

# 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

As I write this month's piece for the Principal's Pen parents and teachers are helping students decide on books from our first annual Book Fair. Also many students, parents and staff anticipating Easter vacation that begins tomorrow. At this time of the year, and the final two and one-half months of this school year focus of leadership in various schools turns to planning for next year. Fort McMurray Christian School is no different and this is very evident, as we have already conducted interviews with prospective families, especially at the ECS level looking to place their child for the coming school year. Our dates for our annual Open Houses have been chosen and they are Thursday evening April 29 6-8:00 pm and Friday morning April 30 from 9-12:00 with registrations being accepted for all Grades ECDP to Grade 8 for 2010-2011. (More details to follow)

But what makes the education received at Fort McMurray Christian School different? Some of the responses that parents have given in past surveys are as follows:


- Safe and caring environment
- Caring teachers
- Small class size
- Triad between home, church and school
- Strong Christian background to enter public high school

As a Christian school we continue to perfect how we deliver our lessons and units to students to ensure they are taught and are learning to see the world as God created it. Also, to discern how man has taken that creation and damaged what God had initially intended. We teach that this world is still under God's control and He still cares for His creation. As we teach students to see this world as God's masterpiece and to use the Bible as a guide, to use the world's resources and their individual gifts as service to others. Throughout the year at various times the staff of Fort McMurray Christian School are given time through Christian Perspective PD to improve and continue to develop units that reflect the God's initial plan for His creation. The skills gleaned by staff and the units developed will help us give students a strong Christian background. So as leadership turns some of its focus to next year, I encourage and challenge you as parents, rub shoulders with others in your church and the community at large to continue to talk about the blessing this school has been to you and your family.

Finally I would like to wish all a relaxing break and encourage you to get out and attend the annual Good Friday service this year hosted by the Fort McMurray ministerial at the PAOFM church at 160 Dickens Drive that starts at 10 am. Also join with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at our various places of worship and celebrate the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ.

*Mr. Joe Champion*  
Principal

## FMCS BOARD MEMBERS



Marek K4iejko  
James Knelsen  
Reina VanGanderen  
Emmy Hanemaayer  
Kenneth Rukiidi  
Jesse Parker  
Carlos Rivera  
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 April. 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.

## 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 April 24<sup>th</sup>; 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. Thank you to those of you who came out at our last recycling day on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>. That day we recycled a total of over 15,000 units with the school receiving just over \$1350** As we enter the month of April we are currently in first place in our category having recycled over 62 000 units for a total of just over \$7103. 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>?

## School Council Meeting

**6:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

Please consider attending this new undertaking to improve and enhance YOUR school. All parents and staff welcomed.

School council: a group of people who work together to **advise the principal and the board respecting matters relating to the school**. A means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning. *Alberta School Council Resource Manual*.

## A Night at the Oscars

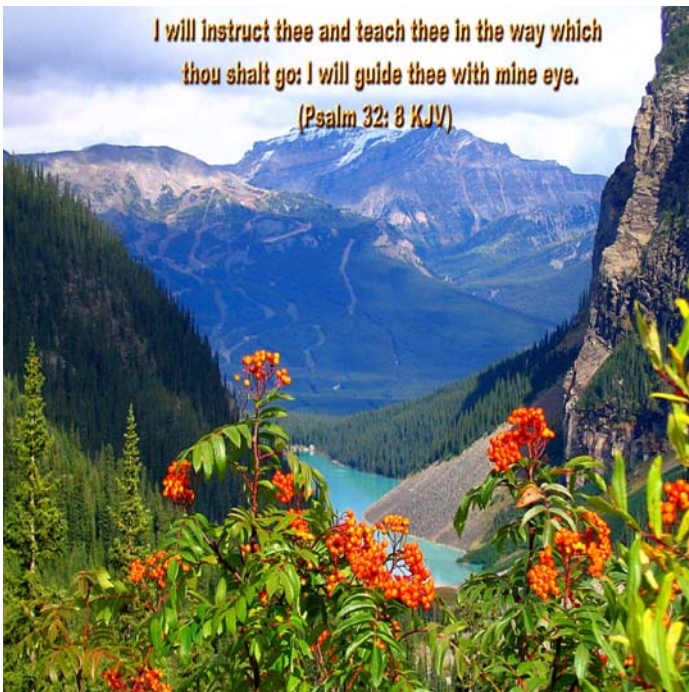
**Friday June 11, 2010.** Gery Schubert will be here, to entertain us at the Sawridge Inn and Conference Center, with his wonderful antics and sense of humor. The Sawridge chef will prepare a gourmet meal and all funds raised to directly back into the school. We are currently seeking donations for the auctions if you would like to donate or have ideas please let Sheila know.



