

# Principal's Message

As you read this newsletter, students have completed the first term of the 2010 – 2011 school year, and the Winter Break is fast approaching. The fall has been very busy for staff and students with curricular demands and a host of activities in our extracurricular program. The Winter Break will offer a well deserved rest for all.

Students have been issued their Term 1 report cards, which summarize progress toward achieving the learning outcomes for each course on a student's timetable. The percentage assigned as a mark for each course is a measure of a student's achievement in the course. Each teacher also reports on a student's work habits in a course and provides one or two comments intended to offer further insight into the student's mark and/or work habits. Comments often describe what a student is able to do, suggest areas that require attention to ensure student success and offer suggestions for additional support that may be necessary to extend a student's learning. If parents have questions about course grades, work habits or comments, they should contact the teacher of the course, directly.

Magee students have many wonderful opportunities to engage in activities that broaden their educational experience. Highlights from the fall season include:

- \* A day filled with snow as students in our Grade 10 Social Studies classes learned about

the Wind Turbine on Grouse Mountain where they participated in a presentation on wind energy, saw some live wolves and grizzly bears - up close, and participated in a Hiwas First Nations presentation.

- \* Our talented Art students having their work on display at the Vancouver Hycroft Gallery for the month of December.
- \* Our Senior Boys' Soccer Team winning the City Championships and earning a spot in the Provincial Tournament. (Unfortunately, snow in late November cancelled the tournament which has been rescheduled for the spring.)
- \* Students in our junior food classes spending a day in September on three farms in the Fraser Valley. Students visited a hazelnut, cheese and dairy farm to learn about the origin of the products that are part of our diets.
- \* Final preparations for our sustainable garden project that is being undertaken by students in our Environment Club. Students expect our planter box garden supported by organic compost to be underway in spring.
- \* An afternoon of music at our 34<sup>th</sup> annual Seniors' Tea. Seniors from our community as well as alumni and former staff members were treated to a special concert by our String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and Chamber Choir. Mr. Dal Richards, a Magee grad, was our honoured guest.

Thank you to the staff for their dedication and commitment and

for making these experiences possible. Also, thank you to our parent community for supporting the school.

## Student Scholarship

I am pleased to report that fourteen students from our 2010 graduating class earned \$1,000 Provincial Scholarships last year. Additionally, seventeen students received \$1,000 District Scholarships for their outstanding achievement in four areas: Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Second Language Studies and Physical Activity. The names of our Provincial and District Scholarship recipients are published in this newsletter. Congratulations to our 2010 recipients for continuing Magee's fine tradition of excellence!

## Changes in Staff

Since the August newsletter, we have had a few changes to our staff. Joining the Magee teaching staff is Ms A. Enthoven in the Fine Arts Department, teaching Junior Drama and Senior Acting. Ms A. Loy has returned to Magee, teaching courses in the ESL and Math Departments. New to the Special Education Department as Student Support Assistants are Ms J. O'Flaherty and Mr. H. Reazo. Finally, Ms K. Wong has joined our office staff, taking on the responsibilities for student records.

*To all staff, students, parents and members of the Magee Community  
Have a wonderful  
holiday and best  
wishes for a healthy,  
happy and  
prosperous 2011!*



Mr. R. George, Principal

### Extended Vacations

Increasingly, over the last few years, a number of students have been absent from school due to extended family vacations. The school calendar for 2010 to 2011, previously distributed and available on the Magee website ([www.mageelions.ca](http://www.mageelions.ca) click on **Parents**), identifies the holiday periods - including an additional ten school closure days.

Evaluation of a student's learning is based on the work of a whole year. It is important for students to be in classes on the days when school is in session unless they are absent due to illness, a family emergency or prior approval to participate in a school field trip or event. Your support in planning vacations during **scheduled holidays** would be appreciated by our teaching staff.

### Year-End Dates

At the end of the school year in June, students in all grades will write school exams and students in grades 10 – 12 will write Provincial Exams. For students in grades 8 and 9, the last day for school exams will be Monday, June 20. For students in grades 10 – 12, Provincial Exams will be held from Tuesday, June 21 to Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. The June Provincial Exam schedule can be found on the Ministry of Education's website: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/andbook/schedules.htm>. It is expected that students will be in attendance for their exams.

