



# Multilingual Association of Regina

## NEWSLETTER

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### MLAR President's Message

During the summer holidays, the Multilingual Association of Regina (MLAR)'s Board of Directors and its various committee members were working to plan activities for the Regina heritage language schools. We are sure all of the heritage language principals, teachers and volunteers are ready with their fantastic curriculum and innovative ideas to deliver language learning to their students. Our tentative forthcoming events are as follows, with more information to be made available as program delivery draws near.



- The annual Principals/Teachers fall meeting will take place on Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the South Leisure Centre starting at 7:00 P.M.
- An Open House special project for MLAR's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary together with the celebration of the Year of International Languages will take place on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 in the Balfour Collegiate auditorium from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- MLAR's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 at the South Leisure Centre starting at 7:00 P.M.
- MLAR and the Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages (SOHL) will jointly sponsor the next Teachers' Workshop entitled "Lesson Planning for Effective Classroom Management" on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Travelodge on South Albert Street.

Please make sure you participate in the above events as these are important to gain new ideas for the teaching of heritage languages involving both fun and personal involvement. I wish to personally thank the entire Board of Directors for their support and commitment. Thanks to our funding agencies, SOHL, SaskCulture and Saskatchewan Education, to the Principals of Balfour and Campbell Collegiates, the Regina Board of Education, Regina Multicultural Council, Immigrant Women and the Open Door Society for their support. Special thanks to you, heritage language school principals, teachers,

parents and students, and to Mr. Emile Carignan for his dedication and help as MLAR's Office Coordinator.

**Indu Jaiswal**

### Teacher Awards and AGM Night

The Annual Heritage Language Teacher Awards Night and MLAR AGM meeting was held on May 12, 2008 with approximately 100 people in attendance. Among the events that took place were awards presented to 3 teachers, an Honorary Membership Award presentation, and Recognition Plaques to two former MLAR Office Coordinators. Congratulations to the following who received the Heritage Language Teachers Awards 2007-2008:

#### New Teachers' Awards:

Left: **Yolanda Szeto**, Cantonese Language Teacher



Right: Hindi Language Teacher **Durga Chilka**

#### Long Term Teacher Award:

Punjabi Language Teacher **Inderjit Kamboz** received the Long Term Teacher Award. MLAR began offering two different Heritage Language Teacher Awards in 2006-2007 creating categories of Awards now referred to as New Teacher Award, and Long Term Teacher Award. Plans are to continue the two awards in future years.



At the Teachers Award Night, an honorary life membership plaque was presented to Dr. Shakeel Akhtar, President of SOHL, for his contributions to the heritage language community. In the photo, left to right: Senthil Damodharan, MLAR Secretary, Indu Jaiswal President, Ved Arora, Treasurer, and Dr. Shakeel Akhtar.



Others recognized were two former MLAR Office Coordinators: Severa Malanio (left), and Jeanette Pageot (center of photo on the right below).



Severa Malanio, Raphael Hwang, Jeanette, Nasim Ahmed

#### Newsletter Contributions from Schools

The last day of the 2007-2008 Greek language classes was May 10<sup>th</sup> and the Report Card Ceremony was held on May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Greek Orthodox Church Hall, where our students were recognized and honored for their achievements. Congratulations to all, and a special congratulation to Demetri Nicholas Kourles (pictured below), the Grade 6 student presented with the George Kodas Scholarship.



The picture above is of the Greek School staff, students and some parents, taken at the end of the school year. The school's year-end activity was held at the Golden Mile Bowling on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, thanks to the Greek Golf Charity Committee who covered the cost of that event, very much appreciated. (Photos and article submitted by co-principals Soula Selimos-Lowry and Petros Aiginitis)

**The Regina School of Chinese Studies** was founded by the Regina Chinese Alliance Church. The school's objectives are to teach the Cantonese and Mandarin languages and culture, including activities such as calligraphy, painting, handicrafts and games, to promote Christian beliefs based on Bible curriculum, and to serve as a bridge between the Church and Chinese communities. Cantonese and Mandarin textbooks are supplied by the Overseas Affairs Office of Taiwan in Vancouver, and the Chinese Consulate General in Calgary. Children of all ages and the public interested in learning Chinese are welcome. The school offers special interest classes in Chinese musical instruments, as well as Chinese yoyo (Diablo) as pictured below.



(Above article and photos Submitted by Raphael Hwang)

#### The Regina Japanese School

The Japanese School has been in Regina for some 10 years. Two classes are offered for children, one for 2-3 year old and another class for 4-10 year old. These classes are taught in Japanese by Japanese native speakers. There are also beginner classes for grade 7-8 and for high school students. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Madoka Otani by phoning 525-5725 or by e-mail [madokao@sasktel.net](mailto:madokao@sasktel.net)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Important Announcement

MLAR's Annual Principals' Meeting  
Will be held

On Tuesday September 2, 2008

At the South Leisure Centre

170 Sunset Drive, Regina

7:00 P.M.

"Planning the 2008-2009 Year"

## Announcement

The MLAR Professional Development Committee has begun planning for the Annual **Heritage Language Teachers' Workshop**. Tentative Dates of March 13 & 14 2009 have been selected. Location, Travelodge Hotel on South Albert Street, Regina.

Proposed Topics include Lesson Planning for Effective Classroom Management. Language classes for Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled for this workshop. More details to follow later.

## Announcement

Long-range Planning has also begun for the Annual

**Heritage Language Teachers' Award Night**.

Tentative Date is May 11, 2009, 6:00 P.M.

There has been a change in selection criteria. The New Teacher Award will be for Teachers with 1 to 4 years of teaching experience, and the Long Term Teacher Award will be for Teachers with 5 or more years of experience. Schools will be contacted later in the year For submission of names of recommended Recipients for above awards.

# ENTERTAINMENT

The photos below are of the 3 groups who provided entertainment at the **Heritage Language Teachers' Award Night** held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008





Pictured above, photo taken at Heritage Language Teachers Award Night, from Left to Right, MLAR Board Members Ved Arora, Indu Jaiswal, Mary Kolitsas, Tito Roman



Presented with a bouquet of flowers by MLAR President Indu Jaiswal at MLAR's Annual Heritage Language Teachers' Award Night on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 pictured above is the Honourable Laura Ross, MLA for Regina Qu'Appelle Valley, who represented the Honourable Ken Krawetz, Saskatchewan Minister of Education.

### Dates Collegiates Not Available

Balfour Collegiate will Not be available on the following dates which includes all Statutory Holidays

Dates Balfour Not available	Reason
Tuesday September 16 2008	Balfour Open House
Tuesday September 23	Balfour Awards Night
Saturday Oct 11 to Mon Oct 13	Thanksgiving weekend
November 7 to 11 inclusive	Remembrance weekend
Thursday November 13	3 way conferences
December 19 to January 4 2009	Winter Holiday
Wednesday February 11, 2009	Gr 8 Registration Night
February 13 to 16 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	Family Day Holiday
Wednesday March 8	3 way conferences
April 10 to April 19 inclusive	Spring Break
May 15 to May 18 inclusive	Victoria Day Holiday
Friday June 12, 2009	Last day regular classes

**Campbell Collegiate Not available on All Statutory Holiday weekends as well as on the following additional Saturdays:**

Month	Dates (Saturdays)
December	20 and 27, 2008
January	3, 2009
April	11, 18, 25, 2009

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