**Tickets on Sale starting Monday,  
April 12**



The FMCS annual garage sale scheduled for Saturday May 15 at the Evergreen Christian Reformed Church parking lot. Please start saving those treasures to donate. We also will be doing a recycling collection. Volunteers also needed. 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.



**Fort McMurray Food Bank Association**

**FMCS will be collecting for the food bank for the month of APRIL**

List of Most Needed Food Items:

Flour (2-4kg)	Canned Stews
Sugar (2-4kg)	Canned Ham
Cookies	Canned Fruit
Hamburger Helper	Canned Ravioli
Mashed Potatoes	Canned Alphagetti
Mustard	Lunch Fruit Cups
Ketchup	Lunch Puddings
Relish	Diapers (sizes 4,5&6)
Canned Stewed Tomatoes	Shampoo / Conditioner
Canned whole Tomatoes	Toothbrushes
Canned Potatoes	Deodorant (male & female)
Canned Mushrooms	
Canned Chili	

Food Bank – regular collection items (Spring 2010)

Flour (2-4kg)	Canned Potatoes
Diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6)	
Canned Mushrooms	Sugar (2-4kg)
Shampoo / Conditioner	
Canned Chilli	Cookies
Toothbrushes	
Canned Stew	Hamburger Helper
Deodorant (male & female)	
Canned Ham	Mashed Potatoes
Canned Fruit	Mustard
Canned Ravioli	Ketchup
Canned Alphagetti	Relish
Lunch Fruit Cups	Canned stewed tomatoes
Lunch Puddings	Canned whole tomatoes



## 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.

**FMCS will be hosting open house offering two opportunities for families to experience Christian Education. (The Kindergarten program is full, we are compiling a waiting list) Please note first year of tuition for new families is FREE.**

### OPEN HOUSE DATES

**Thursday April 29  
Information Evening – 6-8 pm**

**Friday April 30  
Classroom Open House 9-12**

### 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.

## ART AND CULTURE NIGHT



Once again we will be hosting an **Art and Culture Night** on Tuesday April 27 from 7-8:30 pm. All proceeds will be in support of World Wide Christian Schools through whom we are currently sponsoring a school in the Dominican Republic.

As part of the evening we would like to share foods from different cultures. If you are able to contribute food from your own culture-or another one that interests you, please let Mrs. Emberley know. You can e-mail your response to her at [LoisAnn.Emberley@fmcsd.ab.ca](mailto:LoisAnn.Emberley@fmcsd.ab.ca). We would ask you to supply enough for about 40 people to sample food. The idea is to have people try as many different foods as they can. We will supply plates and forks so that it does not necessarily have to be finger food. Also, we would ask that you are available to serve your food.

There are plug-ins in the gym so it is possible to bring something to plug in if you need to keep your food warm.

### Fort McMurray 2010 Spring Football Registration

**For all players aged 7 to 18 years old**

**Atom – 7- 9**

**Pewee – 10-12**

**Bantam – 13-15**

**Midget – 16-18**

**online:**

Please begin your registration process online at [www.fortmcmurrayfootball.com](http://www.fortmcmurrayfootball.com) and follow the "registration" link.

