



# 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

The end is near! As I write this last article for this year's newsletter, the busyness of this time of the year is becoming more evident with each passing day. Many times over the past two weeks I have heard statements like; only blank days of school left and at other occasions been asked the question, "When does school end"? Overall it has been a different but good year for Fort McMurray Christian School. Different, with three of our staff school community becoming first time mothers and the challenges brought about both for students, staff and school community adjusting. With our school community increasing in numbers especially in Division 1 there continues to be a wonderful sense of unity among students, parents and staff.

Right now we are in the midst of winding down our various courses with teachers finishing units at different times and reviewing material in preparation for final exams in Junior High. As well as preparing students for the various Alberta Achievement tests in Grade 3 and 6. Even though the weather calls all us outside, we need to be diligent. The work we do in the next few days can have a direct bearing on how well students are prepared for finals and next year. Teachers have been asked to ensure that they continue to make good use of every opportunity to teach, right up until our closing assembly on Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please help by ensuring that your child is present every day until the end and getting to bed at their regular time, which will help them to maintain their focus.

In closing, as this is the last edition of the Principal's Pen for this current year, I would like to ask each of you to take time, over the summer, to continue to remember Fort McMurray Christian School in prayer in a number of areas.

Teachers – Next year we will have single grade classes from Grade ECDP to and including Grade 4, so we will add to our present staff. Teaching in a Christian School puts us in a spiritual battle for the hearts and minds of young people we teach. Pray that each of us will continue to have the mind of God when dealing with students.

Admissions – New registrations and enquiries are a weekly occurrence please pray that as the Admissions Committee interview new families, we will have the wisdom to discern that each family can and will support the mission statement of our school.

Space – This year we have acquired two new classroom spaces from the YMCA. Pray that God will continue to provide the necessary space we need so that we will not have to turn any families away because we do not have a place for their child or children. This continues to be a challenge especially at the ECDP and Kindergarten level. If I may add this is healthy challenge, not a problem.

Refurbishing -The tasks that require completion during the summer for next September are finished.

May God grant you a great summer.

*In His service,  
Mr. Champion*

## FMCS BOARD MEMBERS

Marek Kiejko  
Clementine Osah  
Reina VanGenderen  
Emmy Hanemaayer  
Jesse Parker  
Carlos Rivera  
Joe Champion (Advisor)



## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

### SUMMER FUN LITERACY NIGHT & BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy an evening of learning, fun, and games on May 12. The school council sponsored event was a great success with 53 student "activity passports" handed out, \$1800+ in books sold and over \$200 awarded in free books! The winners of the \$25 draw were Faith Pickersgill and Mrs. Krismer's classroom. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped in small and big ways to make the night happen!

### SUMMER READING LOG

To encourage summer reading, the school council is encouraging students to use a reading log to record the books they read through July and August. Use the reading log you made at the literacy night, or make up your own! Record the title, when you read it, and a few words about what you thought of it. Hand in your reading logs in September to win prize \$\$ toward new books! For more information contact Heather Carlson ([hc@anrev.com](mailto:hc@anrev.com) or 780.748.2499.)



### FAVOURITE BOOKS

We asked participants at the school council's literacy night (May 12) what some of their favourite books are. Maybe you'd like to check one out this summer!

#### For adults:

Little Women  
Ocean Support  
What's so Amazing About Grace

#### For children:

Savarian Geronimo Stilton  
Barbie Lucy series  
Green Eggs & Ham Nancy Drew  
Scardy Squirrel Horse books  
Mysties The Balloon  
Hunger Wars Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
Ramona & Beezus Harry Potter  
Star Wars I can spell with my eyes shut  
Where's the Green Sheep? You are Special  
Brap OT  
Princess & the Frog City Vashes  
Narnia Thea Stilton

## GARAGE SALE & BBQ

The FMCS annual garage sale scheduled for **Saturday June 11** 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.

