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# Historical Win for Varsity Girls Volleyball

The Varsity Girls had an outstanding 2013 season winning the AAAA Provincial Championship for the first time in the school's 70 year history.

Along the way, the Hawks placed 1st at the following Tournaments - Seven Oaks, Trinity Western, St. Mary's, and St. Vital. "We had the right makeup of players to be a championship team. This does not mean the

best players in the province. We had

character. We had a group of girls that interact well with each other, share the same passion and were willing to accept a role to achieve the common goal together. It's amazing what you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit," says Head Coach **Angela (Wiebe '02) Diboll**.

The future looks bright for the girl's program at MBCI.

# 2013 Provincial Volleyball Awards

MVP Maiya Westwood

Manitoba Graduating All-Stars Kalena Schulz Carter Bergen Luke Derksen Allstars Shayna Staerk Katie Friesen Carter Bergen

Player Choice Award Carter Bergen

Top Male HS Player, (Dennis Nord Trophy) and the Stefan Savoie Scholarship **Carter Bergen** 



Visit **mbci.mb.ca/athletics** for more historical highlights and to stay up todate with all current MBCI teams.

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# **Calendar of Events**

# January

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7	Parent Night w/ Randy Carter
	7:30pm
14	A Day at MBCI
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22-23 Spiritual Emphasis

# February

3	Open House
2	Tony Compole 0.450

3	Tony Campolo 9:45am

# March/April

4	Jazz Concert 7:30pm
18	Choral Concert 7:30pm
27-April 5 Soar Heartland	
9-19	Choir/Band Tour

# May

2	Annual Benefit Dinner 6pm
6	MS Service Day

27 Gr. 9-12 Spring Concert 7:30pm

# June

3	Gr. 6-8 Spring Concert 7:30pm
17-18	Gr. 6 Outdoor Education
24	Farewell Banquet 6:30pm
25	Grad Ceremony 7pm
26	Gr. 9-11 Academic Awards 9am

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# MBCI Volleyball Historical Highlights

MBCI Alumni – Volleyball Hall of Fame Ruth Klassen ('80) In 2010 she was inducted into the "Volleyball Hall of Fame & Honor Society" for both her playing and team career.

# David Unruh ('74)

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In 2009 he was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame - "Honor Society" for his playing and coaching career.

# MBCI Coach - Volleyball Hall of Fame

In 2012 **Brian Plett** was inducted as a "Builder" for his coaching -1982-to present.

**Brian Plett** was named Global TV Coach of the Month in November 2013.

# Here & Now

We always love to hear what MBCI alumni are up to once they leave MBCI - that includes you! Email **munruh@mbci.mb.ca** and let me know what you've been doing. Have you moved? Started a new job? Added members to your family? Let us know and share with your fellow alumni!

# 1950's

Our condolences to **Augusta (Voth '53) Schroeder** on the passing of her husband, **William**. May God comfort you and your family during this time.

In March 2013 the Class of 1948 was in the middle of planning their 65th Reunion when they received the following letter from their former teacher, **Jacob Toews**. The following are a few excepts from his greeting to the Class of '48:

"Upon receiving the invitation I got out the yearbook and there you were on pages 15/16 in all your youthful glory. In the last three years I had three serious falls which have left me in a weakened condition. Recovery has been difficult and .... with little success. However, at 101, I am still living alone. Three of my children also live in Abbotsford without whose help this attempt at some independence would be impossible. I finally

# Varsity Girls Volleyball Provincial AAAA Champions 2013

**Finalists** 1998, 2001, 2012

Final Four 1999

Varsity Boys Volleyball Provincial AAAA Champions 1996, 1997, 2001 2002, 2009, 2012

