



Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide students with an education based on scripture, the Christian perspective is integrated into every aspect of study.

To acknowledge the Lordship of Christ and to develop the students' understanding of their own relationship to God as well as their relationship to others and creation.

To provide an education which allows children to reach their potential academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically.

To direct students in development of Christ-like character.

To prepare students to be of service in the community.

Principal's Pen

Last week schools across Alberta celebrated Education Week with various activities scheduled to mark the event. The theme selected this year was Education: The Heart of the Community. Likewise at our school a variety of activities were scheduled that focused on our involvement at different levels of community; locally, provincially and on a global basis.


One event, our "Friendship Lunch" held on Thursday offered staff and students the opportunity to get to know someone that they did not interact with before on a regular basis, as individuals shared food and fellowship. Our annual Privilege Week is used to raise monies for PACS (Prairie Association of Christian Schools) Curriculum Resource Fund. The monies raised are used by PACS to develop resources that Christian schools within the Prairie Provinces use. Funds are raised through students in our various classes are given opportunities to purchase privileges that are not afforded to students on a regular basis. Also on Tuesday night of last week saw our school community come together in our gym to celebrate the talents God has gifted our students with in the area of art and in a talent show. During this time students, staff, and community members for a small fee, could sample traditional dishes from many of the over twenty different nationalities represented at our school. The profits from this event were in support of a Christian School that we support in the Dominican Republic.

These events showcased how our school and students are active in community at various levels, but I guess if I had to pick a highlight of the past week's activities it would be a round table forum that was organized to give our present junior high students the opportunity to learn from past experiences of former students. Former graduates of FMCS; Tim Jackson, Jessica and Samantha Hoehne, Rachele and Ryan Hlushak, Damaris Lichti and Zak Klammer were asked various questions pertaining to how had attending FMCS helped or hindered their studies. These students were very open about their experiences while at the school and the message that came across was that our school academically prepares students for high school and the biblical values emphasized at FMCS was very helpful as they interact in a social environment that is more hostile than that experienced at FMCS. One statement made by Zak Klammer was that "You really don't realize how good you have it here until you leave".

Schools try to do a good job at teaching about all things. We are blessed at Fort McMurray Christian School to have a school which teaches about "all things" while it is equipped with the knowledge of the One who made it all and holds it all together. This is the heart of the education that we try to deliver to the students in our community at Fort McMurray Christian School.

Mr. Joe Champion
Principal

FMCS BOARD MEMBERS



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Tickets Now on Sale



The night everyone has been asking about it fast approaching. After experiencing great success from last year's wonderful gala event we would once again, like to present the community of Fort McMurray with an elegant and fun evening featuring entertainment by returning Christian Comedian, Gery Schubert.

*Friday June Eleventh
Two Thousand Ten
The Sawridge Inn and Conference Center
Doors open Six o'clock p.m.*

We ask that you please consider partnering with us to help make this another memorable and successful evening. The Fort McMurray Christian School relies on fundraising like *The Giggles & Gala* to raise the additional funding required to operate the school. It has been through a variety of generous donors, that we were able to make *Giggles and Gala* our most successful fundraiser last year. Again this year we are asking for your generous support through a monetary or auction donation or by purchasing tickets. Fort McMurray Christian School Society is a registered charity and will issue donation receipts for all donations.

We appreciate your generosity and look forward to rolling out the red carpet for you and your special guests at *Giggles & Gala "A Night at the Oscars"*

*Fort McMurray Christian School;
providing Christian based education to today's youth
for tomorrow's leaders.*

Intent to Register Forms

To help facilitate planning for the 2010-2011 year we ask all families to fill out a form indicating their intentions to return to FMCS in the fall. If you did not receive one (or have misplaced it please call the school office). We ask for these to be back by Monday May 10.

Thank you from PACS Resource Fund

During Christian Education Week April 26 to May 2 we held our annual fundraiser, Privilege Week for Christian Resources. A big thank you to all parents for your contribution to this endeavor. This year overall we raised \$1100.00 from students **and staff (staff contributions were made as a result of having a casual dress day on Fridays this year)**. Schools affiliated with the Prairie Association of Christian Schools (PACS) complete similar fundraisers for this venture and our school has led the way for the past 5 years. This year with an average of \$13.58 per child you have placed our school in a great position to win for a sixth consecutive year again. Again thank you for helping provide Christian Perspective resources to the PACS school communities.

