



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.



Hockey Night in Canada Tickets now on Sale

Only a couple of weeks left until the *Giggles and Gala* fundraising event. This year's theme is *Hockey Night in Canada*. We will be pulling out all the stops for this remarkable evening, having fun while fundraising.

Some excellent ways for your family/company to help is by donating an auction item/s or purchasing tickets.

Please invite all hockey and non-hockey fans alike.
All proceeds go to supporting school programs.

Saturday, May 28, 2011

The Sawridge Inn and Conference Center

Gourmet Buffet Dinner

Doors open Six p.m.

Entertainment by *Live and Silent Auctions*
Gery Schubert
as Don Cherry *Door Prizes*



Gery Schubert- man of a thousand voices, a hundred faces and at least 12 wigs. A man with unending ideas and possibilities. Gery Schubert is professional actor, comedian, teacher, speaker and performer. Gery's 15 years of performing and teaching, and a lifetime of creative ideas, is sure to entertain everyone. You have probably seen or heard of some of Gery's character events from Austin Powers/Dr. Evil Sixties Events to Captain Stubby and the Love Boat Banquets to Elvis, Richard Simmons, **hockey night with Don Cherry**, Dame Edna, a Mock Academy Awards night, Julia Chilled Cooking Show, Angus McAngus Golf Tournament, etc. etc.

FMCS BOARD MEMBERS

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



Principals Pen

One of my passions in life is teaching Mathematics. For many students Math, especially the unit we are completing on Equations, presents problems, but to see the expression on a face when a concept is grasped is an awesome feeling. The realization that comes when “they just get it.” Mathematics is also one of those subjects where I find it challenging to teach from a Christian perspective. As Christians I think we could all agree that our God is the God of order and we can point to many situations where it is evident. The sun rising and setting each day and the changing of seasons are two of many examples.

The Bible tells us in John 1: 3

“Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made”.

God is aware of everything. I am naïve enough to believe that when God designs anything He has the end in mind at the time of creation. Stephen McEveety, reveals that in his presentation of, **The Star of Bethlehem**, where through the alignment of stars and planets God revealed the birth and death of His Son. Another presentation, Louie Giglio’s, sermon on **Laminin**, also shows how God’s design is very evident, within the DNA of every human on this planet. Likewise I believe the number system and alphabet, that we now use, depict an order He designed knowing that man would discover in the future. The following example presents a mathematical example of God's order and design in our world and His expectation for mankind. Some may say coincidence I say God directed.

Be sure to go all the way to the end.

Absolutely amazing!

Beauty of Math!

$$1 \times 8 + 1 = 9$$

$$12 \times 8 + 2 = 98$$

$$123 \times 8 + 3 = 987$$

$$1234 \times 8 + 4 = 9876$$

$$12345 \times 8 + 5 = 98765$$

$$123456 \times 8 + 6 = 987654$$

$$1234567 \times 8 + 7 = 9876543$$

$$12345678 \times 8 + 8 = 98765432$$

$$123456789 \times 8 + 9 = 987654321$$

$$9 \times 9 + 7 = 88$$

$$98 \times 9 + 6 = 888$$

$$987 \times 9 + 5 = 8888$$

$$9876 \times 9 + 4 = 88888$$

$$98765 \times 9 + 3 = 888888$$

$$987654 \times 9 + 2 = 8888888$$

$$9876543 \times 9 + 1 = 88888888$$

$$98765432 \times 9 + 0 = 888888888$$

Brilliant, isn't it?

And look at this symmetry:

$$1 \times 1 = 1$$

$$11 \times 11 = 121$$

$$111 \times 111 = 12321$$

$$1111 \times 1111 = 1234321$$

$$11111 \times 11111 = 123454321$$

$$111111 \times 111111 = 12345654321$$

$$1111111 \times 1111111 = 1234567654321$$

$$11111111 \times 11111111 = 123456787654321$$

$$111111111 \times 111111111 = 12345678987654321$$

Now, take a look at this...

101%

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What Equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?

We have all been in situations where someone wants you to GIVE OVER

100%.

How about ACHIEVING 101%?

What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
24 25 26.

If:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R- K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

And:

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$$

But:

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$$

THEN, look how far the Love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will

get you there, It's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

Mr. J. Champion

Principal

SPRING SOCIETY MEETING

A society meeting has been scheduled for
Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 at the school
All FMCS Society members/parents are requested to attend.
Childcare will be available.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The 2010-2011 School Council wrapped up for the year with our meeting on April 26. Highlights of the year included presentations on Provincial Achievement Tests and First Steps Learning Initiative, discussions and input regarding textbooks in the classroom and the academic school calendar. We were pleased to initiate a Litterless Lunch promotion and the upcoming Literacy Night.

We are looking forward to building on this foundation in the coming school year. Next year's council would be strengthened by each classroom having a parent rep. Our kick-off meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 focusing on the school growth plan!

Blessings on the final academic weeks of school, and the rest and re-creation of summer vacation.

Sincerely,
Heather Carlson
School Council chair



If you would like to view the Public School District School Council Networks' information session on **Cyber Bullying & Social Media** you can access it online at <http://www.justin.tv/fmpsd>

Summer Fun Literacy Night

Thursday, May 12

6:30-8:00pm

Book fair - win or buy new books!

Celebrity Storytellers - local pastors sharing a favourite story!

Library & Literacy - learn about our school library and ways to encourage literacy at home!

Games, Crafts & more!!!

If you'd like to volunteer or want more info please contact Heather Carlson (780)748-2499.

Sponsored by FMCS School Council

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 have recycled over 51 000 units for a total of just over \$4200. If you would like to check out our progress so far

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

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**

SAFEGWAY 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.

