

PERSPECTIVE

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THIRD TIME'S A CHARM

After capturing silver medals at Provincials for the last two years, Westgate's Varsity Boys Cross-Country Team finally broke through and won the medal their hearts desired – GOLD. The Varsity Boys team set a blistering pace and conquered a tough, hilly course at Spruce Woods to bring home the A-AAA Provincial Cross-Country banner. They were led by a tremendous individual performance by Ben Ryan, who finished third overall in AAA Boys. It could be that the mohawks helped, though wind tunnel tests have been inconclusive. Or, it could be that they ran so hard that some were throwing up and ready to pass out at the end. And really, that's all we ever asked of them. Well done, boys. ■



COACH OF THE YEAR



Arlene and Karl Wiebe

The 2010 Grey Cup Legacy High School Coach of the Year Award was presented to Karl Wiebe of Westgate Mennonite Collegiate. Karl has been coaching basketball, badminton and track for a total of 27 years. His teams took third place in 2006 and have captured the Provincial AAA Basketball Championships for the last two years. In addition to coaching, Karl has been soccer and volleyball convener in the zone. He literally has been the face of Westgate Athletics for the last 27 years. Westgate was pleased to see Karl receive this recognition of his outstanding leadership.



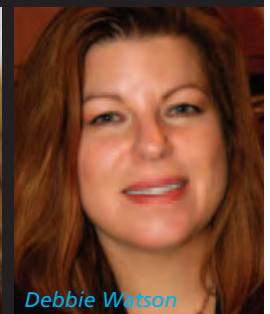
NEW STAFF

We welcome **KARINA FAST** (nee Klassen '92) as the newest member of our teaching staff. Karina brings a strong teaching background and boundless enthusiasm to our school. As one of our keenest students ever (!), Ms. Fast will certainly continue this tradition into her teaching.

Westgate also welcomes **DEBBIE WATSON** as our new Business Manager. Debbie comes to us with more than 20 years of finance and administration experience in a variety of businesses. As a former independent school student herself, Debbie looks forward to everything this opportunity has to offer.



Karina Fast



Debbie Watson

Pakistan Relief Dinner

Although school was not in session when the floods started rising in Pakistan, the hearts of staff and students were not on vacation. Even before the first day of school, Lindsay Unger (affectionately known as the Lunch Lady in the Westgate cafeteria) had instigated the idea of putting on a fundraiser to support relief efforts in Pakistan. When students heard of the idea, plans were quickly put in place. On Tuesday, September 28, students, Westgate families, and other supporters gathered in the Westgate cafeteria to share a simple vegetarian curry meal and learn about the disaster and the hope for restoring lives and property. The cafeteria was beautifully decorated with cloths and rugs from the flood affected area as well as on-loan Pakistani fair trade products as centrepieces. Kulsoom Mohammad, a local Winnipegger who has family in Pakistan, Paul Friesen from Mennonite Central Committee and a PowerPoint presentation prepared by students helped inform everyone.

At the end of the evening, \$3,361.15 had been raised to be channeled through MCC to the people in Pakistan. This money was later matched by the Canadian government, bringing the total to \$6,722.30. Many thanks to Ten Thousand Villages (Henderson and Plaza Drive), Grower Direct on Portage Avenue, the many families who donated groceries for the meal, our cooks Lindsay Unger and Libby Riediger, our guest speakers, and the students of the Peace and Justice Committee. All of you helped make this evening a successful fundraiser and an excellent learning opportunity. ■

Top photos: Guests enjoying the meal. Left: Lunch Lady Lindsay. Far left: Students Adrianna Friesen and Maria Reisdorf.



Westgate now accepts credit card donations online!!

We are pleased to announce that, for a one year trial period, Westgate will offer the convenience of credit card donations online through Canadahelps.org.