Art and Culture Night a Big Success



On Tuesday April 27 we held our annual Art and Culture night to raise funds for a Christian School in the Dominica Republic. This is our third year to support this school. The evening consisted of an Art Show featuring the work of our students and a Talent Show.

We also enjoyed food from around the world with our families bringing dishes from different culture and purchasing tickets for samples of these yummy items. The evening resulted in \$586.00 being raised for World Wide Christian Schools. Thank You to so many of our school families and the staff that made this wonderful evening such a success. We are truly blessed at FMCS to have such a wonderful and caring membership. Glory be to our Lord!!

Garage Sale & BBQ



The FMCS annual garage sale scheduled for Saturday May 15 at the Evergreen Christian Reformed Church parking lot (weather

permitting). Please start saving those treasures to donate. We also will be doing a recycling collection. **Volunteers needed** to man the BBQ and to help with the sale. Please let the office know if you are available to help sort/price the week before or on the morning of. The funds will go toward sporting equipment for the school.

SPRING SOCIETY MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER:

Bring the family for an evening of fun, food and a bit of business

A society meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 18**, at 5:30 pm in the school gym.

All FMCS Society members are requested to attend.

A tentative schedule is as follows:

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. For the meal in the gym, we will BBQ burgers, families with last name starting with **A-L please bring a salad** or last name starting with **M-Z a dessert.**

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cleanup of the gym

7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Society meeting

Child care available during the meeting



MOTHERS WHO CARE

This weekly prayer time takes place every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 pm at 175 Peterson Lane. Please join the other ladies in lifting up our school in prayer.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are a nut-aware school (this includes all nuts and peanuts). Thank you for excluding peanut/nut-related foods in your child's lunch or snack. This year we have students in two classrooms with allergies to nuts.

HOT LUNCH

Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter for dates and menu selections for the month of May. Please return your monthly form to the school with payment. This can also be found on the website.

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY

The school is collecting Canadian Tire Money. Please send into the school office any that you have saved, or please start saving for us. This is an ongoing project, so feel free at anytime to send it in.

SAFEMART GROCERY CERTIFICATES

We have lots of grocery cards available. Stop by the school office before you shop at **Safeway**. This card from Safeway works wonderfully well. You buy the \$100 card from the school and give the card to the cashier to pay for your groceries. The cashier will indicate the balance you have on your card once the cost of your groceries has been deleted. It functions like a gift card allowing you to buy groceries provided there is a positive balance remaining on your card. When the school purchases the cards, we receive an 8% profit from Safeway.

RECYCLING

All recyclable containers are accepted at the school at anytime. We can also pick them up, please call for arrangements. As we enter the month of May we are currently in first place in our category having recycled over 65 000 units for a total of just over \$7600. We have currently recycled more than twice the number of containers than our nearest competitor.

If you would like to check out our progress so far

Go to:

<http://everyemptycounts.com/news.html?>



Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP) at FMCS

Was your child 3 years old before March 1, 2009?

Are you looking for a program that provides a language rich, bible-based environment where children learn through play?

The program operates Monday to Thursday, 2 1/2 hours per day, afternoons. It is staffed by a certified teacher with a B. Ed. specializing in early childhood development. Experienced educational assistants knowledgeable in child development disabilities and intervention strategies are also part of the team. Registrations are now being accepted; get yours from the school office soon.

TUITION CREDIT VOUCHER

Is available to all registered families that refer a NEW family for 2010-2011 school year. Please help to grow FMCS by telling your friends and acquaintances about what the Lord has done through FMCS for you and your children.

Two criteria to be met for this offer to be valid:

- 1.) The new family refers to your name at the Family Entrance Interview
- and
- 2.) The student/s are registered with us at the Sept. 30, 2009 student count.

Then you will be awarded with your TUITION CREDIT VOUCHER worth \$500.00 in tuition.

To help the new family with their decision you can also offer them FREE TUITION for the 2009-2010 school year.