Get your pictures in the FMCS yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents of FMCS to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:400110832 and password:yearbook1
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 7/7/2011.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Sincerely,

Yearbook Adviser and the 2011 Yearbook Staff.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

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 13.

Fort McMurray Christian School Open House Opportunities

Information Evening Thursday, May 5:

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come and tour our school and ask questions you may have about our programs.

Kindergarten - Grade 8 Classroom Open House Friday, May 6

9 am-12:30 pm.

Bring the kids and they can experience education from a Christian perspective and join classes in progress for a period or the whole morning.

Further Info call 780-743-1079



THANK YOU

Below is a note we have received from World Wide Christian Schools for our Art and Culture Night event held March 24, 2011.

From Worldwide Christian Schools to the staff, students, community of Fort McMurray Christian School:
Thank you so much!

We just received your school's Sponsorship donation of **\$626.10**, the proceeds of the fundraiser put on by your staff. Your gift will help our partner in the Dominican Republic continue to provide quality Christian education to children from poor and marginalized families. Students who would otherwise not have the opportunity are now learning about God and the world He made. Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support! May our Lord continue to bless you throughout the rest of your school year!

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.

St. Aidan's Foster Care Program

Have you ever thought about being a Foster Parent? Please call

Pam at 780-881-0922 for more information!



May 2011 Study Topics

ECDP(CUBS)/Kindergarten: Mrs. Jillian Jackman

BIBLE: The Bible Teachers me that God Provides for his Children. **Psalm 113:3.**

MATH: K Numbers to 10, students will recognize that numbers can be represented in 2 parts. We will continue to practice printing number 1-20 without reversals. **MATH CUBS:** Space and shape. Use the word set correctly, sort a set of given real world objects using colour size and shape. **Literacy: K** We will concentrate on choral reading, printing letters, words and sentences. **K Science:** We will make a class volcano and perform Pepsi / mentos experiment.

K Themes: Weather **ECDP Themes:** Bubbles , balloons and kites.

MUSIC: We are making a music book of notes and we are learning to chant rhythm and rhymes

GRADE 1 Miss Christa Warren

BIBLE: 10 Commandment and the Lord's Prayer

MATH: Addition and Subtraction up to 20

LANGUAGE ARTS: Poetry

SCIENCE: Building things

SOCIAL STUDIES: Communities

PHYSICAL ED: Badminton

ART: Mother Day Cards, Painting

MUSIC (Mrs. Steiestol): Instruments: Triangle, recorder key of F, Key of G, naming notes on a staff

FRENCH (Mrs. Steiestol): Review years work and Shapes

GRADES 2-3: Ms. Lindsay Ingersoll

BIBLE – Noah

MATH: Measuring

LA: Elements of a story (Plot and characters) and comprehension **Science:** Magnetism

Social Studies: India **Health:** Canada's Food Guide

PHYSICAL ED: Badminton

ART: (Mrs. Steiestol) Mother Day Cards, Painting

MUSIC: (Mrs. Steiestol) Instruments: Triangle, recorder Key of F, Key of G, treble clef, flats, sharps, natural

sign.FRENCH: Finish Unit, "Le Corps" (The Body, continued) and start Pizza Unit

GRADES 4-5: Mrs. Donna-Marie Hamilton

BIBLE: Taking Care of Our Bodies **MATH:** Measurement

LANGUAGE ARTS: Homonyms, Antonyms, Synonyms, Spelling, Novel Study,

SOCIAL STUDIES: History of the People of Alberta (First Nations, First Settlers)

SCIENCE: Simple Machines (Building devices and vehicles that move) **HEALTH:** Taking Care of Our Minds

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

PHYSICAL ED.: (Miss Warren): Badminton

FRENCH: The Colors of Clothes (spelling and gender)

MUSIC: (Mrs. Steiestol) Chapter 5: Bass Clef, Bass Staff, middle C, Pitch and Rythmic identification, Rythmic Reading,

GRADES 6 Ms. Dwana Fifield

BIBLE: Joseph

MATH: Geometry and Measurement

LANGUAGE ARTS: Narrative and Functional Writing

SCIENCE: Evidence and Investigation

SOCIAL STUDIES: Local Government

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

PHYSICAL ED: (Mr. Champion) Skiing, Basketball, Track and Field

MUSIC: (Mrs. Steiestol): Chapter 6, Middle C on the Grand Staff. Naming notes of the Grand Staff. Instruments: The recorder, triangle **FRENCH:** (Mrs. Steiestol): Verbs: The verb Être and the Imperative

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

BIBLE: (Mrs. Hamilton) A Lot of Temptation, A Lot of Grace

MATH:(Mr. Champion) Finish Equations and Start Geometry

SOCIAL STUDIES: (Mr. Champion) Wars and Rumors of wars and how they affected the development of Canada !!!

PHYSICAL ED.: (Mr. Champion) Skiing, Basketball, Track and Field

LANGUAGE ARTS: (Mrs. Krismer) – Writing Description

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

MUSIC: Mrs. Krismer – Recorder compositions

SCIENCE: (Ms. Fifield) Interactions and Ecosystems

CTS: (Ms. Ingersoll) Fashion

FRENCH: (Mrs. Steiestol): Food Unit

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Pizza Spring Society Mtg. 7:00 pm	4 Hot Dogs	5 Friendship Lunch Open House Info Night 6-8	6 Classroom Open House 9-12	7
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK						
8	9	10 Pizza	11 Hot Dogs	12 Subway Turkey Sub Literacy Night at FMCS 6:30 pm	13	14
15	16	17 Pizza	18 Hot Dogs	19 Mary Brown's Grilled Chicken	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 Pizza	25 Hot Dogs	26 Chicken Vege Soup	27	28 Giggles & Gala
29	30	31 Pizza				