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BIRTHDAYS

05.02 Elin Suits

06.02 Ilmar Tammisto

13.02 Urma Linnus



LITERATURE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

- On January 30, the opening day of the **Estonian Book Year** began at sunrise on Toomemägi in Tartu, where the **Literature Teacher of the Year** was announced. President Alar Karis and Minister of Culture Heidy Purga awarded the title of **Literature Teacher of the Year 2025 to Miina Härma Gümnaasium teacher Ivika Hein.**



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- "An Estonian literature teacher must be passionate and clever to attract students from the tempting English literature to Estonian literary masterpieces. The biggest challenge is to get those who have not wanted to do so to read the book voluntarily. This noble task can only be successful if both the work and the student's development wishes are equally respected. Sometimes it succeeds and then it is truly a great joy to be a teacher," said Literature Teacher of the Year Ivika Hein.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4 February – Independent Learning Day; Teacher Collaboration Day; Härmatis 8–9; C1 and C2 Dance Party Review.
- 5 February – **UPT defences; regional Chemistry Olympiad for grades 8–12**; regional round of study skills olympiad for grades 5.
- 6 February – Biotechnology students at the Oecologikum practicum at the University of Tartu; alumnus, attorney-at-law **Peeter Viirsalu**, in a lesson of the "Man and Law" course; engineering day at the Delta Centre for 9th–12th grade students.
- 7 February – children's choir at the Miina Härma Song Day in Kõrveküla; alumnus **Markus Veinla** visits the 5a English class; alumnus **Martin Adamsoo** lectures young athletes about US universities; 5–6e class evening;
- 8 February – **Miina Härma Ball Dance 2025**; regional Arts Olympiad.
- 10 February – Registration deadline for 1st grade admissions day (Estonian classes only).
- **10–14 February – preliminary exams week for secondary school.**
- 11 February – **Regional Geography Olympiad for grades 7–12**; grades 5b and 8a skiing at Kuutsemägi.
- 12 February – **3b math e-test**; "Man and Law" course students on a study tour of the Supreme Court; 7a downhill skiing.
- 13 February – **Regional Physics Olympiad for grades 8–12; 3a Math e-test**; Prevention lecture "Say NO to Nicotine" by the Estonian Cancer Society for grades 5–9; English trivia game "Jeopardy" for grades 7.
- 14 February – 4b at FunBowling.
- 15 February – admissions day for 1st grade candidates (Estonian classes only).



SPEECH MEETING ON THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE OF TARTU

- On 2 February, a speech meeting of Tartu secondary schools was held in front of Jaan Poska Gümnaasium to celebrate the 105th anniversary of the Peace Treaty of Tartu. Our school was represented by the Head of School, **Ene Tannberg**, homeroom teacher **Madis Kahro**, Head of Extracurricular Activities, **Liis Somelar**, and students from graduating year 114: **Kaarel Kull**, **Tinto Kuusk**, **Mia-Maria Lorenz**, **Johanna Sõber**, **Marta-Liisa Kivikas**, **Alide Kristine Alba**, **Romi Häidkind**, **Helena Miia Härk**, **Katariina Kants**, **Margaret Raidmäe**, **Katarina Sarap**, **Grete Konsap**, **Joosep Lumi**, **Arabella Elisabeth Saavo**, **Sandra Movits**.



The Spirit of Tartu and the Peace of Tartu

form a solid facet
of our noble history.

They must not be disassembled.

The spirit of Tartu is carried by peace.

The spirit carries the peace of Tartu.

This is the slander of the envious,
if they can't bear it.

This is our border and border dispute.

This is its boundary face.

the pyramid hiding behind.

Great is the spirit and great is peace.

Hando Runnel

NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 29 January, an event was held at the school to celebrate **the 500th anniversary of the publication of the first Estonian book**. 2025 has been declared the Year of the Estonian Book and will last until Mother Tongue Day, March 14, 2026. A children's choir performed at the event, an excerpt from J. Parijõe's book "Kui isa kinkis raamatuid" was read by 11DP student **Rasmus Politanov**, the students were welcomed by **Marja Unt**, CEO of the Estonian Literary Society, who also coordinates the events of the Book Year. A melody from the film "Kevade" was performed on the violin by 10th grade student **Maria Jürgenson**, and 11th grade students **Lisett Pullerits** and **Laura Kirke Bertel Pertel** read excerpts from the works of A. H. Tammsaare.

The book says

Mary Kangro (translated by T. Pihus)

I am a book, your book, and you must have
other books beside me!

How else would you understand me?

You have to say my name over and over again, sooner or
later, there's no escape.

You must not keep the Sabbath for too long from me!

Listen! You're going down!

You must respect me, for I am an extension of the days of life
on this earth for people like you! Look how many want to
escape between my terrible angel wings, my covers.