> **Finalists** 1989, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2010

> > **Final Four** 1998, 2005, 2012

had to let go of my car, but my driver's licence is still valid to 2016. Looking back over my life I must say that God and people have been good to me. I can say that I still enjoy life." Jacob closed his letter with quoting an old German hymn that they used to sing in class and included his best wishes! Jacob's family immigrated to Canada in 1924, settling on a farm in Arnaud, MB. Jacob began his teaching career in 1935. During WWII, Jacob was a CO teacher at United Church mission stations on Lake Winnipeg. After the war, he taught at MBCI for 6 years from 1945-1951 where he taught History and English. At MBCI he formed a band and was one of its violin players. He also played in the **Ben Horch** orchestra. In 1955, he was called to Mennonite Educational Institute. Abbotsford, BC, where he taught English and directed plays. After his 1979 retirement, he continued in his love by teaching English to new Canadians, helping many get their driver's licence. He joined the Golden Strings and played in retirement homes. Jacob was also a member of the Fraser Valley Symphony for 16 years. Jacob Toews was born on Feb. 24, 1912 in Lichtenau, Ukraine and passed away on August 2/13. He was predeceased by his wife Anna Neufeld in 1942 and leaves to mourn his 6 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

# 1960's

Our condolences to the family of **Betty Kasdorf ('68)** who passed away on December 11, 2013 at Health Sciences Centre after a short but difficult struggle with P-ANCA Vasculitis and the result of its' treatment.



Thank you from the Students & Staff of MBCI!

# 1970's

Our condolences to the Family and Friends of **Evy (Derksen '77) Dyck** on her passing on June 22/13. Evy quoted **L. M. Child** in her Gr. 12 yearbook – "An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves."

# 1980's

Through Compassion Canada, I did a trip to Managua, Nicaragua (Jan '13) to meet Francisco my sponsor boy (age 14). I also went to Kampala, Uganda and Nairobi, Kenya (July '13) to meet Rose my sponsor girl (age 13). Rose lives in Uganda. We visited the projects where the children go and receive medical attention, education, Biblical teaching, meals and also attend public schools. We saw the areas where these children reside and we have much to be thankful for. In Nicaragua, we spent the day at a park and played some games planned by Staff. In Uganda, the children travel with a guardian, a staff person from the project, and sometimes a translator if needed. Francisco came with his Mother, Pastor, and we had a

translator. Rose came with a staff member from the project she is a part of. It was a very good experience and an eye opener for me. I decided to become a sponsor because many people blessed me when I needed a helping hand and now I felt God has brought me to a point where I can bless others. I was shown so much love by Francisco and Rose and they became a blessing. Rose was 4 when I started sponsoring her and Francisco was 6 years old. Since I've met these children it this experience has become much more personal. Thank you for letting me share this and God bless you. **Linda (Hiebert '82) Cooley** 

I really enjoyed the C of '88 - 25th Reunion this past summer -- MANY thanks to those who organized and hosted it. I was amazed at how much MBCI has changed, and how little all of you have changed! I was particularly struck by evidences of God's grace in all our lives. **Denis** and I are living in California (16 years in the US already!) with our 3 kids. We work with CRU in a ministry that focuses on reaching out to international students. I also teach at FPU and a local junior college (thanks to MBCI, U of M and Providence for a great Manitoban education). Who knew where our lives would take us?? Let's keep in touch! **Vickie (Ronald '88) LaClare** 

# 1990's

Congrats to **Wes & Jacquelyn (Winia) Koslowsky ('99)** on the safe arrival of **Violet Sophia** born on July 8 2013!

# 2000's

We are pleased to announce the arrival of **Annelie Nicole** born on May 31, 2013. Congratulations **Sarah (Poysti '01) & David Deckert!** 



Congratulations to **Andrew & Melissa** (**Blieske**) **Rewucki** ('05) on the birth of their daughter **Rosalie Christel** on July 12/13. Greetings MBCI! I cannot believe it's been 6 years. I am all done my first degree in Political Science specializing in International Relations at the U of M. My goal is to work for the United Nations as a Canadian ambassador or diplomat and represent our country trying to make the world a better place. I am also considering to get an International Law Degree. I've worked for CIDA, Rotary International and have been extremely active with United Nations events. When I will be all done with my degrees I am planning on moving to Ottawa, but Winnipeg will always still be my hometown. As you see, currently I have been busy everyday but loving every single thing that I am busy with. God has really been amazing and keeping me strong, Studies are going great! Besides the encouragement and support from my friends and family, I honestly couldn't have done all this without the Lord's power. He is the one providing me all this strength and courage to move forward and reach to the end of my goal.

