



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.



**Last Day to Purchase Tickets is Tuesday,
June 8th.**

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.*

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From the Staff at FMCS

This month's newsletter article is submitted by our Grade 3-4 teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Duham. Mrs. Dunham attended a 2 day conference hosted by PACS (Prairie Association of Christian Schools). This Christian based professional development was paid for by the Society and it is our plan to have Mrs. Dunham train the rest of our staff in this program.

Joe Champion

TfT

In the month of May I attended professional development training for Teaching for Transformation. In a lot of ways TfT is very similar to Understanding by Design, an initiative in the public board. They parallel in the areas of big ideas, essential questions and performance/end tasks. This will make it a lot easier for FMCS teachers to begin applying TfT in their planning process. Obviously, the important difference is that TfT is taught from a Christian perspective-with our Lord at the center.

There are two possibilities; God is either in everything, or He is in nothing. It is not possible for Him to be only in Church and nowhere else. Therefore, God *is* in all things ...and that means the curriculum. For the longest time teachers have tried to look for places to put God into the curriculum in Christian schools, for those teachable moments, instead of realizing that God is the creator of ALL things. The coined term for this was "integrating faith and learning". The revelation of Teaching for Transformation is that you don't have to look for God in the curriculum, He's already there!

Teaching for Transformation's pillars are the same as the Bible's; Creation, Fall, Restoration and Redemption. Christian educators need to teach intentionally based upon these pillars, and make their students aware of these as well as their parents. Christian's under perform because they don't know their place in the story. Unfortunately, most don't even know the story. A quote from the guidebook illuminates this further.

"God created all things. Even after the fall, which indeed affects all things, creation remains good. Redemption impacts all this, redirecting them to their God designated purpose. Someday, all things will be restored but the work of renewal begins now and we are privileged to be co-workers with God in this process" (Teaching for Transformation, pg 1).

This is an exciting venture for all present and future Christian teachers. As a Christian educator it is our responsibility to teach the children of their role in God's kingdom-subjects should be a relationship builder between the students and God. TfT can aid us in intentionally teaching the CFRR story to our students-your children. Our world was created to be purposeful and good-we are called to be part of the restoration. When children complete their schooling in a Christian environment we want them to have the tools to be active participants in God's restoration. We want them to be intentional, and always be thinking "What I do *does* matter" not "Does what I do matter". What we do not want is for the students to freeze the first time they are challenged in the secular world, and not be agents of change for Jesus Christ.

Intentional teaching will create intentional students that will be able to realize that all is not right in God's world and answer the call to heal the parts that are broken.

¹⁶For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17

In His service,
Mrs. Jennifer Dunham

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.

Important Upcoming Dates

June

25 Awards Assembly 9 AM School Gym

28 Last Day of Classes (Sports Day)

August

16 School Office opens 8:00-3:00

30 First Day of School for Gr. 1-8

September

1 Kick-Off Meeting (6:30 School Gym pot luck dinner)

7 First Day for Kindergarten

8 First Day for ECDP

PAT (Provincial Achievement Tests) SCHEDULE

June 15 – Gr.3 ELA (B) Gr.6 Social Studies

June 16 – Gr.6 ELA (B)

June 17 – Gr.3 Math Gr.6 Math

June 18 – Gr.6 Science

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

BUSSING

If your child requires transportation to and from school next year Sept. 2010 - June 2011 please complete the **yellow** bus registration form sent home with this newsletter.

These forms will need to be completed in order for your children to receive transportation next year. Payment \$360.00 per student will be required before Sept. 1. If you need your child on the bus for the first day of school I will need the form back for the deadline of Aug. 20 at noon. Only one form is needed per family.

PARENT SURVEY

This year we have used an online service from Survey Monkey to help us with collecting responses from parents for our yearly survey. This survey will be opened from June 1 to June 25. Each household will receive an email asking you to complete one. Your responses are confidential; we can only see who has responded so we are able to send a gentle reminder to anyone that may miss or forget the first request.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school will reopen August 16/10 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM for new registrations and payment of:

- ❖ Society Membership 2010-2011 (\$100.00)
- ❖ Bussing Fees (\$360.00/each)
- ❖ Program Fees (based on # of students enrolled, postdated cheques)
- ❖ ECDF/Kindergarten Fees (\$50.00)

TUTION 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, 2010 student count.

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

To help the new family with their decision you can also offer them FREE TUTION for the 2010-2011 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).

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 78 000 units for a total of just over \$8800. 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>?

