



# MESSENGER

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## Celebrating Culture & Pride

Marymound's signature event, its annual Family & Culture Day takes place on Wednesday, June 3.

If you've never been to it before, why not mark it on your calendar and plan to attend this year?

You'll enjoy a day of activities, food and entertainment showcasing the richness and beauty of First Nations and Metis culture.

A traditional Pow Wow, piping hot bannock and hearty stew, dancing, fiddling, drumming and magic will nourish your stomach *and* your spirit while you relax and savour the day.

Admission is free. There is plenty of free parking on surrounding streets. The City of Winnipeg has lifted the two-hour parking limit - so stay as long as you like!

**Family & Culture Day  
Wednesday June 3, 2009  
1- 7 p.m. on the grounds of  
Marymound School  
442 Scotia Street**

There are plenty of activities for kids, too, including face painting, games and a dunk tank (adults like this, too!).



We are delighted to welcome special guest performers the Asham Stompers, Fubuki

Daiko, Kevin Chief Metis Dance Group, Marlo the Magician, Little Hawk and the very popular Gaudry Boys. Host Drums will be the Spirit Sands Singers and Loud Eagle.

Marymound youth participate in all aspects of the event. A large proportion of youth at Marymound are of First Nations or Metis descent. Drumming, dancing and helping out throughout the day; they play an integral role in the celebration.

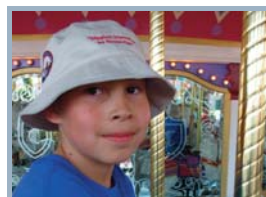
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"It's a wonderful way for our youth to learn about and appreciate their culture," said Charlene Calder, Aboriginal Cultural Coordinator at Marymound. "We invite everyone to join us for a day of fun, good food and tradition."

For information about Family and Culture Day, visit our website at [www.marymound.com](http://www.marymound.com) or phone us at **338-7971**.



## Around Town

### Marymound on the bus, at your grocery and convenience stores

**W**e're proud of the work we do - and we want everyone to know about it. That's why Marymound is launching an awareness campaign, perfectly timed in advance of Family and Culture Day.

annual Family and Culture Day. Watch for them as you place them at the end of your grocery order to separate them from the next customer's items.



Watch for our billboard on the Winnipeg Transit Community Relations Bus (photo at right) throughout the month of May. The bus travels a different route every day, so you never know when it will come to *your* community!

All 24 Mac's Convenience Stores in Winnipeg have agreed to have our attractive coin boxes on their counters (see photo at left).



And beginning on the second week of May until the first week of June, Sobey's at Rivergrove will have special adbars (see photo at right) touting our

## Have You Visited Marymound's New Website Yet? [www.marymound.com](http://www.marymound.com)



**E**arlier this year, we unveiled our new website - and it has been receiving rave reviews! Still at the same web address: [www.marymound.com](http://www.marymound.com), it now offers enhanced information about all Marymound programs and services, with more photos, online forms and up-to-date posts.

Potential employees can now apply online and coming soon, a monthly Enewsletter that will keep you informed about Marymound happenings.

You can subscribe to the Enewsletter on the website. Why not check out our beautiful new site today?



# Getting a Chance to Just be a Kid...

## Corporate programs send kids to camp and Disneyworld



Marymount youth living in care may not always have the same recreational opportunities as kids living at home with Mom and Dad. While our foster parents and group home staff strive to engage youngsters in sports, music lessons, and other activities and cultural events in the community, the "family vacation" just isn't a reality for many of our youth.



Daysha enjoying the great outdoors

Thanks to two caring corporate citizens, several Marymount young people were treated to fun times they will remember for years to come.

Three young girls headed to Kananaskis Country in the picturesque foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Alberta for a Spring Break to remember. Tim Horton's Children's Ranch offers tons of fun activities for kids such as horseback riding, rock climbing and white water rafting as well as other traditional camp activities.

Daysha jotted down a few words about her trip and stay at the camp. As you'll see, the plane ride itself was quite a highlight!



### Magical Memories for Special Kids

Dreams Take Flight Winnipeg provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for special children (aged 6-12) to be "a child for a day in Disneyworld." Air Canada donates the aircraft, Shell fuels the flight to Orlando, and

other businesses donate services and products. Air Canada employees and community members donate time year 'round to raise funds and plan the adventure.

THANK YOU!

*I had a good time at the camp. We first flew to the camp and it was neat to see the clouds. When we got there we found out which cabin we were in. We played lots of games. I was sad to say 'bye' to my friends.*

*by Daysha*

On April 22, seven Marymount youngsters from our Treatment Foster Care Program travelled with clinical case manager Beata Golinska to Orlando for a day of thrills and fun. They assembled at the airport at 3 a.m. for their 5 a.m. flight. From start to finish, the children were treated royally, with balloons and a big buffet before the flight. Everything was very well organized.

Once on the four-hour plane ride, Air Canada staff had the kids doing the wave, eating "junk food," watching movies and participating in a pillow fight. Upon arrival in Florida, they were whisked away in a special Disneyworld bus, and were amazed by the palm trees, bright sunshine. The three boys on the trip kept a lookout for stray alligators!



"The kids had a magical time," said Beata. "It was absolutely a dream come true for them." She and her charges poured over a map and selected the rides and places they wanted to visit. "Rainbow Train Roller Coaster was their favourite," she said. Splash Mountain offered welcome relief from the tropical heat. "They got to eat whatever they wanted - ice cream, burgers, slushies." Each child was invited to choose \$40 worth of souvenirs. "It was so sweet," said Beata. "They each picked something out for a sibling as well."

Returning to Winnipeg at 12:30 a.m., they were greeted by a welcoming group, including media, then given Mickey Mouse ears and goodie bags. "They had an amazing time," said Beata.





# Youth Making a Difference for Youth

**Y**outh in Philanthropy (YIP) is a program that introduces local high school students to philanthropy and community development. It provides hands-on experience that benefits participating students and local charities.

The annual program begins in September, when participating schools form Youth Advisory Committees. The committees are each allocated \$5,000 to distribute to charities of their choice. Students first discuss their values and the goals of their committees. They then begin researching potential charities - conducting interviews and going on site visits in the community. Youth Advisory Committees then consider the input of each student and decide how to allocate the group's grant making funds. They present written recommendations to the Board of The Winnipeg

Foundation for final approval.

This year, Marymound has been fortunate to receive two \$1,000 grants - one from St. John's Ravenscourt School's YIP committee and one from Miles Macdonell Collegiate's. Funds are designated toward a karaoke machine or treadmill and library supplies and equipment for Marymound School.

A formal presentation of the grants and celebration of the 10th anniversary of Youth in Philanthropy is taking place May 12 at Canad Inns Fort Garry, Celebrations Theatre and representatives from Marymound are proud to attend.

We are grateful to the two school committees for choosing Marymound as 2009 grant recipients. The support will greatly enhance the programs we offer at our school.



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