### Gala 2011 a Huge Success



The Gala committee would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone that made this year's Gala the wonderful event that it was. The support from our families and the community at large was tremendous. This years event raised **\$25,000.00** to go directly toward supporting the school.

### 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 June we have recycled over 60,000 units for a total of just over \$6,700.00. If you would like to check out our progress so far

Go to: <http://everyemptycounts.com/news.html>

### EXAM BANK

[www.exambank.com](http://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**

## 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.

## 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.

## VOLUNTEERS AT FMCS

We really appreciate the work that our volunteers do in the school for our students. Volunteers are a valuable part of the school community and can enhance the educational opportunities for children. This year, Fort McMurray Public School District also requires all volunteers interacting with children to have a completed criminal record check. While there is normally a charge for this, the school can supply you with a letter that will exempt you from the fee.

## 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.

## Fort McMurray Ringette Association 2011 SUMMER CAMP - SPONSORED BY CENTRON/EAGLE RIDGE

**When:** August 22-26, 2011 from 9am – 4pm

**Where:** MacDonald Island Park

We will have players from the Edmonton Wam team who play in National Ringette League coaching the players during this week long event. Whether your child is new to ringette or if they are a returning player, camp is a great way for children to learn about the sport and it will give them the skills and confidence they will need to start off the 2011-2012 season. There is limited space available, so if your child is interested please sign up soon.

Registration Forms are available on our website [www.mcmurrayringette.com](http://www.mcmurrayringette.com) completed forms can be dropped off with full payment to the Eagle Ridge Sales Centre @ 151 Loutit Road or at Sports Wise Source for Sports @ 10019 MacDonald Ave.

**For More information** Contact Shelly @ 780-715-0283 or email: [shellyarobertson@hotmail.com](mailto:shellyarobertson@hotmail.com) or Nicole @ 780-715-0324 or email: [deitz4@telus.net](mailto:deitz4@telus.net)



## Summer Reading Incentive Program

Registration Days:

June 9, 10 and 11 at

Fort McMurray Public Library

Register your 6-12 year old reader for this great reading program which includes crafting and other activities. Each participant has the opportunity to win weekly prizes for reading a minimum of 90 minutes each week.

Sign up for optional crafts and activities, attend Reading Buddies for free!

Registration fee: \$5      Crafts and Activity Fee: \$1



Children's Services needs recyclable material for crafts. Bring clean egg cartons, blister packs (from fruits and veggies), and any other interesting looking recyclable container to the Children's Help Desk on the main floor of the library.

# June 2011 Study Topics

## ECDP(CUBS)/Kindergarten: Mrs. Jillian Jackman

**BIBLE:** The Bible teaches me that God provides for his Children Luke 12:7

**MATH: K:** printing numbers to 20. **CUBS:** Sorting

**JOLLY PHONICS: K:** Writing sentences. **CUBS:** Syllables in multi syllabic words. Review of all Jolly sounds.

**Theme:** God made insects with a purpose.

**REMINDER:** Kindergarten celebration June 24 9-12, ECDP celebration is June 23, 1-3:30.

Only kindergarten Friday's days left are: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