## Message from the Vice Principals...

We have had another great first term at Magee! Magee is an extremely busy place, with many exciting opportunities for students both inside and outside of the classroom. From the early morning to late into the evening we are fortunate to see, and hear, the excitement and the buzz that these opportunities bring. The students continue to amaze us with their perseverance, work ethic and talent, and we thank the staff for working tirelessly to provide so many rich and meaningful opportunities for our students. We hope that the first term has been an enjoyable experience for all.

The Winter Season is now upon us and it brings performances, athletic events, fundraising initiatives, and the first term report cards! With this Magee Newsletter you have received your son's or daughter's first term report card. Over the following three weeks or so the counsellors and administrators will be reviewing student achievement, and speaking to our students about learning. Students who are having difficulty achieving success will be encouraged to set goals, to talk about those goals with family, friends, teachers and coaches, to take action to achieve those goals, and to evaluate their own success throughout the second term. Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> and online registration will be open on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration details can be found on the Magee website. We look forward to seeing you there.

Magee staff would like all of our students to enjoy many successes and have the best educational experience possible. In order to be a successful student, it is vital that students attend all their classes regularly and are on time for all their classes. Please help your son or daughter to understand the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Moreover, please encourage your child to take advantage of the extra help teachers offer to students having difficulties with the course content.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and the best of the holiday season. Please find the time to enjoy good food, family and friends. Happy New Year!

*Ms R. Samra-Gynane, Vice Principal  
Mr. G. Taylor, Vice Principal*



## PAC Message

Thank you to everyone who donated money to Magee with the August welcome package. Your generosity was greatly appreciated! Funds raised by parent donation went to specified causes such as:

- Athletics Department equipment
- Library books
- Queen Alex Club
- Magee Scholarship Fund
- Replacement of the old Business Education Computer Lab

While we are not currently fundraising, PAC will be participating in the Magee Market Fair to be held February 25, 2011. We traditionally hold a popular 50/50 draw and also take part in the Silent Auction. We are accepting donations toward the

Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating, or need more information we can be reached by email at [pac.magee@gmail.com](mailto:pac.magee@gmail.com)

Our fall PAC meetings were well attended and we are looking forward to further presentations in the new year. We would like to encourage everyone to come out to the Course Planning Night on February 2, 2011. There will be a PAC Workshop starting at 8pm that same evening. In the Spring (March 8) PAC will again sponsor "Teens and Healthy Eating Choices," with Sandra Greer and Susan Jung.

We would like to wish everyone in the Magee community the very best of this holiday season!

*Kate Mitchell / Barbara Holley,  
PAC Co-Chairs*

## The Magee Music Society

In late November, the Magee atrium was filled with gorgeous poinsettia plants as we held our Magee Music Society annual Poinsettia Sale fundraiser. The unexpected snowfall added an additional challenge, but our wonderful parent and student volunteers did a fabulous job quickly unloading and sorting over six hundred plants. Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters! This will be my last year as Chair of the Magee Music Society, and I will miss the traditions established over the years, and the kind, thoughtful, dedicated people that I have met. You are truly an amazing group!



Our annual Magee Market Fair is another great way to meet other parents and volunteers. This year's Magee Market Fair is on **Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**! The Market Fair is a school-wide event, similar to a night-market, organized by students and parents for both the students and the community. Lots of music, wares, food, fun and entertainment! See you at the Market!

If you have any items you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, or to be used books/CDs/DVDs/ Xbox/ video sale, we would be grateful if you would set them aside over the holidays. Also, those wishing to arrange a Market Fair vendor table, please contact May Ng in the Magee office.



So far this year, we have purchased another French horn and provided several clinician workshops. The Chamber Choir enjoyed the Whistler retreat which featured Dr. Geoffrey Boers. The fall included a busy concert schedule with numerous performances by the different components of the music department, including choirs, concert bands, jazz bands and strings. We also enabled students to fundraise for their travel credits. This year, the Symphonic band will attend the Whistler Music Festival in the spring and there is huge anticipation amongst the Wind Ensemble, Chamber Choir and Strings, as the departure date for this year's **International Tour of Europe** draws ever closer!

With very best wishes to all for the holidays!  
*Mrs. L. Satterfield  
Chair, Magee Music Society*

## Athletics News ...

Magee Athletics had a very successful fall season. Our Senior Boys Soccer team won the City Championships. They then advanced through the Zones and then qualified for the Provincial Championships which will be held in the spring at 8 Rinks. The Juvenile Boys' soccer team had a fantastic season, finishing third in the city and they had a fantastic time playing together.

