

MHG NEWS

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- During the school holidays, our teachers brushed up their knowledge and skills. On January 6th, the psychologist **Katrin Tint** taught the teachers how to preserve their mental health as well as notice and support the students. On January 7th, a first aid workshop took place led by **Kolmas Aste OÜ**. The organizer of the professional development days was **Tiia Lepik**.
- Our social pedagogue and teacher of Human Studies, **Regita Saksing** and French teacher **Triin Arjus** received the Teacher's Scholarship of Tartu City.
- **Maria Alas (8a)** received 1st and **Uku Märt Raasik (8b)** the 3rd place in the regional round of the Science Olympiad. In addition, the following students reached the national final round: **Rasmus Sasi (8a)**, **Anette Jürgenson (8b)** and **Ellen Hiimari Möls (8a)**. Supervisors: **Riina Murulaid**, **Maiu Kaljuorg**, **Helen Semilarski** ja **Helin Semilarski**.

BIRTHDAYS

14.01. Anita Kreen



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Based on the results of the Linguistics Olympiad (held on Dec 4th), seven students from MHG are invited to the final round: **Hendrik Matvejev** (12DP), **Triin Punab** (10b), **Tõnu Uustare** (10a), **Liisa Oks** (12DP), **Liis Siigur** (12DP), **Keidi Käärman** (11DP) and **Maribel Klais** (10a). The students were prepared by **Riina Murulaid**.
- Great results from the Open Math Contest held on Dec 11. In the younger age group, **Tõnu Uustare** (10a) received a high 2nd place and **Lauri Saks** (10a) 12th place. **Karolin Ruumet** from 92 became 27th and **Karina Saealle** from 9a became 44th. The Math teacher of all the students is **Tiiu Sasi**. **Linda Maria Pool** (8b) also received great results by reaching 56th place (supervisor **Oliver Oll**). In the older age group (grades 11 and 12), the best results were achieved by: **Uku Andreas Reigo** (12DP) 12th place, **Hendrik Matvejev** (12DP) 17th place, **Joosep Toom** (11DP) 27th place.
- Our schoolhouse received a fresh look over the school holidays: the floors of the sports hall were varnished, primary students' wardrobe was painted, and the walls of the canteen were replaced. In addition, the floors of the 2nd floor and 1st-floor wing were renewed. We thank our Head of Finances, **Eda Lemberg** for learning the project.
- New people have joined MHG school family: **Kersti Õunap** is teaching Math to grade 8b and **Andra Pukk-Toomsoo** is our new social pedagogue as well as the teacher of Human Studies for grades 5 and 7.
- In January, our Spanish teacher, **Meliton Mateo** is substituted by **Laura Ermel**.
- Our Head of Studies, **Terje Hallik** led a seminar on January 5th under the course "Andekuse psühholoogia ja pedagoogika küsimusi" where she introduced our school's experience in noticing and supporting talented students.
- In the December issue of Tartu Hariduse Hääl the results of the international English contest **Best in English** are reflected (MHG as the best school in the world).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 10 – grade 12 deadline for submitting the 1st version of their UPT;
- January 10–14 – school rounds of the English Olympiad for grades 5 and 9;
- January 12 – 3rd meeting of grade 9 project "Edu ja õnnelikkus"
- January 13–14 – THE CONTEST OF FIVE SCHOOLS

INFORMATION FROM MIINA HÄRMA FOUNDATION

DONATIONS TO MIINA HÄRMA FOUNDATION BY 16.12.2021

We thank everyone who has contributed to the establishment of the Music Lab of MHG. We have already managed to gather **1345 euros** as a great starting platform.

We thank you, Ragnar Heido, Liis Prikk, Rein Kinkar, Heidi Koort, Liina Kannel, Laura Muring, Marit Salus, Laura Kikas, Laura Viilep, Riin Urmet, Eva Piirimäe, Hardi Käsper, Urmas Olt, Annely Raudmets, Aili Kuldkepp, Geda Paulsen, Jürgen Aosaar, Vinay Choubey, Domenik Vaiksaar, Tarmo Niine!

We also thank you all who participated in the auction of graduate students where we gathered altogether **358 euros**.

In total, we have managed to gather **2303 euros** for the establishment of the MHG Music Lab.

If you, dear friend and member of the MHG school family, wish to contribute to the establishment of a modern music lab for studying musical instruments and conducting band practice, you can place a one-time or a regular donation in the amount preferred by yourself to the bank account of the foundation:

Miina Härma SA, account number EE592200221073890097



HISTORY CORNER

The chronicle of one class *by Ene Tannberg*

60 years ago, in December 1962 the homeroom teacher of grade 5a, Jaan Mitt presented the school with a fancy chronicle book where his class wrote down stories about their activities until the graduation of the basic school (the class chronicle can be found in the school library). Into the chronicle, regular entries have been made by the class about the activities of the class with thematic illustrations, drawings and photos as well as documents related to the class students, poems and essays.

Back then, all students up to grade 4 were studying in the afternoon shift and switched to the morning from grade 5. This was a huge change with new subject teachers and homeroom teachers taking over which the first entry of the chronicle is talking about. The next entry describes how the whole school went to harvest potatoes in the local collective farm. A different class rode to the field each day and on October 1st, it was the turn of 5a. The class rode to the Nõgiaru collective farm at the back of a transport van where they worked until 4 pm along with the lunch break. By the end of the day, the most dedicated students were able to gather bushels of potatoes (a bushel was a huge wooden box that was used as a measurement tool in harvesting potatoes). At the beginning of October, before the school's birthday, the students organized a cleaning day for the schoolhouse where each class also created a poster slogan for the school and a thematic wall newspaper was put together. In the autumn, they also visited the Museum of Zoology and put together the class band. In the dodge ball contest, grade 5a received 2nd place.

