PE teacher Jannar Tähepõld has been looking after the ice rink in our schoolyard so that we could enjoy the skating activities. Sometimes it is also necessary to water the rink until late evening hours.



## BIRTHDAYS

**01.02 MARI HAAV**

**06.02 ILMAR TAMMISTO**





## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Tartu English Olympiad for grades 5 was held on Jan 29th. It is a pleasure to announce that the team from MHG won the competition with a huge lead. The team of MHG included **Laura Liisa Vider**, 5b (teacher **Heiki Puusepp**), **Lille-Mai Kangur**, 5a (teacher **Ene Sööt**), **Ott Loper**, 5b (teacher **Tiiu Määr**).
- The basic schools' French Olympiad was held on Jan 25th where our students **Triin-Elis Kuum** (9b) received the 1st place and **Hilda Laidmets** (9b) the 2nd place. The supervisor was **Helen Rägo**. Both girls are also invited to the national round of the French Olympiad.
- **Liisa Oks** (11DP, supervisor **Triin Arjus**) received the 3rd place and **Mia Sootla** (11a, supervisor **Helen Rägo**) the 4th place among the secondary school students. They are also invited to the national round.
- Russian language translation competition of Tartu city was held on Jan 20 where **Jekaterina Lissovskaja** (10b, teacher **Jelena Nikolajeva**) shared 2nd–3rd place and **Mari-Mai Ruus** (10b, teacher **Jelena Nikolajeva**) shared the 7th–8th place.
- The final competition of the Contest of Five School was held on Jan 14–15. Best results from MHG were:
  - Chemistry: 1st place – **Liis Siigur**; 4th place – **Uku Andreas Reigo**; 7th place – **Mikk Rooden** and 9th place was shared between **Hendrik Matvejev** and **Liisa Oks**. All students are from 11DP and supervised by **Jörgen Metsik**.
  - Mathematics: 4th place – **Liis Siigur**; 7th place – **Uku Andreas Reigo**. Their supervisor was **Signe Kinnas**.
  - Physics: 7th place – shared between **Uku Andreas Reigo** and **Mikk Rooden**; 9th place – **Liis Siigur**. Supervisors were **Leo Aleksander Siiman** and **Riina Murulaid**. The students of MHG were also the most successful in total of all three subject areas: **Liis Siigur** with overall 1st place and **Uku Andreas Reigo** with 2nd place. The student scholarships were awarded to **Liis Siigur**, **Uku Andreas Reigo** and **Mikk Rooden**. The recipient of the teacher scholarship was **Jörgen Metsik**. Congratulations.
- **Uku Andreas Reigo** also shared the 2nd–3rd place in the national English Olympiad for grades 10–12. The supervisor was **Heiki Puusepp**.
- **Maarja Kask** (11b) and **Annika Alavere** (12DP) shared the 2nd place in the national German Olympiad. The supervisor was **Heikki Veinimäe**. **Sander Metsis** (10a) received the 3rd and **Isabel Mõistus** the 4th place. Supervisor was **Maigi Varusk**.



## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

"SÕNA ANTAKSE, MITTE EI VÕETA."

**TERJE HALLIK**



ROOSA RAADIO PORTRAYS  
TERJE HALLIK  
HEAD OF STUDIES AT MHG

# ΔILISTLASTE



# ΔEEBRUAR

- February is the month of graduate students at MHG where the graduates from previous years give online lessons and share their views of the school's vision and how they see the world around them and change it for the better. The lessons are given by Sass Henno, Karmen Nigul, Tiit Pruuli, Märt Soplepmann, Kati Vald, Kristi Tiimann, Siim Värvi, Stiina Kristal, Merili Ginter etc. More information in the FB event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/248562326844017>
- MHG Instagram will also be taken over by our graduates in February. They introduce their field of expertise as well as daily activities. Graduate students inspiring us through MHG Instagram in February include Juhan Loorits, Maris Vutt, Helen Valk Varavin, Kristjan Maruste, Katrin Kreutzberg, Hanna Loodmaa, Eva Metspalu, Rasmus Kull, Juula Reinumägi, Artur Erik Lindmaa.  
Follow us: <https://instagram.com/mhgtartu>



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- February 2 – Anton Laidments and Mattheus Dvinjaninov (both 11c) attending the speech meeting held for the anniversary of the Tartu Peace Treaty; grades 7b and 9a at Kuutsemäe; 1–2e visiting Tartu Art Museum;
- February 4 – 9b field trip to Väike Munamägi; German language translation competition of Tartu city for grades 8 and 9;
- February 5 – 5b visiting Taevaskoja; pre-contest of the online Olympiad in Civics; 11DP class night;
- February 6 – regional round of the Arts Olympiad and the Physics Olympiad.
- February 8 – 8a and 8b skiing in Kütiorg
- February 1–19 – month of the graduate students "Back to School"
- February 9 – regional round of the Geography Olympiad; Miina Härma's 157th birthday





## HISTORY CORNER

On January 31st 1921, our school started working in the building we have today in Viljandi Street 3 (now J. Tõnissoni 3). The idea of building one's own house was already present during the foundation of the school. Jaan Tõnisson was the leader of the construction committee and the building became a reality mainly because of his persistence. The building plan of the school house was constructed by Georg Hellat. He was also in charge of designing the house of the Estonian Students Society (1902) located next door that is considered to be the beginning of Estonian architecture. A charity fund raiser was organized to fund the construction of the school house and the lot received was a bargain. The corner stone for the building was placed on July 1st, 1914 with a festive ceremony. This was an extremely significant event at the time with all important public figures attending the ceremony (speech J. Tõnisson and P. Põld) with Väägvere brass band performing for entertainment.