Patricia Kumbakisaka ('07)

# 2010's

This summer, I was fortunate to spend six weeks in Iceland as part of a cultural program. I spent two weeks in Reykjavik attending language classes and three weeks living with my cousins in western Iceland. While with family I volunteered at a marine research lab. My final week was a tour around Iceland. Currently, I am completing my undergraduate degree at the U of W, majoring in Biochemistry. **Michael Jonasson ('10)** 

**David Torok**, from the Class of 2011, passed away on Nov. 18/13. The funeral was held on Friday, Nov. 22 at the St. Andrew Babola Church. Our prayers go out to David's family and friends as they grieve. Psalm 121

Send your updates, questions or comments to Mary Unruh, MBCI Alumni Coordinator munruh@mbci.mb.ca



MBCI's "Building Big Futures" Raffle was held from August to December 17/13. Proceeds were directed to the recent Campus Expansion. Thank you to our sponsors and everyone that supported this raffle! We are pleased to announce the following winners:

#### **Grand Prize**

Suite to a Winnipeg Jets game - Value \$5000 donated by Langreen (2005) Ltd. – Jascha ('67) Boge & Jascha P. Boge ('91) and \$400 concessions WINNER - SAM DUECK joined by 19 friends/family.

#### Second Prize

Minneapolis Mall Hopping Tour for 2 – Retail Value \$680 – Donated by Fehr-Way Tours – **Diane (Fehr '84) Palmer** and \$1,000 **WINNER – BILL POTTIE** 

#### **Third Prize**

Best of Winnipeg Entertainment & Tasting Package – Donated by MBCI and CHVN (in part) Retail Value – over \$1000 WINNER – JACQUELINE LARTER

#### Early Bird Draws

Golf Tournament on Aug. 22/13 – GPS Golf Watch & 2 passes to Larters Golf & Country Club - \$300 value (Passes compliments of Century 21 - **David ('74) Unruh & Chris Unruh) WINNER – ELS FENTON** 

Fashion Event on Nov 14 2013 iPad Mini 16 GB/wifi (donated by the MBCI Staff) WINNER – FRANK JOLIN

> MBCI Advancement Team Sherry Sukkau (Director), Janis Banman, Mary Unruh

> > mbci.

# a forever at MBCI.

# A Day at MBCI - 8:30 am - 2:30 pm January 14, 2014

A great opportunity for students to meet their prospective classmates and teachers and get a sense of what a "day in the life" at MBCI is like.

Call to register at 204.654.5788.

# Other Opportunities:

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Monday, February 3, 2014 6:30pm Learning Stations 7:30pm Information Session CAMPUS TOURS

Book online or call our Admissions Office at 204.654.5788.

Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, 173 Talbot Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba



On Nov. 14, MBCI hosted its 4th Annual Fashion Event 'CELEBRATING LIGHT'. The fundraiser was attended by 480 people who helped raise \$56,000. The proceeds of the event will support MBCI's recent campus expansion, benefiting students and staff. We are excited to be giving back to the community, in memory of **Candace Derksen ('90)**, \$2,000 will go to support Candace House, a safe justice house for victims. Thank you to all the sponsors, students, parents, alumni, staff and volunteers who made this event possible!

Executive Team – CariLyn (Friesen '83) Buller, Rachelle (Dueck '92) Buller, Stefanie (Martens '88) Frischbutter, Heidi (Krueger '93) Herrod, Bonnie Olfert, Michelle (Enns '83) Pauls, Cathy Rempel

Staff - Janis Banman, Mary Unruh, Sherry Sukkau - Event Chair/Director of Advancement & Recruitment

# Red Carpet Sponsors \$5,000

Urban Effects by Norcraft - Mark & CariLyn Buller Olympic Building Supply - Garry & Tamara Roehr Urban Effects by Norcraft - Phil & Rachelle Buller