A discipline contest was also announced in the autumn (during the 1st study quarter, timely attendance, in the 2nd study quarter behaviour, and in the 3rd study quarter recess behaviour were assessed). Grade 5a received 2nd place in the contest.

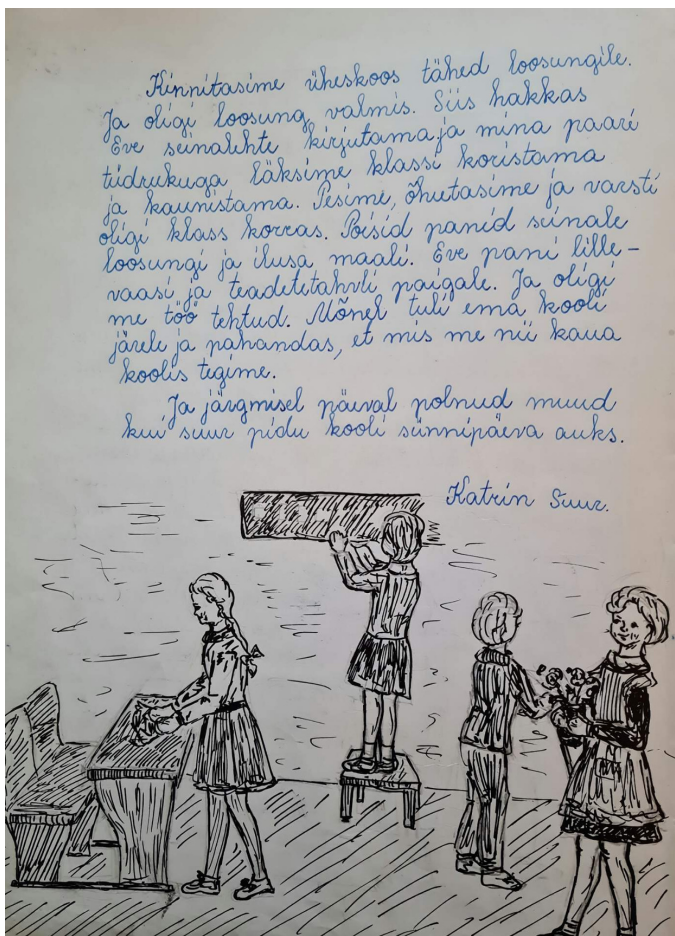


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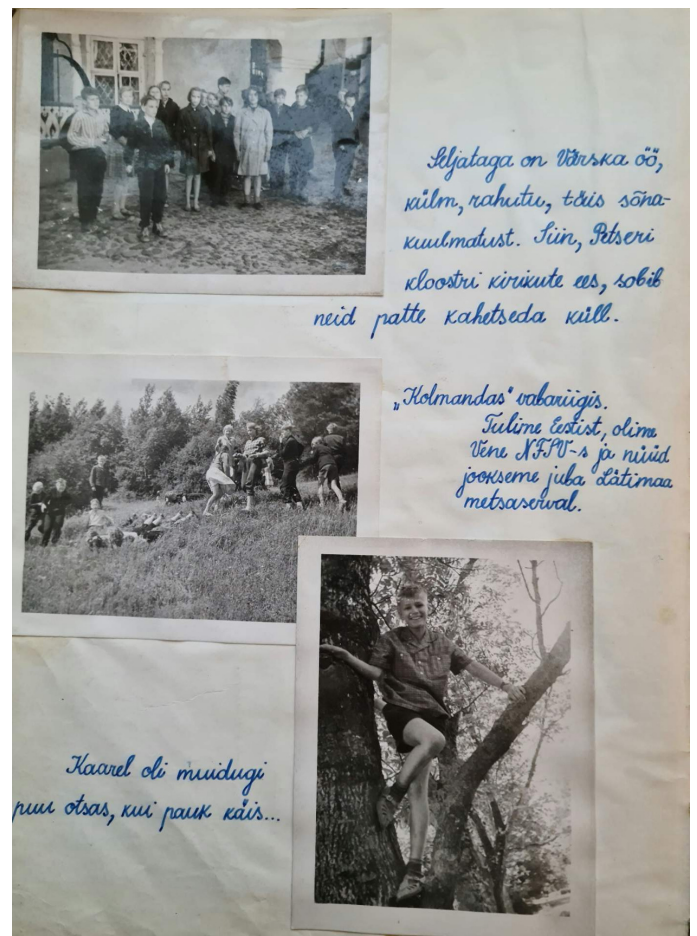
Women's Day, on March 8 was a festive day at school. As we can read from the entries of the chronicle, then no one made a "crib" that day as they usually did, the boys did not play tag in the hallways and everyone was quiet in the lessons. After the lessons, there was a formal ceremony in Aula where the Head of School acknowledged the best teachers and students as well as introduced the customs of Women's Day from other countries. In autumn, the class went hiking in the caves of Aruküla and on a field trip to Järvselja, Ahja, Big Egg Hill, Värska and Petseri. During the field trip that lasted for several days, new entries and illustrative photos were added to the chronicle.

What interesting events happened during the next school year?

To find out, read the next issue of MHG News!



Preparing for the school's birthday. Author of the drawing:
Liivia Loona



A chronicle page from the spring field trip.