Volleyball fielded a full six teams this season with five teams qualifying for the City Championships. The Juvenile Girls team won the bronze medal in their playoffs. The Junior Boys hosted the City Championships and made it to the finals, where they lost a close game to earn the silver medal. We would like to thank all of the fans that came out to this final. It was an amazing atmosphere.



Magee fielded a grade 8/9 combined rugby team this fall of 30 boys, who played in the grade 9 league. The boys grew a lot throughout the season. They ended up getting to the quarter finals, where they narrowly missed advancing to the semi-finals. The boys would like to thank their coaches for their hard work: Owen Leggat, Jack Basterfield and Graeme Minty.

## The Senior Boys' Soccer Team

enjoyed a magical season that ended with frustration. They played well in their league games with a 5-2-1 record to be seeded



#2 going into the City Playoffs. A win over Point Grey in the semi-finals meant a showdown with Kitsilano in the Final.

Down 0-2 with 15 minutes left, Boris Si scored 2 goals to tie the game and sent it into overtime, which then led to a shootout. The boys won the shootout and with it their first City Championship since 2003. In the Zones the boys defeated Lord Byng and Kitsilano, again, to earn their first Provincial Tournament berth since 2006. Sadly, the snow denied the boys the chance to play and the Tournament will now be held in the Spring. The team has been led all season by its wonderful senior back line of Austin Kao, Michael Schmidt and Joel Xu and co-captains Spencer Wong and Luke Wallace. J. B. McEowen has been a phenomenal goal scorer and leads the team (if not the league) in scoring with 16 goals. Co-coach Peter Grippo has been essential to the team's success. Bring on the Spring!

*F. Gault,  
Senior Boys' Soccer Coach*

## Counselling Department

Our Peer Counsellors had an excellent retreat at Camp Alexandra in White Rock and they have been busy this fall helping our grade 8 and ESL students through their first term of school. The Grade 8 Barbeque was a great success

and the class discussions on "Fitting In vs Belonging" and "Bullying and Cyberbullying" have been quite effective.

The Post Secondary Liaison Morning and the UBC Information Night, along with other visits from other post secondary institutions that Mrs Buchanan has arranged, have provided excellent opportunities for our senior students to find out about their options after high school.

The PSAT sitting in October provided a good opportunity for some of our grade 10 and 11 students to try this challenging timed test. The results are available - please see your friendly counsellor.

We wish everyone good health and much happiness over the holidays.

*Mr. Dave Chevreau,  
Department Head, Counselling*

## Environment Club



The Magee Environment Club has passed the 10 year milestone and currently consists of 70 members. This group of innovative and diligent students has made an amazing effort to help make Magee a greener place. The club is responsible for the weekly recycling of beverage containers and hard plastics. In liaison with the Magee Leaders Program, Magee's first composting system has been established as well. These environmental stewards also invest time in outdoor

learning. In term I, members had the opportunity to visit the Reifel Bird Sanctuary and Spanish Banks.

This year, the Magee Environment Club is taking on an ambitious project---the building of Magee's first school garden! The garden will be located on the east side of Magee, near the parking lot. Its major purposes are to beautify the school corner and to involve students in the growing of local produce.

The Magee garden will grow organic vegetables, herbs, fruit, evergreen trees, and flowers. We hope it will eventually have its own shed, fencing and greenhouse. The team will set up systems of composting, watering, and irrigation. Portions of the garden beds will be distributed to different teachers and student groups that are willing to plant and look after their own areas.

In October, a Garden Team was formed within the club. This group of passionate students which meets every



second Wednesday, recently visited Windermere Secondary's garden to learn how best to plan the garden. In November, a Garden Designing Contest was held; Magee students and teachers had the chance to vote for their favourite entries. Currently, seven senior students and one of the club's sponsor teachers--Ms Sewerin-- have taken on the leadership positions of this wonderful project. The garden team is currently sourcing materials and tools for the project and we are hopeful that the garden construction will begin mid-January.

