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## BIRTHDAYS

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## MHG BALL DANCE "HAPPILY EVER AFTER"

- On 8 February, the school held a ball dance "Happily ever after" to celebrate Miina Härma's 161st birthday. Dance songs were played by the classical Eller Big Band and the slightly more energetic Amplituud. A Disney-themed café was open and those interested could play poker. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the school building and young people, teachers and alumni were in beautiful clothes. We would like to commend the ball's organizing team, which included **Lisete Murumets** (11b), **Kertu Mugu** (11c), **Oliver Mäesalu** (9a) and **Timo Parkja** (9a). **We would also like to thank all the volunteers!**
- The ball was supported by: Caffeine, Mariell Illustuudion, Nõo Lihatoöstus, VSpa, Escape Tartu, Lõunakeskus, Gustav Cafe, Coop, Elite Kliinik, Lemeks Grupp, Tiksoja Puidugrupp, Olgo Kinnisvara and Ragnar Heido. A big thank you to all the supporters!



Pictured is the ball's organizing team with the Gustav Cafe cake.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **10–14 February – preliminary exams week of secondary school.**
- 10 February – 3a Tartu Dance Academy active learning program “What would happen if...”; On the 161st anniversary of Miina Härma's birth, class representatives light candles at the composer's grave at Raadi Cemetery; Katrin Kaldre from the Estonian University of Life Sciences visits the biology hobby group
- 11 February – **Regional Geography Olympiad for grades 7–12**; 5b and 8a skiing on Kuutsemägi; 3b on a field trip to Torm Metall.
- 12 February – **3b Math e-test**; "Man and Law" course students on a study tour at the Supreme Court; 7a and 6b downhill skiing in Haanja; inclusive budget marketing workshop; health awareness training day at Tartu Health Care College.
- 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 – Valentine's Day; 4b at FunBowling; 7b playing beach volleyball and paddle; 3-4e grade skating in the Town Hall Square.
- 15 February – admissions day for 1st grade candidates (Estonian classes).
- 17 February – **Estonian language national exam II mock exam; 4ab parents' meeting at 17:00; 4th grade HARNO survey**; at 8:30–9:15 alumnus **Karel Kõiv** in 10th grade homeroom lesson; grades 7–8 in the educational program “Who Belongs to History?” at the University of Tartu Museum; 10th graders at Kuutsemäe.
- 18 February – citywide German translation competition for secondary school students; 17.30–19.15, workshop for parents on “Supporting the social development of children.”
- 19 February – **Regional round of the Mathematics Olympiad for grades 4–6.**
- 20 February – 5–6e IAS education program “The world of behavior patterns” at the Toy Museum; alumna **Mari-Liis Somelar** in the class of the “Life in the Information Society” course.
- **21 February – Anniversary of the Republic of Estonia; graduation photos of 9th and 12th graders and teachers in the peeglisaal.**
- **24 February – 107th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia.**
- **22 February – 2 March – school holidays.**

## CELEBRATING MIINA HÄRMA'S 161ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

On 10 February, on the occasion of Miina Härma's 161st birth anniversary, class representatives gathered at Raadi Cemetery. Candles were lit to mark the birthday, and DP coordinator and history teacher **Ilmar Tammisto** reminded the students of Miina Härma's importance in history.



Delving into **Miina Härma's** life and work, it is difficult to feel anything but awe and admiration for one person's will to act and sense of mission. When talking about Miina Härma, it is customary to point out what she was the first in - **the first Estonian woman with a higher education, the first Estonian female composer, and to give an idea of Miina Härma's diversity, the founder of the first Estonian kindergarten.**

It is also worth considering the society in which Miina Härma operated. After all, all these achievements came in spite of a strongly male-centric society, where an enterprising woman had to prove herself at every step and show that, for example, a woman can do it just as well as a man by writing a choral song. Of course, in Miina Härma's example, she could even do it better than most of her contemporaries.

We are used to thinking about Miina Härma primarily from a national perspective. However, when we think about Miina Härma's youth, it is very international. Years of study and life in the capital of the Russian Empire, St. Petersburg, concert tours in Germany and England. Miina Härma could have easily succeeded in the wider world, become a citizen of the world in St. Petersburg, Berlin or London.

