

# MHG NEWS

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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- On April 1, the II round of the National Contest of Students' Research Papers took place where Matilda Mägi (9a) presented her work about happiness (supervisor Terje Hallik)
- Ronald Judin (12a) received 9th place in the final round of the Philosophy Olympiad. The supervisor was Henrik Sova.
- MHG Instagram is taken over by our Head of Extra-Curricular Activities, Liis Somelar, on April 12.
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## BIRTHDAYS

**06.04 Jelena Nikolajeva**

**07.04 Ivika Hein**

**07.04 Kirstin Karis**

**11.04 Janika Kaljula**





## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bente Marta Perm (5b) received 2nd place on the 1st international competition of contemporary musical interpreters held in Daugavpils representing the Eino Eller's Music School under the category of string instruments.
- Mirel Petersell (3a) won 2nd place in the contest of the Estonian Music Schools Association with the title "The Best Young instrumentalist 2021" in the flute speciality among the 1st age group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 5–8 – 12DP mock exams
- April 8 – 9a and 9b participating in the online lesson of the President of Estonia "Millised on pärgviiruse õppetunnid riigile ja igaühele meist?"
- April 10 – final round of the Physics Olympiad
- April 12–13 – simulations of the grade 9 entrance interviews
- April 12 – graduate student Vivian Unt (Vivian Vau shoe designer) visiting grade 8a, 8b and 7–8e lessons. õ
- April 12–16 – preliminary exams week for the secondary school

115 000 STEPS IN 15 DAYS

**15.04–29.04**





**1000 HOURS OUTSIDE FOR GRADES 1-4**

# LET'S PLAY OUTSIDE



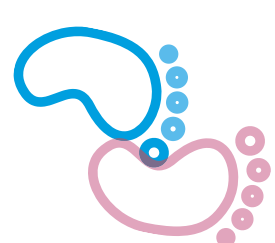
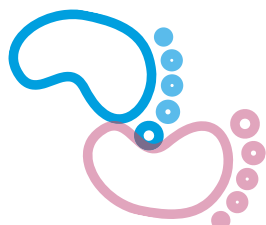
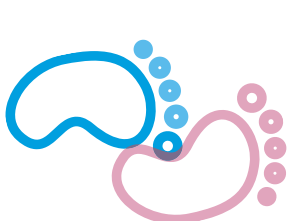
## 1000 HOURS OUTDOORS

Rules of the challenge:

The goal for every class is to gather at least 1000 hours spent outdoors (1e-4e are competing as one group).

Challenge duration: **01.-30.04.**

Additional personal challenge: **100 HOURS OUTDOORS.**







## HISTORY CORNER

### Would the Chess Club be suitable for girls?!

The discussions about the girls' opportunities for spending free time were held in September 1927 during a meeting of the Parents' Committee with concerns expressed that the energy of the students was scattering when they were participating in various hobby clubs, activities, and meetings. It was thought that the agenda behind the gatherings could be educationally inappropriate. The Head of School, Hans Karu, expressed his thoughts that even the teachers did not agree on the question of participating in the hobby clubs. However, the school was advocating abstinence and collaborative activities and the Head of School was giving an overview of the school's hobby clubs to the parents.

The topic of participation in hobby clubs was revisited again at a meeting held in December the same year. Girls' participation was placed under doubt.

However intellectually challenging, it was still considered as a possibility for ulterior motives when one travelled between different schools. Mr Karu claimed that this was connected with advocating the idea of abstinence. Participation in the inter-school chess clubs would take place under the supervision of one single teacher and would include two hours of abstinence speeches each time.

Teacher Schönberg thought that playing chess was just fashionable and would get on nerves and spirit and therefore was completely inappropriate for young ladies. Mr Parts, a parent, recommended other pastime games and activities that would not get on nerves. The Head of School, Mr Karu, replied that the school has also considered this option and, for example, already obtained sets of skis and was planning to purchase sledges as well. From there on, the topic of hobby clubs was not brought up during the meetings of the school year in question (RA,EA. 3460.1.622, l.22).

The archives were visited  
by Ene Tannberg