The Magee Environment Club would like to thank Ms Sewerin, Mr. Yeung-Meadows, Mr. Sheldan, and Ms Lehman for their unwavering commitment, Mr. George, Mr. Taylor, Ms Samra-Gynane, and Mr. Lal for their special support, and all of the amazing members for making this club as successful as it has become! Keep up the great work everyone!

*Miranda Wang and Jeanny Yao,  
Co-Presidents - Magee Environment Club*

## **Music Department**

The 2010 school year got off to an exciting start for the Music department with the meeting of the new section leaders on September 9. The Senior Jazz Band was invited to perform at the retirement party for VSB Associate Superintendent, Laurie Anderson on September 21 at the Vancouver Lawn and Tennis Club. They also performed at the Music Society welcome night on Sept 29. This year we welcome Mr. Russell Cripps to our teaching team. Mr. Cripps has been teaching two grade 8 bands.

The Wind Ensemble started taking part in a two year program with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra called VSO Connects. In September, we welcomed hornist Ben Kinsman and violinist Robin Braun to the band room to prepare us for our visit to the VSO. The Wind Ensemble all attended the Orpheum for an inspiring VSO concert on Oct. 1 and 4. On Oct. 26, seven VSO musicians came to Magee to teach sectional classes to the Wind Ensemble. They will

return in January, as will the VSO conductor, Bramwell Tovy.

November was a very busy month for concerts, beginning with the Ryerson Fall concert on November 4. The music department once again organized and presented the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 10 with performances by the Chamber and Concert Choirs, Drama students and the Wind Ensemble. November is Vancouver School Board Festival month. The both Jazz bands performed at the Point Grey Jazz Festival on Nov. 18. The grade 9 band performed at Churchill on Nov. 9. Once again this year, Magee hosted the senior night of the Vancouver Concert Band Festival. Eleven bands from nine different schools showcased their talents in the Magee Theatre. Both the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble were outstanding models of music excellence. The grade 8 and 9 bands shared the stage with two bands from Maple Grove and McKechnie on Nov. 23. We closed out the year with two wonderful nights of Christmas concerts on Dec. 14 and 16. Thanks to all our students and parents for your hard work. We wish you a wonderful holiday.

*Mr. Haas, Fine Arts Department  
Mr. Quan, and Mr. Cripps – Band Teachers*

### **Choir & Orchestra Notes**

Happy Holidays to one and all! We are coming into the heavy holiday concert season again and we all have that holiday glow on our faces and in our hearts. We've had our first snowfall and that has really gotten us into the spirit of the season!

Our November was spectacular, beginning with our packed Ryerson Fine Arts Night at Ryerson United Church, during which all our groups played and sang incredibly well. The standing room only audience enjoyed an amazing night of song and musical storytelling.

Later on in the month, the Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jr. and Sr. Jazz Bands, Grade 9 Band and both Grade 8 Bands all participated in separate district festival events where they all once again proved why Magee Music is at the pinnacle of secondary music in the lower mainland. Audiences all cheered loudly for the Magee Ensembles and our groups performed with great musicality, intent, confidence, beauty and humility. At every event our students represented Magee extremely well as ambassadors for our school by behaving with proper concert etiquette and deep respect towards all groups and their level of experience. We are very proud of all our groups for not only sounding so good and working so hard, but also for looking and acting the part of a citizen of the Magee Music Department. Comments from other students and teachers from other schools included, "Thank you for sharing that with us, I was so inspired by your performance" and "Even though I couldn't understand the language, I closed my eyes and as you sang, I saw the whole story unfold in front of me. Your performance changed my life." December is going to be a fantastic month filled with lots of beautiful music and many concerts. On Tuesday December 7th, it was the return of our fabulous Seniors' Tea

Concert held in our Atrium. People arrived between 1:00-1:30 pm. The concert began at 1:30 pm and included the String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and the Chamber Choir. Following that, on December 9, the Chamber Choir performed for the Ryerson Seniors Luncheon, a community event that we do every year. Students then performed on Saturday the 11th at Shaughnessy Heights United Church at 8pm with the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir. This is always an amazing concert that is always sold out. The next morning, the Chamber Choir was at St. Stephen's United Church at 10:00 am to sing for their morning service, another annual community event. The following evening, we sang at Magee at 7:30 pm with the Little Night Music Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Peter Stigings, former band director here at Magee. We have our winter concerts on Tuesday and Thursday, starting at 7:00 pm both nights in the Magee Auditorium. Tuesday night featured the Concert Choir, Grade 8 and 9 bands, Junior Jazz Band, and Chamber Choir, and Thursday the 16th will feature the Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Senior Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Chamber Choir.