This incentive is open until Sept. 30, 2010.

We know our current families are our very best asset in promoting our school, and we want to encourage you with this offer. Please help us and you too could have a tuition free year (with +6 successful referrals).

Please see the information about our open house events, a great opportunity for inquiring families to visit our facility.

EXAM BANK

www.exambank.com is a website that provides students with access to past PAT (Provincial Achievement Tests) assessment questions. With grade 3 and grade 6 PATs just around the corner, this site will help familiarize your child with the types of questions they will see on exam day. Exambank is easy to use and covers a wide variety of subjects, including Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science.

This site is password protected but can be visited as often as needed.

Username: FMCS

Password: 1079

Summer Drop-in Program

Some Other Solutions is offering a FREE Timbits Summer Drop-In Recreational Program from July 5th to August 20th for students ages 7-11 and for Junior Counselors ages 12-16. For more information and to obtain registration forms, call Susan or Kim at 780-743-8605 or drop by at 9908 Manning Ave from 8:30 - 4:30pm, Monday to Friday

STUDY TOPICS FOR May, 2010

ECDP/ECS: Mrs. Jillian Jackman

BIBLE: The Bible teaches us how God provides for his Children. "God provides for his children". Psalm 113:3

MATH: K: Recognize that numbers can be recognized in two parts, 1-10 related to it's respective quantity and writing number sentences for addition.

CUBS: Space and Shape (measurement and objects)

ANIMATED LITERACY: K: We will continue to write sentences and learn various sight words. Please continue reading and printing at home

CUBS: Letters S, B, U, R

PHYSICAL ED: K- soccer Skills, ECDP- rolling ball to hit objects and scooping skills

THEME: Spring, Rain, Bubbles, Balloons.

Mothers Day Tea- May 6th, ECDP- 1:00, Kindergarten 11:30. Moms are invited to a special Tea Party.

Music: Creativity and Instruments

GRADES 1-2: Miss Colleen Hanley and P.E. Grades 1-5

BIBLE: WWJD: Making good choices in difficult situations

MATH Gr. 1: Numbers to 100

Gr.2: Addition & Subtraction to 100

LANGUAGE ARTS: Parts of Speech / short stories

SCIENCE: 5 Senses / Small Crawling and Flying insects

ART: Gr. 1-3 (Mrs. Dunham) Plants and Animals

PHYSICAL ED Gr.1-3.: Softball

MUSIC: Listening Unit

FRENCH: Les Emotions (feelings...happy, sad, etc.)

GRADES 3-4: Mrs. Jennifer Dunham and Art Grades 1-8

BIBLE: God's Laws

MATH: Gr. 3 Measurement/Multiplication

Gr. 4 Measurement

LANGUAGE ARTS: Novel Study

SOCIAL STUDIES: Tunisia

SCIENCE: Animal Life Cycles

HEALTH: Bullying

ART: Sculpting

PHYSICAL ED. Gr. 4-6: (Ms. Hanley) Floor Hockey

MUSIC: Instruments of the Orchestra

FRENCH: Les Emotions (feelings and writing short sentences related to the emotions)

GRADES 5-6: Ms. Dwana Fifield

BIBLE: Stories from the Ancient World

MATH: Gr. 5 Finishing Geometry Gr. 6 Angle and Polygons /Starting Fraction and Decimals

LANGUAGE ARTS: PAT Review – Writing and Compression

SOCIAL STUDIES: The Iroquois Confederacy

SCIENCE: Sky Science

HEALTH: Choosing a Healthy Lifestyle

ART 5-6: (Mrs. Dunham) Collages

PHYSICAL ED.:Gr. 5 (Ms. Hanley) Floor Hockey

Gr. 6 (Mr. Champion) Badminton, Student developed and instructed units, Indoor and Outdoor games

MUSIC: Instruments of the Orchestra (Gr. 5), Composers (Gr. 6)

FRENCH: Verb conjugation in the present tense and subject pronouns, les Canadiens de Montreal

GRADES 7-8: Mrs. Emberley & Mrs. Krismer

BIBLE: (Mrs. Emberley): The Kingdom Divided: The Prophets of I Kings

MATH: (Mr. Champion) Grade 7: Demonstrate and use the preservation of equality, Explain the difference between expression and equation