CAUTION: MENNONITE HISTORIAN AT WORK

In case you thought Ms. Thiessen was just relaxing somewhere on a beach, think again. She has been busy researching and presenting some of her work, including interviewing migrant workers in the U.S. In her words:

In August 2009, Westgate granted me a leave of absence so that I could accept a two year postdoctoral fellowship I was awarded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. This fellowship allows me to research and write a history of North American Mennonites' efforts to integrate their religious beliefs with their work experiences.

The research has given me the opportunity to interview more than 100 Mennonites and consult archives in Manitoba, Ontario, British Columbia,



Indiana, Ohio, and California. I've been inspired by the stories they chose to share with me. Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries in Elkhart, Indiana, invited me to present my research to their Peace/Mission colloquium. And I have had the chance to meet (and, in some cases, live with) several respected historians in my field, including James Urry, Marlene Epp, Perry Bush, John Roth, John Redekop, J. Lawrence Burkholder and Theron Schlabach.

I'm grateful to the Westgate community for giving me the gift of this experience. It has transformed and invigorated my understanding of and appreciation for Mennonite history and theology. I look forward to returning next September and exchanging ideas with a new group of Westgate students. ■ *Janis Thiessen, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, University of Winnipeg*

WESTGATERS AT

CAMP



The Westgate presence at summer camps is certainly obvious. Many of our current and former students give up much of their summer holidays volunteering or working at summer camps. While Westgate has always been well represented at Camps with Meaning, our students' influence is far-reaching and positive. For example, in addition to the many Camps with Meaning staff, the following students worked at other camps:

- Renee Peters** – Muskoka Woods
- Martin Bshouty** – Muskoka Woods
- Paul Currie** – Pioneer Camp
- Emma Ens-Maclver** – Pioneer Camp
- Graham Burke** – Salvation Army Pine Lake
- Krysten Kennedy** – Manhattan Beach Retreat Centre
- Erin Blaine** – CMU Sports Camps



The Varsity Boys team was fortunate enough to have National Men's Volleyball Team member Justin Duff join them for a practice. His participation and advice was much appreciated.



VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Thanks to former National Volleyball Team members **LORRIANN LUDWIG** (nee Sawatzky '90) and **MIKE MUNDAY** for their contributions to our 2010 August Volleyball Training Camp for Grade 9-12 students. It was a great week of learning and training.





JEWELS FROM THE JAWS OF A DRAGON

With the courage of Lancelot, the confidence of Galahad and armed only with a pen and his wits, Grade 7 student Joshua Layte prepared to face a dragon: CBC's "Dragon" Brett Wilson, that is. One of the hosts of the CBC hit show "Dragons' Den," Wilson was in Winnipeg for CBC's Open House two weeks before Westgate's 37th annual cyclathon. Josh showed up with his family, determined to seek a pledge.

"With all the media there, I was pretty sure he wouldn't say no to my request and was quite excited to ask," says Josh.

Josh quickly established a rapport with Wilson, who shared that his grandparents were Mennonite too. By the end of the visit, Josh had charmed the dragon and successfully secured a donation of a \$50 bill, signed by Wilson. Josh recalls his feeling after getting the donation: "It was awesome. First, I called my dad, and then I couldn't wait to tell my teacher."

Wilson's donation was the crown jewel in Josh's respectable fundraising efforts this year. "I raised quite a bit of sponsorship this year, but I'm feeling good and know I can do more for next year." John Loewen, Westgate's Director of Development,

applauds Josh's efforts. "We're quite proud of Josh's initiative. He took a unique opportunity to represent and support the school and he made the most of it. Not everybody will get a \$50 bill signed by a celebrity, but Josh shows that with some courage, you can feel support you didn't know was there."

Way to go, Josh. Great work. ■



FORMER WESTGATE STAFF JILL CLEGG

Greetings from Dubai! In some ways, this has been somewhat of a contrast to the Westgate experience. I am currently teaching Language Arts and Mathematics to two groups of Grade 3 girls. The first meets from 8:30 to 10:45. I teach the same lesson to the second group from 11:15 to 1:30 and finish each day with an hour of prep time. You can see why I might miss being in the gym.