December will be an unbelievable month and we are looking forward to seeing you at any or all of our concerts. We wish you all the joy and happiness in the world and hope that you have a safe and memorable winter season filled with friends, family, and a lot of love.

*G. Quan, Choir Director*

## Queen Alexandra Club

This is the second year that the Queen Alex Club has been led by a student group of compassionate and dedicated students – the Queen Alex Club Counsel. The club is currently 40 members strong and meets every Monday at lunch in room 214.

In October, club members took part in the "Halloween for Hunger" canned food drive by collecting non-perishable food from the Magee neighbourhood. In total, over 20 boxes of food was collected and delivered to Queen Alex.



Just in time for the holiday season, the Queen Alex Club, along with the Magee community, provided toques and mitts for all kindergarten students and treats and books

for the other 7 divisions at Queen Alexandra. On December the 16th, twenty students delivered the toques and mitts and spent time doing Christmas crafts, singing Christmas carols, and sharing a turkey lunch with everyone at Queen Alex. Club members even wrote "Elf Letters" back to a class at Queen Alex to spread holiday cheer! QA Club members are corresponding with a Grade 3/4 class this year and have already shared lunch and given each of their buddies a new book. Thanks to Ms. Archbould and her Grade 10 Leaders group and Ms. Smith and some of her art students for

welcoming our little buddies into their classes during the visit. Mr. Gault and his Gr. 10 English class are also corresponding with a QA class.

When it was announced that Queen Alexandra was one of the schools short-listed for closure, the club council began collecting signatures for a petition from the Magee student community, respectfully requesting that the Vancouver School Board not close the school. On November 9th, the club council made a presentation about our unique and mutually beneficial partnership to the VSB at a public hearing. We presented posters showcasing 9 years of fun, a lengthy list of the many activities/fundraisers we have done, along with a petition signed by over 900 students. On December 6th, Mr. Mike Lombardi (VSB Trustee of Magee, Queen Alex and several other schools) was invited to observe a student-run Queen Alex club meeting. The final decision on school closures will be made on December 14.

The Queen Alex Club is looking forward to the upcoming Market Fair in February and our annual "Legs for Literacy Walkathon" in the spring. We would like to thank the Magee community for their continued support of this partnership.

*Miranda Wang & Yuwei Wei  
Co-Chairs, Queen Alex Club*

## August 2010 Provincial Scholarships Recipients

Chan, Joanne      Chau, Rebecca  
 Cheung, Hang Yee      Cheung, Tim  
 Hill, Kiera      Law, Samuel  
 Lin, Debbie      Ng, Curtis  
 Paterson, Madelyn      Satanove, Doran  
 Tai, Alice      Yang, Jing Shen  
 Yip, Fiona      Yip, Meng Zhen

## June 2010 District Scholarships Recipients

Bow, Scott      Carter, Heather  
 Chan, Joanne      Chen, Isabel  
 Chiu, Kellie      Fralic, Coco  
 Graham, Chelsea      Hung, Amanda  
 Lin, Debbie      Melville, Adrienne  
 Ng, Curtis      Read, Jordan  
 Steele, Charlsie      Tai, Alice  
 Timmenga, Cassandra      Yip, Fiona  
 Zhang, Victoria

## 2010-2011 PAC EXECUTIVE

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**CO - CHAIRS:**  
 BARBARA HOLLEY  
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## 2011 DATES

**JAN** 04 School Re-opens (Tuesday)  
 11 Immunization Clinic  
 13 Ski and Snowboard Club Trip  
 19 Collaborative Time, 9:45 start  
 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 21 **PROFESSIONAL DAY**  
**FEB** 02 Course Planning Night 7:00 pm /  
 PAC Workshop 8 pm  
 7-8 Math Midterms  
 09 Players Performance 7:00 pm  
 11&14 **DISTRICT CLOSURE DAY**  
 17 Ski and Snowboard Club Trip  
 18 **PROFESSIONAL DAY**  
 23 Collaborative Time, 9:45 am start  
 25 Market Fair 5:00-9:00 pm  
**MAR** 03 Massed Band Concert 7:00 pm  
 08 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm  
 09 End of Term II / Ski & Snowboard Club  
 09 Wind Ensemble Concert @ Chan Centre 8  
 pm  
 10 Art Show 6:00-8:00 pm  
 13 Farewell Music Tour Concert 2:00 pm  
 17-28 Music Europe Tour  
 19-01 **Spring Break**  
**APR** 05 Report Cards Issued  
 11 Wind Ensemble & ALNM 7:30 pm  
 12 Euclid Contest  
 13 Collaborative Time, 9:45 start  
 14 Choir Concert at Magee 7:00 pm