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IN SUPPORT OF THE MBCI STUDENT BURSARY FUND AND THE LORD SELKIRK SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

#### **EVENT SPONSOR \$10,000** The Hunter Group

# **DINNER &** BACK 9 SPONSOR \$5,500

Century 21 - David & Susan Unruh ('74) Chris & Christine Unruh

# **TITLE SPONSOR \$5,000**

Langreen (2005) Ltd. Mark & CariLyn Buller ('83)

FRONT 9 \$2,500 Derksen Law

# **GOLF CART \$2,000**

The Cristall Pollack Braun Group at CIBC Wood Gundy - Jason Braun ('89)

LUNCH \$2,000 Holz Constructors Incorporated

# PUTTING & CHIPPING \$2,000

The Janzen Family

# **HOLE-IN-ONE \$1,500**

**Polaris Industries** Selkirk Chrysler Parkside Ford Sales Ltd. Enns Brothers Ltd.



# By the Numbers

- 22nd August 2013 MBCI Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Larters
- 28+ Degrees with a bit of a breeze
- 142 Golfers enjoyed the day
- Volunteers (Staff, Parents, Students and friends of MBCI) 32
- 60+ **Sponsors**
- 4 15 Hole-in-One Vehicle Sponsors
- \$850+ Donated by the Staff for iPad Mini Raffle
- many Prize Sponsors
- many Prizes awarded \$2,000 Lord Selkirk Breakfast Program contribution
- **Project this year Student Bursary Fund** 1
- \$44,000+ Proceeds from 2013 Tournament
- Priceless The on-going encouragement of our many supporters!

# EAGLE \$1,500

CHVN 95.1 FM Independent Jewellers lea marc inc. Irwin Homes Tim Hortons Visions Contracting Services Renovations/Project Management

# **BIRDIE \$800**

Crosstown Civic Credit Union Norm ('80) & Sherry Sukkau Marketing Without Borders Rod Cyr Barkman Concrete Beaver Bus Lines / Fehr-Way Tours Ltd. Capstone Construction (1998) Ltd. Cardinal Capital Management Fidelity Investments Food Systems Management Ltd. Howell Mechanical Perimeter Industries Ltd. Legacy Kitchen Design Group Inc. Olympic Building Centre **Online Business Systems** Quick Transfer Ltd. Tag Warehouse Thor Plumbing & Heating Ltd. Wallace & Wallace Gourmet Coffee Specialists Ltd. Alliance Door Products Canada MBCI Staff DeFehr Furniture (2009) Ltd. Larters at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club

# **PAR \$400**

Prairie West Quality Vending & Coffee Services Ltd. Ranger Insurance Restall & Restall Wiebe Chiropractic Centre Champion Design Friends Funeral Service Growers Direct Fresh Cut Flowers Mat Master

# **HOSPITALITY GIFT**

The Hunter Group Jugo Juice - Jessica Olstad Pfizer Century 21 - David ('74)/Chris Unruh Larters at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club

# PRIZE SPONSORS

Manco Control Systems Inc. Dave & Helene Vanderwees Century 21 - David ('74)/Chris Unruh MBCI

# OTHER

Old Dutch Foods Ltd. Sub-Zero Ice Cream TCBY - Frozen Yogurt Vita Health Products



SAVE THE DATE AUG. 21, 2014 Next year is our 20th Anniversary Tournament at Larters

MBCI Golf Committee 2013: David Unruh ('74) (Chair), Don Loewen, Darren Mcmillan ('89) Jason Braun ('89), Bill Enns ('59), Adam Boge ('96), Jack Nixon Advancement Dept. - Janis Banman, Sherry Sukkau, Mary Unruh



# One Step Closer - MBCI Legacy Walkway

In the Summer of 2013, our Legacy Walkway was installed on campus. The walkway celebrates and recognizes people who have been connected to MBCI since it was founded in 1945. Not only will it be a means to celebrate the many people who have been a part of MBCI, it will serve as a good example to current and future students of the impact the school has made on many people's lives.