Grade 8: Understand ratios, Understand Rates, Solve problems that involve ratios and rates

SOCIAL STUDIES: (Mr. Champion) Christian Worldview and the rebuilding of Japan What is the Influence? Positive or Negative

PHYSICAL ED.:(Mr. Champion) Basketball, Soccer, Foot ball Track and Field and Indoor and Outdoor games

LANGUAGE ARTS: (Mrs. Krismer) The Power of Persuasion

ART: (Mrs. Dunham)) "God Made Me Special" Assignment

SCIENCE: (Ms. Fifield) Finish Systems – Starting Light and Optical Systems

Music 6/7/8 - Composers

Drama 7/8 - Movement, Voice

FRENCH: The verb Avoir and how to form the "negative" in sentences.

MUSIC: Mrs. Krismer, **FRENCH** Ms. Steiestol

Math Problems of the Month

A Big Thank you to those of you who responded to last month's challenge your prizes are coming shortly. In an effort to develop within students a love for Math , what follows are problems based on the outcomes students are presently or have just finished in their particular classes. All students are encouraged to participate with the following guidelines:

TO BE ELIGIBLE

- Students are to completely answer the question or questions from their grade level
- Students are to completely answer the question or questions from the grade or grade levels below them
- Student's name and grade are to be printed on the answer sheet and passed to Mr. Champion on or before the 25th day of the month
- Show all working and explanation were appropriate
- Students will be given choices of prizes for participating and following the above eligibility requirements

Grade 1 Question

Ms. Hanley writes the following question on the board. You come to school and you have 3 pencils and you friend has 9 pencils how many pencil do both of you have in total?

Grade 2 Question

Ms. Hanley has written on the board the digits 7,4,8,1. Students are asked to arrange these numbers from greatest to lowest and then add them together. If the number were arranged from lowest to greatest and then added what would be the answer?

Grade 3 Question

Mrs. Dunham asked her students to complete the following question. Which unit of mass would you use to measure the following 4 masses: a bag of grapefruit, a bowling ball, a teachers desk and your eraser?

Grade 4 Question

Mrs. Dunham asks her students to write the following times using the 12-hour clock and the 24-hour clock: the time school starts, the time you go out for lunch recess and the time school is dismissed for students on Monday – Thursday.

Grade 5 Question

Ms. Fifield's parents sent her ninety-nine 20 dollar bills for her birthday. She wanted to paint her garage. She was told the job would cost \$3044. Using the money her parents gave her will she have enough to get the work done? If the answer is yes how much will she have left over? If the answer is no how much will she need to have the work completed?

Grade 6 Question

At the recent Winter Olympics in Vancouver American athletes won a total of 12 gold medals. Each gold medal only has a coating of pure gold. If each medal has 0.0119 g of gold, how much gold would be contained in all medals? Bonus: If the cost of gold were \$780 per gram what is the value of the gold in each gold medal won?

Grade 7 Question

Mr. Champion gives you the following information. The base of an object is 4 m and the height is 0.75 meters. Draw at least 5 geometric shapes with those dimensions giving the area of each. At least 1 of the shapes should have 3 sides only (triangle)

Grade 8 Question

Mr. Champion asked his students to solve the following problem. What is the surface area and volume of a cylinder with a radius of 40cm and a height of 20 centimeters? Switch the measurements given for the radius and height above, now solve for surface area and volume of the new cylinder.



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3 Pizza	4 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce	5 Hot Dogs	6 Creamy Hamburger w/Rice	7	8
9	10 Pizza	11 9am Gr. 3 L.A.PAT Subway Roast Beef	12 9am Gr. 6 L.A.PAT Hot Dogs	13 Chicken Noodle Soup	14	15 GARAGE SALE Evergreen Church 101 Tundra Drive Volunteers Needed
16	17 Pizza	18 Mary Browns Chicken Wrap Spring Society Mtg. and Fellowship Dinner 5:30	19 Hot Dogs	20 Chili	21	22
23	24 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day	25 Boston Pizza Linguini w/Tomato Sauce	26 Hot Dogs	27 Corn Chowder	28	29
30	31					