I am living in the very heart of Abu Dhabi. It hasn't been difficult getting used to living centrally and three blocks from the beach at the same time. That's where you'll find me doing yoga, running and participating in a boot camp fitness class. There is always something going on. I actually just got home from a soccer game between Brazil and Iran. We have the Dubai Film Festival coming up, along with the F1 car race / festival and the Abu Dhabi marathon, in which I plan to run the half. Tough for me right now is trying to decide whether to spend my impending holiday travelling to Mumbai, Sri Lanka or Egypt and Jordan.

It's an absolutely amazing experience and I feel so blessed to be here. I am grateful to Westgate for providing an excellent opportunity for professional and personal development and helping to shape the experiences I am having today!



A HUGE, SOLD OUT SUCCESS!!

Under dark, threatening skies, a golf course full of Westgate alumni and supporters battled the wind and cool weather to enjoy our 5th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament at Bridges Golf Club in Starbuck.

With over \$47,000 raised, we were able to fully support the purchase of a 24-seat, coach-style bus that will serve the mobility needs of our band groups, sports teams and other student groups in

a way that we haven't been able to previously.

The rain held off as the golfers headed into Bridge's beautiful dining room for a scrumptious dinner of roast pork and a quick program that included a number of golf and door prizes. Congratulations to past Westgate teacher Bernie Neufeld, who won a 40" HD TV and BluRay player, and to current Westgate teacher Jennifer How, who won a catered, in-home gourmet meal for eight.

Many thanks to all our volunteers, golfers and sponsors who made this day such a terrific success.

Please visit our website to view pictures from this year's event and join us Tuesday, August 23, 2011 for our next great tournament at Bridges. It's not one to miss. ■



MIKE PETERS ST. CHARLES COUNTRY CLUB JUNIOR CHAMPION

As a leader on the Westgate senior golf team for the last four years, it was perhaps appropriate that Mike was recognized as the 2010 Junior Club champion at his home course, St. Charles. Thanks for your leadership and all the best in your golf future!

ALUMNI NEWS



WILLI PENNER ('94), pictured with Bob Hummelt and Ozzie Rempel, is teaching mathematics at Menno Simons School in Calgary. He was recently seen on CBC's "Dragons' Den," promoting a math board game called "Mathopoly." Despite getting rejected by the "Fab Five," Will received enough support from other investors to help get his plan off the ground. Way to go, Will!



We rejoice with **MARLA LANGELOTZ (nee Hildebrand '83)** and her family as she was recently installed as the lead pastor of Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church in Winnipeg. Marla looks forward to continuing the nurturing relationship between Westgate and its supporting churches.



LORRIANN (SAWATZKY) LUDWIG ('90)

"I feel as if my life has come full circle as my family and I celebrated a move back to Winnipeg over a year ago. To back up a bit, after playing volleyball and studying at the University of Manitoba for five years ('90-'95), I left Canada to play professional volleyball in Europe. I started with one season in France and then a two-year contract in Germany turned into 13 years, a German husband and two German/Canadian boys!

In January 2009, my husband was named head coach of the Canadian National Women's Volleyball Team ... and they train at U of M. Like I said, full circle.

So we left the beautiful city of Dresden and moved to Winnipeg in May 2009. There were many mixed feelings for all of us. Leaving friends and family in Germany was very difficult but at the same time, we were looking forward to Canadian friends, family and new challenges in Winnipeg. One year later, I can say it has been a huge transition and there are a lot of things we really miss about living in Germany. But for me, it's just nice to be home. I really enjoyed reconnecting with lots of old classmates as we celebrated a 20 year reunion back in June."

Matthew Thiessen Follow Up

For you dedicated Perspective readers, you may be interested to know how Matthew Thiessen's cycle across Canada ended. Our own Heidi Thiessen flew out to Halifax to meet him at the end of his ride and celebrate this outstanding accomplishment. All the teams combined cycled over 7,000 km. Matt himself rode approximately 2,700 km. He would like to thank everyone who donated to support this fight against Children's Cancer. Matthew alone raised \$40,000 and the total raised from all riders was over \$1.5 million. Wow!



UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG 2010 SPECIAL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Vaughn Boyer	Andrew Curtis
Aaron Janzen	Jonah Langelotz
David Long	Meagan Rempel
Arista Ryback	Molly Schaefer
Hans Schwarz	Christy Taronno
Matthew Thiessen	Brendan Wiebe
Justin Wiebe	

CMU SCHOLARSHIPS

Suzanne Braun	— MA Scholarship
Rachel Enns	— Church Service - G
Joshua Ewert	— Athletics - SP
Nicole Froese	— Academic Entrance - G
Christina Janzen	— Athletics - SP
Rebecca Klassen-Wiebe	— Academic Entrance - G
Rebekah Koop	— Academic Entrance - G
Jacob Miller	— Academic Entrance - G
Merridy Peters	— Academic Entrance - G

More ...

ALUMNI NEWS



REBECCA VANDERHOOF (’05)

completed her degree at the University of Winnipeg with a Bachelor of Science Honours. In 2008, Rebecca was chosen as the best among the best for a very prestigious NSERC funded research program. She has won numerous awards and scholarships, such as the Chancellor John A. Bulman Scholarship and the President’s Award of Merit. Rebecca’s interests extend beyond the field of research. She is a volleyball coach and a very skilled pianist. Her tutors describe her as someone who is highly organized, very motivated, independent and extremely devoted to research.

One of her professors states, “In my 30 plus years of teaching my 4000 level course, I have never had a student who has obtained a perfect grade on a mid-term or final examination, until Rebecca accomplished it.” In 2009, Rebecca conducted research at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and was selected to present her research at a conference at the University of British Columbia. She is currently enrolled in the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Medicine.



DAVID WIEBE (’98) and **ANDREA LOEWEN DE HAAN (’97)** with their daughter **Kaia Joy de Haan**, born August 22, 2010.



MARYANN GIESBRECHT (’08) was working at the Upper Fort Garry site in downtown Winnipeg during the spring of 2010. In her words: “This was an archaeology field school; it’s a third year course I’m taking for my major through the anthropology department at the University of Manitoba. The whole course only lasts six weeks. The trench that I am digging is situated where one of the warehouses located outside of the fort once stood before its first expansion. Some of the cooler artifacts I uncovered were bits of pane glass, blue print ceramic shards and a ‘grape shot’ which is a one-inch diameter musket ball fired from cannons for use on infantry. This field school has been great, though slightly physically exhausting.”



JI-HAE KIM (’00) finished a four-year dental program at McGill University and is currently working and living full time in Sydney, Australia. She is engaged to Daniel Suss and planning a wedding for September 2011. After that, their plan is to move to Toronto by December 2011. There are two exams to write, one in February 2011 and another in June 2011, after which Ji-Hae will be able to practice in Canada with her dental degree from Australia.

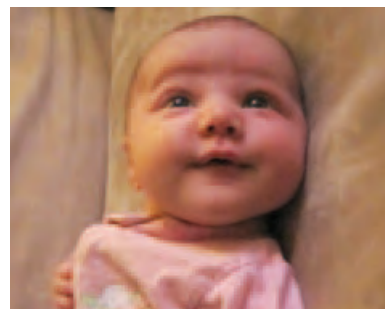


MICHAEL THIESSEN (’10) has been accepted in the Honours

Computer Engineering Co-op program at the University of Waterloo with the Richard and Elizabeth Madter entrance scholarship at \$3,500 and the President’s Scholarship of Distinction at \$2,000. He is residing at Conrad Grebel.



On August 21, 2010, **AILEEN DYCK (’97)** married Richard Sloane at St. John’s Anglican Cathedral, Winnipeg. Aileen is a PhD candidate at the U of Alberta and the daughter of long time Westgate staff member Ruth Dyck.



Anna Louise Mauer, Oct. 29, 2010. Proud parents are **ROBERT (’00)** and **ROSEMARIE (Hogue ’00) MAUER**.

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