To date, 300 memories are being celebrated and over \$35,000 has been raised. Each of MBCI's Founders (27) are commemorated with an 8"x8" inscribed brick in the walkway. The Founders bricks are grouped together and located in a central location in the Walkway. Read how many alumni, parents, students etc. are celebrating their memories in honour of their years at MBCI.



Walkway installation in progress Aug. 2013

# Why Become Part of the Legacy?

- **((** *MBCI is recognizing the people that have* walked before us! What a privilege we have today in celebrating our Christian heritage as the torch is being passed on from generation to generation. - Cornelius Martens ('60)
- **(**Both our sons, Warren ('79) & Murray ('80) and our 6 grandchildren were all educated at MBCI. We decided to commemorate their time at MBCI because we are so thankful and grateful for the school. - George & Verna Froese
- **C Randy** and I placed bricks in the Walkway as we thought it would be a nice legacy for our children. As they return to the MBCI Campus and see the inscribed bricks it will bring back great memories. We also hope it will inspire them as a place to come back and volunteer, coach etc. **))** - Lori McKnight

# Celebrate Your Memories Today!

EBAC FIOCECUS HOILING VILLE OILF SEC. FRANK NAS WILL SUPPORT Bricks purchased this school year will be installed summer of 2014

8x8 Bricks are \$150 each 5 lines of text 13 characters max. 4x8 Bricks are \$100 each 3 lines of text 13 characters max.

Order online mbci.mb.ca or 204.667.8210 A full tax receipt and certificate will be issued to the purchaser of the brick.

Save The Date Benefit Dinner May 2, 2014



# For the Record

# Class of '71 - "The Big 6-0"



On Aug. 23rd/13 there were 9 classmates and 3 partners who shared birthday cake, laughs and stories on a warm summer night at the Forks. -Linda McBurney (Derksen), Paul Remple, Peter Redekopp, Elsie Regehr, Walter Geddert, Fred Mensink, Lori Hildebrand (Kliewer), Liz Drewitt (Janzen) and Hedy Joycey (Loewen). On Saturday, Aug. 24, a few of us had brunch at Assiniboine Park and in the afternoon Elsie, Lori and I headed out to Lester Beach to Walter's amazing cabin. Elfie Harvey (Wettstein) and husband joined us for a lovely afternoon and evening hosted by Walter and Annemarie Geddert. We enjoyed a dramatic rain storm, great stories and friendship. Even though Wes Kehler was not there in body he must have felt his ears burning as we shared some of his adventures from years past. As about half of our classmates live outside of Manitoba, we made a decision to get together for coffee or a meal whenever someone from our class returns to visit family in Winnipeg. Even if only 2 or 3 of us gather together, we would like our visiting classmates to call us and we will put out a message to gather. We will have our first opportunity in January when Elvira Smid (Regier) comes to Winnipeg. Submitted by Hedy Joycey (Loewen).

# Class of 1966

Members of MBCI's class of 1966, along with some partners/friends spent a wonderful summer's evening gathered at the University Women's Club on the banks of the Red in mid-July. It was a nostalgic and energetic time, where conversation ranged from shared



memories and individual life's trajectories to anticipation of the class's 50-year reunion. For those who were not able to be there: we missed you, and look forward to seeing you in 2016!

# Class of 1988

The Class of 88 enjoyed getting together in August 9-11 for their 25 Year Reunion. It was so hard to believe that it has been that long since we left the hallowed halls of MBCI. However, as we gathered together again, it became clear that some time had passed given the events in everyone's lives. It was a fantastic time to reconnect as we started off our weekend on the downtown rooftop of a local restaurant. On Saturday, **Tim & Kendiss Hiebert** were kind enough to open their home to us, where we enjoyed a family BBQ and the kids were brave enough to take a dip in the pool although, the weather was not cooperative. We ended our weekend where it all began, MBCI. I think I speak for many when I say that this was a highlight of the weekend. We took some time to worship together, continue our visits, have some fantastic platz and go for a tour (thanks Mary!). While the new buildings are fabulous, it was not "our" MBCI, until we walked into the Red Gym and Cafeteria. Memories flooded back and stories retold. Thank you to everyone who made it out that weekend or participated via facebook. Let's be sure not to wait another 25 years to get together.