**MUSIC:** Singing songs, Review of instruments and notes, high and low sounds and the tempo of songs.

## GRADE 1 Miss Christa Warren

**BIBLE:** Lord's Prayer

**MATH:** Measurement and Geometry

**LANGUAGE ARTS:** Story Writing

**SCIENCE:** Living Things

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Communities

**PHYSICAL ED:** Track and Field

**ART:** Drawing flowers, turtles & giraffes, texture rubbing, color shading

**MUSIC** (Mrs. Steiestol): Beat, The Scale on a staff (key of F, G, E, flat)

**FRENCH** (Mrs. Steiestol): Review year's work, vocabulary related to spring

## GRADES 2-3: Ms. Lindsay Ingersoll

**BIBLE** – Consequences to Sin and Review of Moses

**MATH:** Geometry

**LA:** Poetry **Science:** Magnetism

**Social Studies:** Ukraine

**Health:** Hygiene

**PHYSICAL ED:** Track and Field

Field

**ART:** (Mrs. Steiestol) Drawing flowers, turtles & giraffes, texture rubbing, color shading

**MUSIC:** (Mrs. Steiestol) Instrument: The Saxophone, Tempo, The scale on a Staff. **FRENCH:** Review year's work and

learn the names of vegetables found on Pizza

## GRADES 4-5: Mrs. Donna-Marie Hamilton

**BIBLE:** Poems from the Book of Psalms /Books of the Bible Challenge (*Bible Bowl*)

**MATH:** Measurement **LANGUAGE ART:** Poetry/ Sight Words/Reader Response to Read Aloud -Novel "Ticket to Curlew"

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**The Stories Histories of the People of Alberta.

**SCIENCE:** Waste and our World

**HEALTH:** Our Interests/Our God Given Talents

**ART 4-5:** (Ms. Ingersoll) 1 point perspective and quills

**PHYSICAL ED.:** (Miss Warren): Track and Field

**FRENCH:** The Colors of Clothing and how the spelling changes according to the gender, also clothing sizes

**MUSIC:** (Mrs. Steiestol) Naming Notes on the Grand Staff – Celine Dion (her life and contributions to music)

## GRADES 6 Ms. Dwana Fifield

**BIBLE:** Joseph

**MATH:** Data Analysis and Probability/PAT Review

**LANGUAGE ARTS:** Comprehension/ PAT Review

**SCIENCE:** Evidence and Investigation /PAT Review

**SOCIAL STUDIES;** Provincial Government/PAT Review

**ART:** (Ms. Ingersoll): 1 and 2 point Perspective, profiles

**PHYSICAL ED:** (Mr. Champion) Basketball, Indoor/outdoor games and Track and Field activities.

**MUSIC:** (Mrs. Steiestol): Naming Notes on the Grand Staff (mad minutes) and, the, "Eighth Note"

**FRENCH:** (Mrs. Steiestol): Culture Unit: The Battle of Quebec 1756

## GRADES 7-8: Mr. Champion & Mrs. Krismer

**BIBLE:** (Mrs. Hamilton) Good Kings & Bad Kings / Exam Prep

**MATH:** (Mr. Champion) Finish Geometry and begin Data Analysis

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** (Mr. Champion) Why Confederation? Is it good for Canada!!

**PHYSICAL ED.:**(Mr. Champion) Basketball, Indoor/outdoor games and Track and Field activities.

**LANGUAGE ARTS:** (Mrs. Krismer) – advertisements, short story, final exam review

**ART:** (Ms. Ingersoll) 1 and 2 point Perspective, profiles

**MUSIC:** Mrs. Krismer – Composer Studies

**SCIENCE:** (Ms. Fifield) Interactions and Ecosystems/Final Exam Review **CTS: (Ms. Ingersoll)** Fashion and Drama

**FRENCH:** (Mrs. Steiestol): Reading French and translation of the Story, "J'adore les Sports" – Also French cuisine (baguettes and cheese)

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Sunda	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hot Dogs	2 Lasagna	3	4
5	6	7	8 Hot Dogs	9 Subway	10	11 FMCS Garage Sale
12	13	14 Gr. 3 L.A. Part B Gr. 6 S. Studies	15 Gr. 6 L.A. Part B  Hot Dogs	16 Gr. 3 & 6 Math  Quinoa Chicken Salad	17 Gr. 6 Science	18
19	20 Gr. 7/8 Bible Final	21 Gr. 7/8 L.A. Final	22 Hot Dogs  Gr. 7/8 S.S. Final	23 Mary Browns  Gr. 7/8 Science Final	24 Gr. 7/8 Math Final	25
26	27 Sports Day	28	29 Students Final Day Assembly 10-2 pm.	30	31	