16-21 Art Trip to New York  
 21 **PROFESSIONAL DAY**  
 22 **GOOD FRIDAY**  
 25 **EASTER MONDAY**  
 28 Symphonic Band to Whistler  
**MAY** 03 Immunization Clinic  
 4-6 Mainstage Musical  
 11-13 Mainstage Musical  
 05 Big One at 2:00 pm  
 11 Collaborative Time, 9:45 start  
 11 Gauss Contest  
 12 Avogardo / Chem 11 Prize Exam  
 17 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm (AGM)  
 18 T.R.U. Chem 11/12 Prize Exam  
 19 Chem 13 News Prize Exam  
 20 **DISTRICT CLOSURE DAY**  
 23 **VICTORIA DAY**  
 24 **PROFESSIONAL DAY**  
**JUN** 03 Grad BBQ  
 06 ALNM & Magee Strings 7:30 pm  
 7&9 Spring Music Concerts 7:00 pm  
 10 Music Dept Breakfast 8:00 am  
 14 Awards Assembly  
 15 School Exams Start (15,16,17 & 20)  
 16 Graduation Ceremony 7:00 pm  
 21-29 Provincial Exams  
 29 Report Cards Issued: 9:00-10:00 am  
 30 Administrative Day

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## Magee Tourism Hosts 'The Haunted Hallway'



On Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, our senior Tourism students hosted Magee's first-ever 'Haunted Hallway'! In a fundraiser planned just in time for the Hallowe'en weekend, the third floor Math hallway was transformed into a mini house of horrors. The entrance was decorated with eerie jack-o'-lanterns, witches and skeletons, as our masked guides greeted our guests and nudged them through the creepy surprises waiting just inside the doors! In the anteroom, the haunting message was 'enter . . . if you dare' . . . students held their breath as they first approached the 'Deathly Dining Hall'. Our student host, dressed as an evil ghostly figure, offered our guests an assortment of ghoulish 'eats'. The Victorian lord of the manor cut quite a figure . . . literally . . . as he contemplated the severed head of his dinner guest! As our guests moved through the hallway they encountered the 'Dastardly Graveyard'. No rest for the wicked here!! Complete with giant spiders, bobbing bats, and cracked tombstones, the graveyard yielded a variety of nasty corpses as they emerged from the dead with their messages of dread! At last, our guests



were delivered to the 'Lab of Doom' where students acted as test subjects for the work of our 'frighteningly mad scientist'! You could count on a missing leg or two, popping eyeballs, and the odd lonesome finger as you slipped your way through this ugly dungeon. After testing the many concoctions of the lab . . . brains, kidneys, beakers of blood . . . YUK!, our screaming and weak-kneed guests were finally permitted to exit. The hallway was decorated to extremes, with fog machines, strobe lights, and candles, and dripped with masses of spiderweb and creepy cloth clinging to the walls!

The energy and enthusiasm brought to this great new event was spectacular, and the students and staff who were high-spirited and brave enough to enter Magee Tourism's 'Haunted Hallway' had a fabulous time! And now the best news . . . we were able to raise just over \$500 for First United Missions on the Downtown Eastside. Donations are still being accepted by Magee Tourism should you wish to contribute.

A huge thank you to the many staff and students who made this event

possible . . . including our Magee administration, our custodians, the many teachers who willingly relocated for much of the day, our Magee Tech Crew, the students who were temporarily displaced from their lockers, our resident 'mad scientist', Ms. Sewerin, and all those who attended and so kindly donated! And a special thank you to our Magee Students' Council for including our event in your fantastic Hallowe'ek!!

Contributed by: Lucas Simon

### Global Connection Bottle/Can Drive

**January 8, 2011**

Please save your holiday bottles and cans. Watch for our leaflets!