Christel (Schroeder) Hildebrandt, Marni (Enns) Enns, Vivian (Groening) Wall



# **Time To Reunite**

1949 MBCI would like to host your 65th reunion!! Please contact Mary Unruh at munruh@mbci.mb.ca for more information (204.667.8210)

- 1954 It's been 60 years Contact munruh@mbci.mb.ca
- 1964 It's been 50 years Contact munruh@mbci.mb.ca
- 1989 It's been 25 years Contact munruh@mbci.mb.ca
- 2004 It's been 10 years Your 10-year letters await you! Contact munruh@mbci.mb.ca

# FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REUNIONS CHECK OUT THE MBCI WEBSITE MBCI.MB.CA/COMMUNITY/ALUMNI

# **MBCI Today**

# Class of 2003

September 28th turned out to be a grey and rainy day, but that certainly didn't stop the class of 2003 from reuniting, reminiscing, and reestablishing old relationships!

The reunion began with about 15 graduates and their families meeting up in the MBCI cafeteria over coffee and platz, where **Sherry Sukkau and Mary Unruh** kindly took us on a tour of the new and improved MBCI campus. It was exciting to see how the building has evolved and to recall the memories that we made amongst those hallways long ago.

Despite the rain, we decided to stick with our plan of meeting in Kildonan Park where we shared a very tasty lunch catered by Danny's Whole Hog. Amidst the beats of "Hits from 2003," we revisited the predictions we had made in our graduation yearbook. Unfortunately, no one from our graduating class has become "next Bill Gates" (yet), but we were proud to learn that many have accomplished their dreams already, be it "becoming Mr. Mom", working at MBCI, or rallying to protect Mother Earth.

Later in the evening, the Tavern United accommodated about 55 of us in their private mezzanine. We shared delicious appetizers and drinks over conversations that went long into the night. While overlooking a parking lot of hundreds of white lights in participation with Nuit Blanche, some of us bravely tore open our 10-year letters we had written in Grade 12 to our future selves. The letters made us smile, blush, roll our eyes or wipe a tear ... likely from laughter.

At the end of the night, almost every goodbye was paired with the question "so when will we do this again? 25, 10 or 5 years?" Just say the word fellow grads, and we can convene again!! Although there were many faces that were missed, the day was a success and confirmation that we as a class truly did succeed! Thank you to all of the educators who pushed us toward our bright future! **Submitted by Dana Kelunik** 



# Piano Man's band

Fifteen-year-old MBCI student **Kenny Ingram** played two shows as part of Muzikjakit Productions' presentation of "Long Long Time: A tribute to Billy Joel by his original 1971-72 touring band." The show, which recreated the show Joel performed at the Sigma Studio for Philadelphia's WMMR radio station in April 1972, played at rock club The Bitter End in New York City on Sept. 22 and at World Café Live in Philadelphia on Sept. 24. Ingram began playing classical piano at age four, but dropped it in favour of the guitar when he was seven. However, he became a Joel fan after MBCI choir teacher **Tim Taves** offered him a solo in For the Longest Time." By: **Dan Falloon** – The Herald (Canstar) Oct 3/13

# Spiritual Emphasis Week

Sept. 23-27, 2013 Speaker - Jeremy Kinniburgh, the Pastor of Discipleship at Vernon Alliance Church in BC. Students were challenged with the question – Do you love Jesus? It's only through knowing Jesus and his infinite love for us, that we can love others unconditionally. We ended the week by walking through the Student Council theme verse for the year – Thessalonians 5:14. Jon Buller ('89) and his band lead in worship through song and was joined by Fresh I.E. on the Friday.



- Adrian Enns (MBCI Campus Pastor)

# WiFi

MBCI has gone wireless - In the month of December, we began the WiFi deployment to all students with the normal filtering of traffic through our firewall.

# **Music Tour**

April 9-19, 2014 Concert Choir and Concert Band students in grades 10-12 will travel to Washington, D.C. and New York City as two of its major destinations. We are looking forward to making some more exceptional memories on Music Tour 2014!

