



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

Professional development for teachers comes in many forms and is a requirement for teachers to grow and improve the task God has given them. During the past week February 22 to February 26 most students in our district were out of school. Professional Development was on the minds of teachers and administrators alike. Educational professionals from Fort McMurray and other communities from the northern part of the province gathered in Edmonton on Wednesday February 24th for the annual (ATA) conference, Alberta Teacher's Association, called (GETCA) Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention Association. The theme for this conference, "Ignite The Flame For Real Learning", attracts world renown speakers and presenters that have expertise in a wide range of disciplines challenging and giving staff tools for directing the pupils in their classrooms.

On the two previous day our teachers at Fort McMurray Christian School were also involved in local professional development from a Christian perspective. The two days were a combination of theory and working sessions designated to remind and uplift teachers to the calling that God has placed on their lives, along with giving teachers time to continue working on developing units from a Christian Perspective. On Monday we were challenged by Beverley Fawcett, a local Christian speaker, about the awesome calling that God has placed on Christian teachers. Mrs. Fawcett has a vision to bring together all Christian teachers in the city for a time of renewal. As Christian educators we are challenged to develop a curriculum for our school and classroom that would present a Christian worldview. In my development as a Christian school principal I believe that there are two imperatives if we are to continue to grow as a successful Christian school.

First, to present a Christian worldview one must first of all be a Christian. Who as I am as an educator is reflected in our teaching, that is why as a Christian school we want Christian teachers who model and direct what it means to be "Christian".

Secondly, the curriculum used needs to be presented from a Christian perspective. No matter what materials are used in the classroom they promote basic assumptions, and teachers need to discern what values should be promoted and what the role of the learner is. The culture we live in will have an influence and it is not always positive. Teachers need to be a positive Christian role model to the students we come in contact with influencing what and how students learn.


Professional Development is needed to help us train individuals in the skills that will help us serve the community that God has called us to. We have a high calling as stated in James 3 verses one and two;

¹Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

I was thankful for the opportunity to attend a week of Professional development where all aspects of our calling as teachers were developed.

Mr. Joseph Champion - Principal

FMCS BOARD MEMBERS



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Joe Champion (Advisor)

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 March. Please return your monthly form to the school with payment. This can also be found on the website listed below

NEW LOOK FOR OUR WEBSITE

Please check out our new and improved website at www.fortmcmurraychristianschool.ca This will be a place for you to go to get all the current events happening at the school. Please feel free to let us know what else you would like to see posted there.

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.

SAFeway 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. **The next RECYCLING DAY is Saturday March 13; please plan to come to help sort the collected containers. Starts at 9:00 am at Mr. Champions house 175 Peterson Lane. Please let the office know if you are planning to come.** As we enter the month of March we are currently in first place in our category having recycled over 4900 units for a total of just over \$5400. 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>?

ALMONDS, MINTS AND CARAMELS

We still have 30 boxes of almonds left to sell. First come first served. Please do not be shy, drop by office today and get yours soon. If you still have outstanding funds from the last case (\$75.00/case) please send it in. If you cannot remember if you paid for them, call the office and we will let you know.

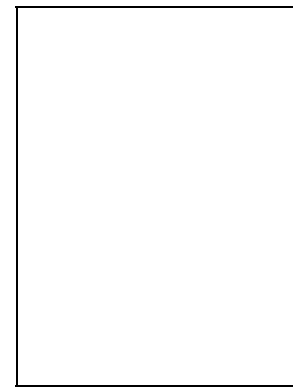
EASTER CONCERT

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pentecostal Church 160 Dickins Drive

Staff and Students present the play:

'Showdown at the Easter Corral'.

Highlighting the FMCS Band and individual instrumental selections as well as Soprano and Alto Recorder selections.



A Night at the Oscars

Our plans for *Giggles and Gala 2010* are well underway; please mark your calendars to attend this incredible event on **Friday June 11, 2010**. Gery Schubert will be back, to entertain us at the Sawridge Inn and Conference Center! We are currently looking for an Official Photographer for the event, which will be a volunteer position, paid with our grateful thanks. Let Sheila know if you have any ideas.



STUDY TOPICS FOR March, 2010

ECDP/ECS: Mrs. Jillian Jackman

THEME: Animals around the world
BIBLE: The Bible teaches me how to be a good friend and The Easter Story.
MATH: K Geometry and measurement, and printing numbers 0-10.
CUBS: Printing numbers 0-5 and numeral object correspondence
L.A: K: We will continue to work on letter sounds that we are struggling with such as Y, Q, V, S, C, J and G, choral read books, blend letters into words and various literacy centers activities.
CUBS: We will focus on the letters Ee, Qq and Zz. We will start printing letters in our Hand Writing Without Tears program.
PHYSICAL ED: Moving like different kinds of animals
**Please practice printing numbers 0-10 at home, read baggy books and poems and practice spelling words.

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

BIBLE: WWJD: Making good choices in difficult situations
MATH Gr. 1: Measurement
Gr.2: Measurement
LANGUAGE ARTS: Poetry
SCIENCE: The 5 Senses
HEALTH: Learning about Bones
ART: Gr. 1-3 (Mrs. Dunham) Self-Image/Collages
PHYSICAL ED Gr.3-5.: Floor Hockey
MUSIC: Melody, Easter Concert Practice
FRENCH: Shapes (square, triangle, etc....)

