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#### BIRTHDAYS

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#### **TEACHERS SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

 On 29 February, a training day was held for the Pedagogical Leadership Team, conducted by Karmen Paul, the director of Viims Gymnasium. We practised conducting development interviews.



 On 1 March, teachers learned how to develop creative thinking skills. Teachers
 Anne Laius and Liis Somelar talked about creativity more generally, and then the teachers practised specific creative thinking strategies in study circles.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 28 February –11 March Härmatis folk dancers in Nepal.
- 5 March meeting of the Parent Advisory Board at 5:00 p.m.; alumna Stiina Kristal tells 7b about mountain climbing; alumna Kersti Lust speaks to the 10th graders on the topic "Why the population explosion in Estonia never happened?"; 10c at Kuutsemäe.
- 6 March Laura Karolina Gradickaite (12c) presents her debut novel "64 Squares of Life" to the students of grades 10-11; Gretel Juhansoo, visits "Life in the Information Society" course; 9e at the museum of KGB cells.
- 7 March 6a at the UT Art Museum; alumnus Marten Tamm visits the Financial Economy and Investment class; Tartu Interschool Ice Hockey Cup Competitions for grades 1-3; regional round of the Economic Olympiad.
- 8 March 8th grade English city Olympiad; secondary school watching the movie "Life and Love" at Elektriteater; 5b class evening.
- 9-16 March mixed choir in Bielefeld.
- 9-10 March the final round of the Biology Olympiad for secondary school.
- 9 March boys' choir singing day at school.
- 11 March the beginning of the new Estonian language course in the 10th grade; the beginning of a new course in B1 foreign language in grades 10-11; the beginning of a new literature course in grades 11; alumnus, neurobiologist Katrin Põld visits the 12DP Biology class; 9a active learning program "Tartu in the Second World War".
- 12 March Pre-rehearsal of the Tartu Song Festival for boys' choirs at Tamme School.
- 13 March DSD I written exam; 9b active learning program "Tartu in the Second World War"; alumna Anna Maria Võsu visits the 10a Russian language class; meeting of secondary school students with writer Urmas Vadi; students of the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem course on a study tour at UT DELTA center.
- 14 March 3a, 4a, 3-4e reading lesson as part of the Estonian mother tongue week; Estonian Mother Tongue Day; 6b at the Art Museum of the University of Tartu.
- 15-16 March final round of Chemistry Olympiad.

#### NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- In the regional round of the Mathematics Olympiad for grades 4-6, our best were: in the 4th-grade category, 6th place Anni Grünberg (4b, teacher Kirke Lindlo-Bleahu), 7th-9th place Jorke Saluse (4a, teacher Eve Kukemelk, Kersti Kivi); 2nd place Mirtel Suumann (5a, teacher Kersti Kivi, student tutors Maximus Solman, Kaur Vadi); Among the 5th grades, 3rd place Saamuel Sööt (5b, teacher Veronika Lehesaar, student tutors Maximus Solman, Kaur Vadi); in 6th grades, 1st place Märt Mattias Alas (4b, teacher Kirke Lindlo-Bleahu, Hendrik Matvejev), 8th-12th place Mihkel Metsla (6b, teacher Veronika Lehesaar, student tutors Gregor Vassiljev, Mattias OII), Helena Luikmäe (6a, teacher Kersti Kivi, student tutors Gregor Vassiljev, Mattias OII), Egert Laius (6a, teacher Kersti Kivi, student tutors Gregor Vassiljev, Mattias OII).
- In the Tartu regional round of the Mathematics Olympiad for grades 10-12, held on 31 January, our best were the following students: Sherkhan Torekhanov (Pre-IB, teacher Nisha Shailendra Kulkarni) took first place in the 10th-grade category, Nurkhan Torekhanov (Pre-IB, teacher Nisha Shailendra Kulkarni) took 8th place, in the 11th-grade category, Erik Julius Lindgren (11b, teacher Signe Kinnas, Hendrik Matvejev) came 9th; in the 12th grades. 4th-5th place was shared by Tõnu Uustare (12DP, Signe Kinnas). Sherkhan Torekhanov and Uku Märt Raasik have been invited to the final round of the Mathematics Olympiad.
- In the regional round of the Geography Olympiad, Kaia Oder (7b) took 7th place in the 7th-grade category, Ott Loper (8b) won 2nd place in the 8th-grade category, Ida Parmas (8b) took 4th place, Leo Fišel (8b) 5th place, Rasmus Kraav (8b) 7th place and Ats Joosep Laineste (8b) 9th place. In the 10th grade category, Uku Märt Raasik (10b) took 4th place, Art Hendrik Joandi (10b) took 7th place. Ats Johannes Kaup (12DP) took 4th place, Simone Nairis (12DP) 5th place, and Maribel Klais (12th year) 7th place in the 12th-grade category. Maiu Kaljuorg supervised the students. Ott Loper and Ida Parmas have been invited to the final round of the Geography Olympiad.
- In the regional round of the History Olympiad, our best were: 3rd place Tristan Erik Teniste (6a, teacher Kadi Küng), 9th place Martha Johanna Garcia (7a, teacher Terje Hallik), 3rd place Emma Mägi (9b, teacher Alla Vinitšenko) and 4th place Villem Piirimäe (9b, teacher Alla Vinitšenko). In the secondary school, Mereli Mõttus (11b, teacher Urma Linnus) won 2nd place, Jakob Hagu (11b, teacher Urma Linnus) took 6th place and Anett Lang (10c, Urma Linnus) 7th place. Emma Mägi, Villem Piirimäe and Mereli Mõttus have been invited to the national round of the Olympiad.