You can kill me inside, but if you tear me apart or
burn me, then... Ouch!

You can break your loyalty to me with another book!

You can steal from me, no matter what the law says!

I myself am a lucky thief.

You can interpret me as you like!

You must lust after me if I am yours to possess!

Look how eagerly your friend reads me on the train!

And mine is the power and the glory, for power and glory are
written in me!

NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- Miina Härma Gümnaasium has continuously participated in the European Union Commission's Juvenes Translatores translation competition for schoolchildren in recent years. The number of participating schools is limited by the number of MEPs in each country in the EU Parliament. Therefore, a pre-selection is made among the schools. The first school round of the Juvenes Translatores translation competition took place in December 2024. Translations were made from English, German, and French into Estonian. In January of this year, the organizers of Juvenes Translatores were able to summarize the school round and thank the talented young translators with EU-themed souvenirs.

MHG participants were: **Tarvet Kukk** (11c), **Kristel Reimus** (10c), **Laura Kirke Bertel Pertel** (11a), **Erik Meriloo** (10c), **Marii Amur** (10c), **Helena Hakkinen** (10c), **Voldemar Pärn**, (10b), **Liisbet Kokk** (10a), **Conrad Ruben Sepp** (11a), **Brent Gregor Smirnov** (11a), **Ellinor Leevald** (10a), **Marta Paalo** (10c), **Liis Grellier** (10c), **Hendrik Hollas** (10a), **Rando Jaakson** (11c).



- The MHG representative team won first place in the Tartu city 5th grade English quiz. Our school consisted of **Liisa Kiil** (5a), **Jorke Saluse** (5a), **Hendrik Sebastian Asu Garcia** (5b). The students were supervised by **Tiina Tubli, Johanna Teder, Heiki Puusepp**.
- On 31 January, the Anton Hansen to Tammsaare reading competition took place. In the older age group, 11a student **Lisett Pullerits** received a special award for her sensitive and heartfelt performance. Lisett performed an excerpt from Part II of the novel "Tõde ja Õigus", supervised by teacher **Reet Volmer**.
- **Saamuel Sööt** and **Adeele Tuisk** from MHG 6th grades, took part in the Tartu city 6th grade English Scrabble competition, where pairs were drawn on site. First place was won by Mia Marii Merilo (Tartu Forselius School) and **Saamuel Sööt** (MHG), with a total of 216 points. Fifth place was won by **Adeele Tuisk** (MHG) and Sofia Zinakova (Tartu Aleksander Pushkin School), with a total of 159 points.

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- In the regional round of the Tartu City Mathematics Olympiad for grades 7–9, 6th grade student **Märt Mattias Alas** took 2nd place in the 7th grade category (teacher Allar Aav); **Lemme Toompere** (teacher Veronika Lehesaar) took 10th place; **Grete Audova** 12th and **Tristan Erik Teniste** 13th place (teacher Kersti Kivi). In the 8th grade category, **Linda Viispert** took 1st place (teacher Signe Kinnas); **Yevheniia Koshova** (teacher Allar Aav) took 11th and **Emma Kurim** 13th place (teacher Kersti Kivi).
- In the 9th grade competition, teacher Allar Aav's students **Leo Fišel** took 1st place, **Ats Joosep Laineste** took 4th place, **Ott Loper** took 6th place, and **Helena Sasi** took 9th place. Teacher Veronika Lehesaare's student **Lennart Sein** took 14th place.
- **8a student Helena Mai Raudvassar has been invited to the final round of the Science Olympiad.**
- During the winter break, 3a student **Ida Elsa Kaurov** drew 6 bookmarks for the Rahva Raamat Cat Gustav drawing competition. 3 of them made it to the top 50. These 50 best works are on display at the Rahva Raamat exhibition in the Arter quarter (Liivalaia 36) in Tallinn. The final round will be held by voting. You can only vote on site at the Rahva Raamat in the Arter quarter until 09.02.2025. Ida's works are No. 4, No. 39 and No. 42.



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- On 31 January, a student council night school was held at Tartu Decartes School, attended by **Frida Loog** (9a), **Emma Elisabet Luht** (9a) and **Marta Aab** (8a). During the evening, the student council members got to know each other, a Millionaire's financial wisdom workshop "How to get rich?", playback, night orienteering and ball games took place.



- On 31 January and 1 February, the Estonian young singers competition **Solistica** took place in Saaremaa, and 62 of the 241 singers who passed the preliminary round reached the final round, including three singers from our school. Six prizes were awarded in each age group, as well as special prizes. In the 10th–12th grade category, **Marian Pärn** (12c) took fifth place, in the 7th–9th grade category, **Tristan Erik Teniste** (7a) took first place, and in the 4th–6th grade age group, **Sofia Soosaar** (5b) gave a captivating performance.