Although the construction ended and the house was ready by spring 1915, it was not possible to move in right away. World War I was taking place and the close location to the railway station gave the authorities a good opportunity to use the building for military purposes (accommodating war prisoners, then as a military hospital, and later for accommodating soldiers). Only after the war ended, it became possible to use it for educational purposes.

(Sajandi kool. Tartu 2006. pg 31)

*Eesti Noorsoo Kasvatuse Seltsi  
Tütarlaste Gümnaasium*





## HISTORY CORNER

Before moving to our own building, the school had been operating in different places around Tartu with Hugo Treffner Gymnasium as its last location with MHG students in the afternoon shift. In January 1921, all members of the school community moved the furniture and learning tools over the Dome Hill. "Endless maps, pictures, charts, equipment from the Physics and Science labs etc. Everything had to be moved. They proudly marched the streets with their teachers with rolled maps on their shoulders or some items in hands" (Kool ja meie. Toronto 1976. pg. 24). On January 31, 1921, the school was able to start working in the new building. A festive ceremony to bless the school house was held on February 26 with a runic verse prologue written by Karl Eduard Sööt to celebrate the occasion. The blessing speech was given by professor Hugo Rahamägi talking about the story of the construction, a formal speech was given by the head of school Aleksander Raudsepp. The school community, that had been moving so much, was finally able to settle down in their own building. The new house had a playground inside and outside at the back of the house which was later used for growing vegetables. In addition, another piece of land was bought in Kooli street where a proper garden was established (Kool ja meie. Toronto 1976. pg. 24). Unfortunately it turned out that the new school house was too small already at the time of moving in and extensions had to be planned right away.

Ene Tannberg





## **HÄRMASCOPE FOR FEBRUARY**

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### **Grade 1**

Great time for enjoying the winter and have fun in the snow with your friends. When you want to learn something new, try to master chess. This month, you will be the most successful in learning Estonian.

### **Grade 2**

Perfect time to find a new friend from your class. You discover, if you already haven't, that Mathematics is a fun subject. You try to design some tasks of your own. You spend a lot of time outside.

### **Grade 3**

Perfect time to take up English. You remember the vocabulary faster than usual. Pay attention - you might be able to help your classmate with studying. You have a great time with your parents doing a fun activity that might grow into a family tradition.

### **Grade 4**

Read a lot of books. It will come in handy in the future - you might win a trivia contest or even Jeopardy. You get along very well with your friends and teachers. If you end up in a conflict, you can manage it better and it makes you feel good.

### **Grade 5**

Perfect time to catch your first 7 or 8 for those you do not have them, yet. Turn your learning into a game of chase for a change. When you can't do it alone, team up with a friend and make a plan. Interaction with friends is great.

### **Grade 6**

You discover that a little effort can go a long way to fix things. Notice the moments when you put in real effort and how you feel afterward. You discover a new and fun board game. Treat yourself with some sweets (your brain needs energy) but know your limits.

### **Grade 7**

Friends, computer games, the internet, day-dreaming - that all is great. The benefit and satisfaction received from learning is also great. When did you last feel it? It is easier to focus on learning and be successful in it in February.





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#### **Grade 8**

However challenging practice may feel, just do it - learning, practicing, making excuses, cleaning up. All challenging tasks are easier to accomplish in February. When was the last time when you pleasantly surprised your parents or friends?

#### **Grade 9**

You find yourself thinking that there are only a few more months to go. The child in you would like to play and hang out some more. The grown-up in you gets worried from time-to-time - this all is a part of growing up. You find your balance between friends, playing, studying, learning, and being careless. Everything will work out for you!

#### **Grade 10**

When so far, you have only seen your shadow as a learner then now is a good time to show what you really are and can do. Can you? Why not surprise yourself and others? :) There is an opportunity to get a good book recommendation - take it but don't forget yourself reading. Friends are important and you may discover yourself fooling around and acting childish. Wouldn't it be a great idea to build a snow fort in the school yard?

#### **Grade 11**

Are you running from studying or is it the other way around? Good time to think about how you learn and share the experience with friends. You give or receive some good tips about learning that turn out to be really useful.

#### **Grade 12**

How many times have you heard that you are the master of your future? Feel free to forget this sentence and see what spring has in store for you or rather doesn't have. Or you agree with the sentence and do everything in your power to be able to decide and choose yourself what you wish to do after graduation. Perfect time to obtain some exercises of mindfulness.







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**Teachers**

Perfect time to think about how you were learning when you were a student yourself. What helped you and what didn't? Share it with your student and you will end up having fewer re-test takers. It is written in the stars that this is a good time to practice writing to yourself (don't ask, just be the mediator).

**Parents**

Have you ever watched without interfering to see how your child is learning? When you have a chance, take the opportunity to just sit and watch. Perfect time to do something new with your family. The first thing that comes to your mind - this is what you should do.