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- Artur Lepp (11a) has been invited to the final round of the Philosophy Olympiad.
- In the regional round of the French Olympiad, our best were: in basic school, 2nd place Leo Fišel (8b, teacher Marit Karelson), 6th place Ida Parmas (8b, Marit Karelson), 2nd place in C-foreign language Helena Loona (9b, Aija Sprivul-Dautancourt), 3rd place Martin Kalle (7a, Beatrice Veidenberg). In the secondary school A-foreign language category, 1st place Leela Rauwel (Pre-IB, Aija Srivul-Dautancourt), 2nd place Margaret Saks (11c, Aija Srivul-Dautancourt); in B-foreign language category, 3rd place Uku Karl Kass (11a, Aija Srivul-Dautancourt), 6th-7th place Doris Poom (11a, Aija Srivul-Dautancourt), 9th place Birgit Männigo (10a, Aija Srivul-Dautancourt). Leo Fišel, Leela Rauwel and Uku Karl Kass have been invited to the national round of the Olympiad.
- Karolin Ruumet (IIa, teacher Heikki Veinimäe) won 2nd place in the city-wide German translation competition for secondary school students of the city of Tartu, which took place on 26 January. On 9 February, the city of Tartu's German language translation competition for grades 8-9 took place, which Ida Parmas (8b, Maigi Varusk) won.
- The 3rd-grade boys' team of MHG took 5th place in the National final of the Super Skypark ball battle tournament where 20 schools participated. The team included: Herman Kull, Aron Kruustük, Jakob Uibo, Jakko Kingo, Emil Efraim Kolk, Kasper Käära, Romet Hirmo and Reinar Toompere. Tähti Kilk and Saime Aule supervised the students.
- Educational technologist **Triinu Pihus** conducted workshops on artificial intelligence at Veeriku School, Rääma Primary School and Iisaku Gymnasium.
- Head of Studies **Terje Hallik** and Mathematics teacher **Tiiu Sasi** held a presentation at the HTM workshop "Acceleration to support gifted learners".
- On 28 February, primary teachers Sirle Alekand, Teeli Roht and Egle-Diana Keldt presented the PYP program at the collaborative "Effective learning" seminar for kindergarteners and class teachers.
- Henrik Harjus (IIa) was elected as the Estonian North delegate to the Congress
  of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (CLRAE). CLRAE
  represents local and regional self-government bodies at the European level. The
  North delegate's task is to attend the CLRAE plenary session in Strasbourg twice a
  year (in March and October) and highlight the interests of young people. Between
  the planning sessions, the Nordic delegate has to deal with raising awareness
  about CLRAE among young people in their home country and with a project of
  their choice that contributes to the realization of the main goals of CLRAE.

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#### **ALUMNI**

- On 21 February, alumnus Ott Laius spoke in the "Applications of Organic Chemistry" course about proving drug effects/side effects, and alumnus Kaur Alasoo spoke about "Why does the development of new drugs take so long?"
- On 22 February, alumnus Taavi Teder spoke to the "Applications of Organic Chemistry" course students about medical education and the medical profession.



In the picture, alumnus Taavi Teder with the students of the course.

- On 5 March, alumna **Kersti Lust** spoke to the 10a and 10b students on the topic "Why was the population explosion missed in Estonia?"
- On 5 March, alumna Stiina Kristal spoke to the students of 7b about hiking, mountain climbing, overcoming oneself, testing one's abilities and being a mountain guide.



In the picture, alumna Stiina Kristal in geography class.

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