Garage Sale, BBQ & Bottle Drive



This year's event netted a whopping \$4800.00 approx. A huge thanks to all the volunteers that helped with setting up, babysitting, BBQing, bottle sorting, selling and the final clean-up. The Lord was glorified and His school promoted/supported through wonderful interaction with the citizens in our community of Fort McMurray.

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

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 June. 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.

STUDY TOPICS FOR June, 2010

ECDP/ECS: Mrs. Jillian Jackman

BIBLE: The Bible Teaches us that our God is Powerful.

MATH: K Printing numbers 1-10, grouping numbers into 2 sets.

CUBS: Printing numbers 1-5, creating and continuing patterns and matching numbers to quantity.

ANIMATED LITERACY: K We will continue to write words and sentences and choral reading activities.

CUBS: We will focus on the letters, B, W, F, S, C and I (short sound)

Theme/Science: Insects

Music: Creativity and Instruments

GRADES 1-2: Mrs. Swain and P.E. Grades 1-5

BIBLE: Books of the Bible

MATH Gr. 1: Addition, Subtraction & Shapes

Gr.2: Addition, Subtraction & Geometry

LANGUAGE ARTS: Year end review & Story Writing

SCIENCE: Small Crawling and Flying Insects

ART: Gr. 1-3 (Mrs. Dunham) Abstract Artist/techniques

PHYSICAL ED Gr.1-3.: Track and Field (running, long jump)

MUSIC: Listening Unit

FRENCH: Spring Colors

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

BIBLE: The Promise Land

MATH: Gr. 3 Multiplication/Division (Unit 8)

Gr. 4 Multiplying and Dividing Large Numbers (Unit 8)

LANGUAGE ARTS: The Whipping Boy novel study/Literacy Place Unit: I wish I Hope I Pray

SOCIAL STUDIES: Ukraine/ Year End Project

SCIENCE: Animal Life Cycles

HEALTH: Bullying continued

ART: Abstract Artist/techniques

PHYSICAL ED. Gr. 4-6: (Mrs. Swain) Track and Field

MUSIC: Instruments of the Orchestra

FRENCH: Five ways to describe the weather

GRADES 5-6: Ms. Dwana Fifield

BIBLE: The Patriarchs

MATH: Gr. 5 Fractions and Decimals Gr. 6 Fractions, Decimals, Percents and Ratios

LANGUAGE ARTS: Novel Study: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe/Reading Comprehension (PAT Practice)

SOCIAL STUDIES: Government

SCIENCE: Evidence and Investigation

HEALTH: Choosing a Healthy Lifestyle

ART 5-6: (Mrs. Dunham) Abstract Artist/techniques

PHYSICAL ED.: Gr. 5 (Mrs. Swain) Track and Field

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: Present tense of ER verbs

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

BIBLE: (Mrs. Emberley): Ahab, Jezebel, Naboth, and Elijah. Unit Quiz: June 11, Projects due June 22.

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)) Still Life

SCIENCE: (Ms. Fifield) Starting Light and Optical Systems/Final Exam Review

Music 6/7/8 - Composers

Drama 7/8 - Movement, Voice

FRENCH: Holidays and Celebrations

MUSIC: Mrs. Krismer, FRENCH Ms. Steiestol

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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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		1 Sweet & Sour Chicken w/rice	2 Hot Dogs	3 Taco Soup	4	5
6	7 Cheese Pizza	8 Mary Browns: Grilled Chicken Sand.	9 Hot Dogs	10 Broccoli Mac and Cheese	11 <i>Giggles and Gala Sawridge 6:00 p.m.</i>	12
13	14 Cheese Pizza	15 Subway: Turkey on W. Wheat PAT: Gr. 3-ELA Gr.6- Social Studies	16 Hot Dogs PAT: Gr. 6-ELA	17 Chili PAT: Gr.3 – Math Gr.6 – Math	18 PAT: Gr. 6 Science	19
20	21 Cheese Pizza Jr. H: Bible Test AM Jr. H: Science PM	22 ECDP Last Day MacDonald's: Double Cheese Burger & Fries Jr. H: Social AM Jr. H.: Study Hall PM	23 Hot Dogs Jr. H: L. Arts AM Jr. H.: Study Hall PM	24 Perogies and Sausages Jr. H: Math AM All Jr. Highs here in the afternoon.	25 Awards Assembly 9 AM and K- Celebration	26
27	28 Students Last Day Sports Day	29	30			