Yet she decided to take these valuable experiences gained abroad and bring them back to her homeland. Without these experiences and acquaintances, Miina Härma's years of activity in Estonia would certainly not have been so outstanding. Thus, she combined the international and the national. If I could give those present here today one recommendation in which to take an example from Miina Härma, I would highlight this aspect. Young people, travel, study or gain work experience abroad. These experiences are extremely valuable. At the same time, remember that here is your home, which is always waiting for you.

## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 5 February, **Mart Väljamäe** (11b), who plays for the Estonian University of Life Sciences' men's **indoor hockey team**, was elected the Young Athlete of the Year of the City of Tartu. Mart is also involved in another sport – **model aviation**. He won first place in the junior world championships, so we have a world champion at school! Congratulations, Mart!



Mart Väljamäe with his clubmate Reti Väärt at the award ceremony.



Erik Jõers is missing from the picture.

- On February 5, the Tartu city regional round of the 5th grade learning skills competition took place, where the MHG team took 2nd place. The team included: **Jorke Saluse** (5b), **Erik Jõers** (5b), **Märt Mattias Alas** (5a), **Perit Prii** (5a), **Anni Grünberg** (5a). Supervisors: Karin Kannerma, Mari Maimre.
- Many 6th grade students from our school participated in the "Secret Language" competition held in the e-learning environment of the UT Science School. In the 6th grade competition, **Matilda Saars** (6b) took 3rd place in Estonia, **Mirtel Suuman** (6a) took 4th place, **Marta Birk** (6b) took 5th place, and **Adeele Tuisk** (6b) took 6th place.
- On 9 February, our school's **3rd–4th grade robotics students** took part in the South Estonia preliminary round of the First Lego League (places not reaching the medal round will not be announced. Only the top three and the teams that reached the final will be announced). The students did very well! Supervisor Andre Aljo.



## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- A total of 430 students in the country took part in the **2nd level of basic school Social Studies Olympiad**. Our students showed an outstanding level of knowledge both in the city of Tartu and in the national competition. There is no separate national round of the 2nd level of basic school Social Studies Olympiad, the national ranking was made based on the results of the regional round.
- In Tartu, 2nd place **Erik Jõers** (5a), 17th place nationwide; in Tartu, 3rd place **Saamuel Sööt** (6b), 18th place nationwide; in Tartu, 4th place **Liisa Kiil** (5a), 21st place nationwide; in Tartu, 5th place **Teele Haak** (6b), 29th place nationwide; in Tartu, 6th place **Marta Birk** (6b), 36th place nationwide; in Tartu, 7th place **Herman Vinni** (6a), 37th place nationwide; in Tartu, 8th place **Heleli Niine** (6b), 50th place nationwide; in Tartu, 15th place **Mari Hallik** (6b), 174th place nationwide. The students were supervised by **Alla Vinitšenko**. The results of the III school level in the Tartu city classification: 14th place **Kaarel Gross** (9a), 15th **Mikk Mihkel Ruus** (8b), 23rd **Hendrik Napritson** (9b), 24th **Ida Parmas** (9b), 26th **Ingvar Iste** (9a), 46th **Sulev Möls** (9a), 51st **Erik Marten Zernant** (9b), 53rd **Grettel Ruusamäe** (9a), 65th **Heidi Härmson** (9a). The students were supervised by **Kari Kalk**. The results of the secondary school in the Tartu city competition: 6th **Henrik Harjus** (12a) (invited to the national round), 17th **Marili Meremaa** (11b), 18th **Alide Kristine Alba** (11a), 23rd **Otto Kuuseok** (12a), 24th **Eleriin Sepp** (12b), 28th **Uku Karl Kass** (12a), 29th **Margaret Roost** (12b), 35th **Helena Mirtel Aamer** (11b). The students were supervised by **Kari Kalk**.
- Results of the regional round of the Chemistry Olympiad: 8th grade: **Eliis Raidoja** (8a) 23rd–24th place, supervised by **Helle Sorge**. 9th grade: **Leo Fišel** (9b) 4th–5th place, **Ott Loper** (9b) 7th place, **Lille-Mai Kangur** (9a) 8th place, **Ats Joosep Laineste** (9b) 12th place, **Kaisa Tullus** (9a) 14th place, **Tambet Uustare** (9b) 21st place. Supervised by **Helle Sorge**. 10th grade: **Uku Raudmäe** (10b) 1st place, supervised by Jörgen Metsik; **Erik Meriloo** (10c) 8th–9th place, supervisors Jörgen Metsik and Helle Sorge. 11th grade: **Uku Nael** (11DP) took 1st place, **Nurkhan Torekhanov** (11DP) took 2nd place, supervised by **Jörgen Metsik**. 12th grade: **Karolin Ruumet** (12a) took 6th place, supervised by Jörgen Metsik.

## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- At the Tartu Regional French Language Olympiad held on 27 January, **Hebe Linn Caceres** (9b), **Marian Herodes** (9b), and **Ats Joosep Laineste** (9b) won 1st place in the C-language section of the basic school, with **Marit Karelson** as the supervisor. All of these students have been invited to the national round. **Martin Kalle** (8a) won 5th place, **Martha Johanna Garcia** (8a) won 6th place, with **Beatrice Veidenberg** as the supervisor. **Laura Markus** (8b) and **Lena Maria Nikolajev** (8b) won 8th place, with **Aija Sprivul-Dautancourt** as the supervisor.
- The best students in the **Tartu regional round of the basic school B-language** were **Birgit Männigo** (11a) in French, who achieved 1st place, supervisor Helen Rägo. **Keili Raaperi** (11c), supervisor **Marit Karelson**, shared 2nd and 3rd places. Both students have been invited to the national round.
- The best French students in the Tartu regional round of the basic school **B-language competition** were **Leo Fišel** (9b), who achieved 1st place, and **Roosi Kõiv** (7b), supervised by **Marit Karelson**. Both students have been invited to the national round. 6th–7th places were shared by 7b students **Lemme Toompere** and **Aino-Martina Kanger**, supervised by Jaan **Markus Jüriväli**.
- Results of the preliminary round of the **National Olympiad in Religious Education: Birgit Männigo** - among the top 11, she has been invited to the final round of the Religious Education Olympiad. **Teele Tuulis** - 22nd–23rd place in the preliminary round overall (6th place among 11th grade students). **Taivi Lavits** - 36th–40th place in the preliminary round overall (14th–15th place among 12th grade students). **Margaret Roost** - 59th–61st place in the preliminary round overall (26th–28th place among 12th grade students). The students were supervised by **Kätlin Liimets**.

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- **Helena Mai Raudvassar** (8a) has been invited to the **final round of the Science Olympiad**. The Science Olympiad consists of two competition rounds. The first, regional round, takes place in the first half of the academic year. In the regional competition, participants solve theoretical problems in the sciences. The problems are primarily from the fields of chemistry, physics and biology, they are close to life and integrate several scientific disciplines at once. The second round of the Olympiad, the final round, takes place in the second half of the year and consists of experimental problems and theoretical problems related to experiments in the same scientific fields. Based on the results of the Science Olympiad, the jury will nominate candidates for the Estonian team to participate in the International Science Olympiad (IJSO).
- One of the authors of the collection of **lesson plans on cultural diversity** is our school's English teacher **Tiina Tubli**. The collection, prepared in collaboration with MTÜ Mondo, consists of lesson plans that support students' understanding of different aspects of multiculturalism and develop intercultural dialogue and critical thinking skills. The plans are designed for grades 2 to secondary school and use active learning methods - students can search for information, solve problems and put themselves in different roles to explore the themes of cultural richness and identity.

Activities include, for example, analysis of population data, discussion of the perception of beauty in different cultures, research into multiple identities, and awareness of stereotypes.

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- In the Tartu **regional round of the Art Olympiad**, Martha Johanna Garcia (8a) took 2nd place in the basic school category. In the secondary school category, **Piibe Jagomägi** (10b) took 1st place and **Margaret Roost** (12b) took 3rd place. Supervised by **Ivika Hiis**.
- MHG continues to collaborate more closely with the **company Click&Grow**, whose interest is to find effective use cases for their vegetable gardens in schools and share these experiences with other plant growers. On 03.03, **Click&Grow gardener Debora Koit** visited MHG's vegetable wall and shared tips for caring for the plants growing in it. She also gave advice on how to extend the life of the device itself. In addition to very valuable knowledge, a large number of plant seeds and spare parts were brought as a gift. Thanks to this, we can keep the biology class more alive and growing plants make teaching more varied.





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## 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.**

 **Daily**



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EESTI TOIDUD**

17.-21. veebruar

*Oma on hää!*