- On 25 January, the Estonian Ballroom Dancing Championships took place in Tallinn. 4b grade student **Bianca Sõritsa** took 3rd place in the children 2 age group in solo dances.

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MIINA HÄRMA BALL 2025

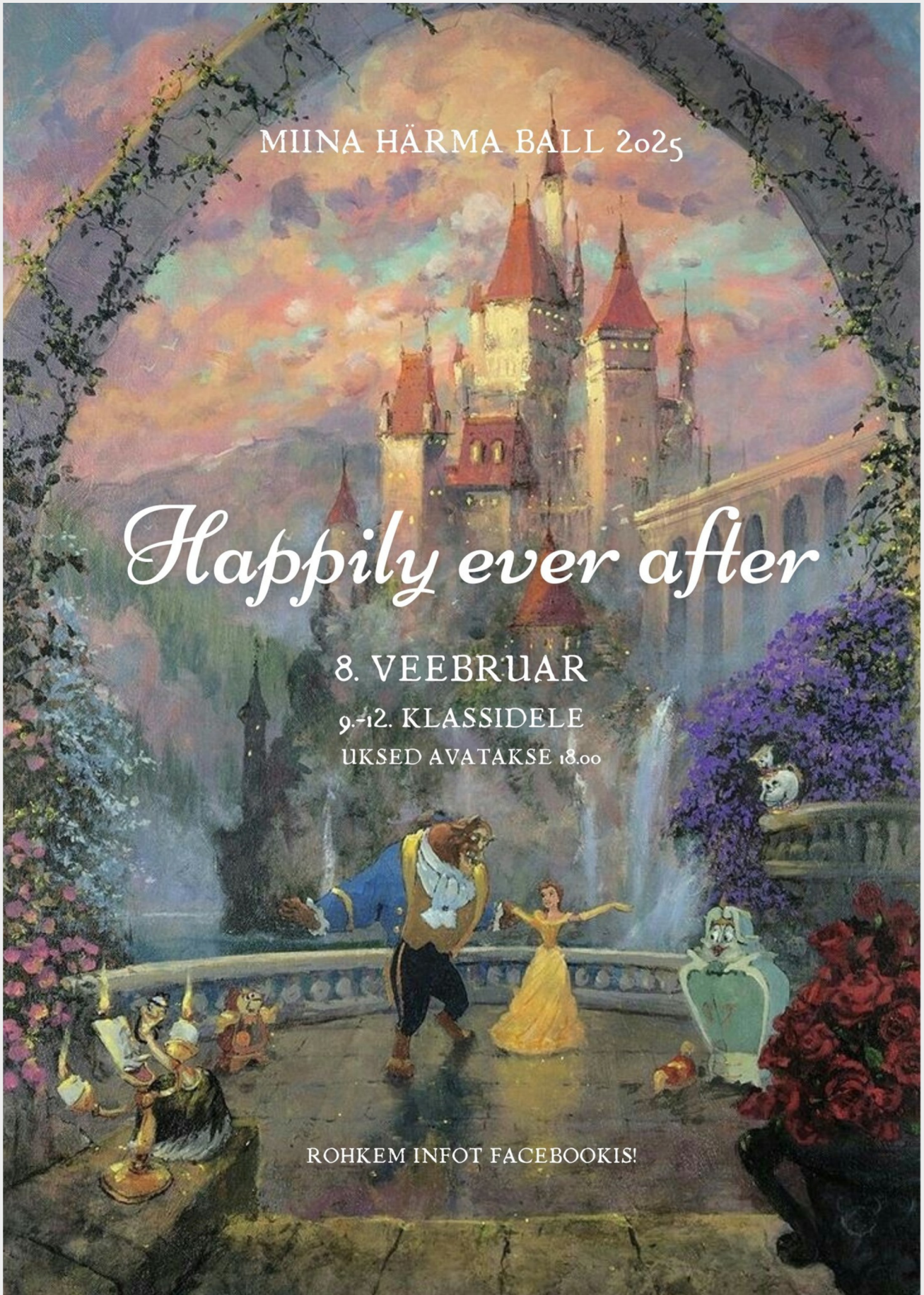
Happily ever after

8. VEEBRUAR

9.-12. KLASSIDELE

UKSED AVATAKSE 18.00

ROHKEM INFOT FACEBOOKIS!



NOTICED IN HÄRMA

Republic of Estonia 107th anniversary



**FESTIVE CEREMONIES
21.02.2025**

grades 5-9

at 11:20 in Aula (4th lesson)

grades 1-4

at 12:20 in Aula (5th lesson)

grades 10-12

at 13:15 in Aula (6th lesson)

FORMAL CLOTHES AND SCHOOL HATS



NB! The school day finishes after the ceremony.