**at the Club House:**

To finalize the process and make payments, please come to one of our registration dates:

**Registration Fee: \$220**

**Equipment Deposit: \$500 (post-dated cheque - July 1/10)**

**Volunteer Levy: \$350 (post-dated cheque - July 1/10)**

**For more information please contact:**

**Larry Warren at 780-713-7689, email:**

[kkmlw@telusplanet.net](mailto:kkmlw@telusplanet.net)

or Shelley at 780-799-1203

### Softball Registration

Register now to play softball at MacIsland  
Ages 4-21

Deadline is April 16th

Contact Fern Dixon at 743-0935

Visit- [www.fortmcmurrayminorssoftball.com](http://www.fortmcmurrayminorssoftball.com)

## STUDY TOPICS FOR April, 2010

### ECDP/ECS: Mrs. Jillian Jackman

BIBLE: The Bible teaches me about Friendship. Proverbs 17:17

MATH: K: Exploring Geometry and measurement and printing numbers to 10.

CUBS: Measurement and printing numbers to 5.

ANIMATED LITERACY: K: Writing sentences and printing lowercase letters.

CUBS: Rhyme awareness, literature centers, letter feely bag, letters body shapes and printing uppercase letters.

PHYSICAL ED: Various ball manipulation games.

Theme ECDP: Pirates and night time animals.

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### 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 & Parts of Speech

SCIENCE: The 5 Senses

HEALTH: Social Stories

ART: Gr. 1-3 (Mrs. Dunham)Self-Image/Collages

PHYSICAL ED Gr.3-5.: Floor Hockey

MUSIC: Create and Compose

FRENCH: Our Emotions (happy, sad, etc...)

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

BIBLE: God's Law

MATH: Grade 3: Measurement

Grade 4: Fractions and Decimals

LANGUAGE ARTS: Poetry *continued*

SOCIAL STUDIES: Tunisia

HEALTH: Bullies

ART: Pop Art

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

MUSIC: Recorder Compositions

FRENCH: Prepositions (in, under, above, below, etc....)

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### GRADES 5-6: Ms. Dwana Fifield

BIBLE: Stories from the Ancient World

MATH: Gr. 5 Geometry Gr. 6 Angle and Polygons

LANGUAGE ARTS: Functional Writing

SOCIAL STUDIES: The Iroquois Confederacy

SCIENCE: Sky Science

HEALTH: People Need People

ART 5-6: (Mrs. Dunham) Pop Art

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

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

MUSIC: Recorder and Composition

FRENCH: Subject pronouns (je, tu, it, elle, etc...) These are some of the building blocks for writing sentences.

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### 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)Japan's influence on our Western Christian Worldview.

PHYSICAL ED.:(Mr. Champion) Badminton, Student developed and instructed units, Indoor and Outdoor games

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

ART: (Mrs. Dunham) Cultural Masks/God made me Special

SCIENCE: (Ms. Fifield) Cells and Systems

Music 6/7/8 - Recorder Compositions

Drama 7/8 - Movement, Voice

FRENCH: The verb Avoir, it's conjugation and translation, and expressions used with Avoir.

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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 7 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 6, 4, 1, 7. 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 apples, a marble, your desk and your pencil crayons?

### 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 devotions at school starts, the time you come in from lunch recess and the time school is dismissed for students on Fridays.

### Grade 5 Question

Ms. Fifield's parents sent her ninety-six 20 dollar bills for her birthday. She wanted to get a new cherry red paint job for her car. When she went to AMP she was told the job would cost \$2044. 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 Canadian athletes won a total of 14 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 \$480 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 2 m and the height is 0.5 meters. Draw at least 4 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 20cm and a height of 10 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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## Fort Mc Murray Christian School

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	Easter Break					
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Easter Break •—————•						
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
	Classes resume Pizza	Chicken Noodle Soup  School Council meeting 6:30 PM	Hot Dogs	McDouble Burger with Fries		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	Pizza	Subway Turkey Breast	Hot Dogs	Mini Ravioli and Vege Soup		Recycling Day at the Champions 175 Peterson Lane
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
	Pizza	Mary Browns: Grilled Chicken Sandwich on W. Wheat <b>Art and Culture Night</b>	Hot Dogs	Creamy Hamburger and Rice  Information Evening 6-8 PM	Classroom Open House 9-12	