- Tim Taves & Andrew Klassen ('82)

# **Project Based Learning (PBL)**

As a part of the program offered at MBCI, teachers are implementing PBL within the classroom. Guiding questions, multiple drafts, peer critique and exhibition are key components of PBL. Teachers and students continue to seek out connections within the community as a part of this work. If you see an opportunity in the community where students can be involved that connects to course content, please contact **Andrea (Buller '96) Neufeld – Sr. High Assistant Principal.** 

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THE LINK is Going Green! Let us know if you want future issues of THE LINK sent to your email. email munruh@mbci.mb.ca to subscribe today

# **MBCI Today Continued**

# Grandparent Day

On Oct. 17/13, approximately 300 Grandparents of Middle School students came to enjoy a day with their grandchild(ren). The day began with coffee/platz served at 9:30 am in the MBCI Red Gym. Ken Opalko welcomed the grandparents after which the students met their grandparent(s) and off they went to a chapel. Following chapel, they were off to enjoy a classroom experience. Naomi Dueck (gr. 6) commented "We got to show

them what we do all day!" At noon it was time for a Santa Lucia Pizza lunch in the Red Gym which was set for over 550 students/guests. Thank you to all the MS Staff and volunteers that came out to help. Mary Unruh/Event Manager

# **MBCI Staff Updates**



**Kim Tjart** Term Position Gr 9 & 10 Science



Jon Goossen ('81) High School Phys. Ed / Health Education

# **Opening Program Sept 24**

We are grateful for the 540 students and 64 staff! Habtemicael Beraki, Pastor of the Philadelphia Eritrean Church (MB) gave the prayer of dedication - committing MBCI to the Lord. The Grade 7 Choir, the Concert Band and Concert Choir performed for a full-house audience. A variety of updates were given in addition to the testimonials from new staff member. We appreciate the prayers of our supporting constituency!

#### Annual General Meeting (AGM) Oct 1

The following Board of Directors were elected/affirmed:

# **MBCI Board of Directors 2013/14**

Julie Doerksen **Richard Funk** Carolyn (Wall) Geddert ('84) **Carl Kauenhowen** Henry Klassen ('80) Nina (Zandstra) Labun ('90) Jerald Peters ('87) - Chair Michelle Redekopp Wendi (Ronald) Thiessen ('83) Alison (Enns) Bartel ('87) - Alumni Rep Tanya (Ewert) Boge ('90) - PAC Rep

#### Administration

Fred Pauls ('71) - Principal Andrea Buller ('96) Neufeld - Assistant Principal - Sr High Ken Opalko - Assist. Principal - MS Sherry Sukkau

- Director of Advancement/Recruitment Elwood Wiebe - Accountant, Business Manager David Bissell - Facilities Manager

# Scholarships & Bursaries

Thank you to the various Alumni Reunion classes that established the following Scholarships/Bursaries -

#### Grade 11- Class of '48 Scholarship of \$500:

Nathan Rempel - Awarded to a Gr. 11 student, who has worked hard, believes in Christian principles, and continues at MBCI for Grade 12.

# Grade 11 - Class of '50 Scholarships of \$200 each:

Awarded to students that retuned to MBCI for Grade 12. They display keen interest and creativity in Music or Creative Writing. Recipients in either category should demonstrate

concern and compassion for others, as well as commitment to Christian beliefs and values upheld at MBCI.

Creative Writing Scholarship - Courtney Stevens Music Scholarship - Bryson Debroni

# Grade 12 - Class of '54 Scholarship for \$500:

Josh Epp – is planning to attend CMU, Outtatown or Menno Simons College.

# Grade 11 - Class of '59 Sig Schroeder Memorial Bursary for \$200:

Abril Larsen – is a student who returned to MBCI for Grade 12. She displays positive Christian character and attitude of care for others.

# MBCI Alumni Scholarships of \$100 each:

Given to students who affirm the Christian values of the school, have demonstrated a positive attitude toward school and peers, show excellent academic effort and positive work habits.

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