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

BIBLE: The Exodus
MATH GRADE 3: Fractions
MATH GRADE 4: Fractions and Decimals
LANGUAGE ARTS: Reading Groups and Poetry
SOCIAL STUDIES: Peru and Tunisia
HEALTH: God Doesn't Make Mistakes
ART: Collages
PHYSICAL ED. Gr. 4-6: (Ms. Hanley) Floor Hockey
MUSIC: Soprano Recorders and Note reading, Easter Concert Practice
FRENCH: Classroom Furniture

GRADES 5-6: Ms. Dwana Fifield

BIBLE: Stories from the Ancient World
MATH: Concluding Multiplication and Division/ Starting Geometry
LANGUAGE ARTS: Functional Writing
SOCIAL STUDIES: The Iroquois Confederacy
SCIENCE: Concluding Chemistry/ Starting Sky Science
HEALTH: People Need People
ART 5-6: (Mrs. Dunham) Perspective
PHYSICAL ED.: Gr. 5 (Ms. Hanley) Floor Hockey
Gr. 6 (Mr. Champion) Basketball, Soccer, skiing/Snow Boarding Cross-Country skiing and Indoor and Outdoor
MUSIC: Grade 5 Soprano Recorders and Note Rreading Grade 6: Theory and Alto Recorder
FRENCH: Students will make their classroom timetable in French.

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

BIBLE: (Mrs. Emberley): Jeroboam, Obadiah, and Elijah (1 Kings 17 - 18)
MATH: (Mr. Champion) Grade 7 Investigating and explaining the relationships among circles and area
Grade 8 Measuring and determining the surface areas of prisms and cylinders
SOCIAL STUDIES: (Mr. Champion) Christian Worldview and the Renaissance What is the Influence? Positive or Negative
PHYSICAL ED.: (Mr. Champion) Basketball, Soccer, skiing/Snow Boarding Cross-Country skiing and Indoor and Outdoor
LANGUAGE ARTS: (Mrs. Krismer) The Bronze Bow Projects
ART: (Mrs. Dunham) Cultural Masks
SCIENCE: (Ms. Fifield) Cells and Systems
Music 6/7/8 - Theory and alto recorder, Easter Concert Practice
Drama 7/8 - Movement, Voice
FRENCH: Students will re-create their classroom seating plan in French

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 15th 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 digits 3,9,2 on the board. What are all the 2 digit numbers you can make? There are a total of 6 answers.

Grade 2 Question

Ms. Hanley has written on the board the digits 6, 4, 1. Write all the 3-digit odd number you can write using these digits. There are a total of 6 answers.

Grade 3 Question

Mrs. Dunham asked her students to complete the following question. Draw a picture of the number 9521, using the Base ten models and write your answer in word form.

Grade 4 Question

Mrs. Dunham asked her students to complete the following question. Draw a picture of the number 792, using the Base ten models and write your answer in word form.

Grade 5 Question

Ms. Fifield asked her students to complete the following question. Draw a base ten diagram to and answer the following question 304×5 .

Grade 6 Question

Ms. Fifield asked her students to complete the following question. Draw a base ten diagram to and answer the following question 34×51 .

Grade 7 Question

Mr. Champion asked his students to find the area of a circle that has a radius of 3 meters? Will the answer be exact or an approximation? Explain

Grade 8 Question

Mr. Champion asked his students to solve the following problem. What is the surface area of a cylinder with a radius of 21cm and a height of 5 centimeters?



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As you know, at Fort McMurray Christian School we are extremely grateful to the Lord for his many blessings. We feel this is another easy opportunity for you to support the school as we strive to do His work.

So how do you link your Hbc Rewards account? That's simple. All you have to do is:

1. Visit www.hbc.com/community
2. Go to **Donate to a Community Group**
3. Search for our group by entering our Public ID # 2900740
4. Select the percentage of points you would like to donate (minimum of 10%)

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Hbc Rewards Community Program, visit www.hbc.com/community. We really think this is a great way to help our great cause and look forward to reach our goals together.

PS. If you join the Hbc Rewards Community Program today, Hbc will give Fort McMurray Christian School 2,000 much needed bonus points.**



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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 Pizza	2 Macaroni & Cheese	3 Hot Dogs	4 Spaghetti	5	6
7	8 Pizza	9 Mary Browns: Grilled Chicken Wrap	10 Hot Dogs	11 Taco Soup	12	13 Recycling Day at Mr. Champion's 175 Peterson Lane
14	15 Tubing Grades 1-4 Skiing/Snowboarding Grades 5-8	16 Pizza Hut: Thin and Crispy Veggie Lovers Pizza	17 Hot Dogs	18 Sweet and Sour Chicken w/ Rice	19	20
21	22 Pizza	23 Burger King: Hamburger with Baked Lays potato chips	24 Hot Dogs Easter Concert at PAOFM 7:00 p.m.	25 Beef Barley Soup	26 Report Cards going home	27
28	29 Pizza Student Led Conferences 6-9 pm	30 Subway: Roast Beef on Wheat Student Led Conferences 6-9 pm	31 EASTER Assembly 11:00-11:40 am Parents Welcomed Hot Dogs	Easter Break ~ April 1-11		