



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.

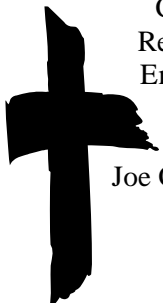
† To provide an education which allows children to reach their potential academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically.

† To direct students in development of Christ-like character.

† To prepare students to be of service in the community.

FMCS BOARD MEMBERS

Marek Kiejko
Clementine Osah
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Jesse Parker
Carlos Rivera
Joe Champion (Advisor)



At this time of the year teachers are beginning the task of writing report cards and comments in preparation to communicate with parents how students have done during this first term. Similarly Alberta Learning is requiring administrators to report on their annual report card, the Accountability Pillar, which evaluates individual schools and jurisdictions on the various categories and measures of the three formal goals for education across the province. The results of this tool were collected last spring through responses from online line surveys completed by parents, staff and students as well as the results from the Grade 3 and 6 PAT's (Provincial Achievement Tests) completed by our students. Alberta Education reports to schools in various categories using a color code ranging from red, which denotes a poor showing, to a score of excellence for blue. Our school's report card shows we received a rating of excellent in two categories of goals one and two listed:

- Goal 1 High Quality Learning Opportunity
 - Safe and Caring school
 - Education Quality
- Goal 2 Excellence in School Learning Outcome
 - Work Preparation
 - Citizenship

Like most report cards there are areas to celebrate, areas that need attention and provide challenges. Our school's report card also provided staff with a couple of areas that need attention as we received a low rating in the following two areas:

- Goal 1 High Quality Learning Opportunity
 - Program of Studies
- Goal 2 Excellence in School Learning Outcome
 - PAT (Provincial Achievement Tests)

In our School Based PLC (Professional Learning Community) this past Friday, as staff we tackled the challenges presented and have put in place a plan that hopefully will help us address the challenges presented. I would encourage all parents and society members to join us on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm as we will further discuss our school's report card and other matters pertaining to the school.

Your input is invaluable. As the administrator I have to report to the district on our school's Accountability Pillar through a document formally known to us in the education field as AERR (Annual Education Report Results).

As a Christian school we continue to perfect how we deliver our lessons and units to students to ensure they are taught and learning to see the world as God created it. To perfect this craft the input of all stakeholders is needed as we endeavor to provide the best education possible for our students and to improve on our annual report card. In closing I would like to ask you to go to our school's website at www.fortmcmurraychristianschool and on the left hand side click on "Accountability Pillar" here you will see the report in full color.

In His service,

Mr. J. Champion - Principal

Fall Society Meeting Tuesday Nov. 16 – 7:00 pm

All current Society members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Without the Society operating correctly there would not be a Christian School in Fort McMurray. The society is the business end or the behind the scenes of operating a school with a Christian perspective. Please come and be an encouragement to those that oversee this vital aspect of Fort McMurray Christian School. Budgets, future choices, and wonderful fellowship will be the focus. Bring a plate of goodies, the coffee will be on. A child friendly movie will be showing in the 7/8 room if you require childcare.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

With the onset of cooler weather we find that some students are underdressed for time outside at recess. Perhaps your children come to school with only a light sweater which is fine for running from the house to the warm car but when they spend time outside they are becoming chilled. All students have more fun when they are properly dressed with hats, mitts and proper outerwear, if during recess they are too warm pieces can be removed to suit the weather.

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 November we have recycled over **5000 units** for a total of just over **\$2500.00**.

If you would like to check out our progress so far

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



MOTHER'S 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 November. Please return your monthly form to the school with payment. This can also be found on the website at www.fortmcmurraychristianschool.ca.

*From the Pollard Family (Danny, Glenda, Daniel & Jared)



The Pollard family wishes to thank everyone who supported us at the Variety Show held at the school on Sat. Oct. 16th. Thank you to everyone for their kind generosity. We are very proud to belong to such a supportive school and community.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Tuesday Nov. 2 @ 1:00 pm Please return the original package if you would like retakes.

AWARD PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

On, Friday Oct. 8 11:00-12:00

ABCRC was here presenting the school with the winning cheque for \$2500.00. This is the fourth year in a row that FMCS has won this recycling award in our category.



CHOCOLATES

Sales this year are doing very well, thanks to all our families working together, if you have not already done so, we ask that you return to the school \$75.00 after selling each box for \$3.00

We are also holding a contest for the most boxes sold and numerous other draws.

- Most Chocolates sold in a family with all monies returned before Friday, Oct. 29, 2010 12:00 PM; the family will win a 2GB iPod Shuffle.

Congratulations to the Sheehan Family for selling 12 cases of chocolate and winning the iPod.

MAGAZINE SALES

Please encourage friends and family to visit the CCRP website and they can use a credit card (you can also) to order magazines and the school will get the credit. Please use the code **AB745**. This is valid all year, the credits just keep coming into the school.

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.

ATTENDANCE - PLEASE HELP!

Communicate - Safety is Important. If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please contact the school as soon as possible so that the absence can be properly noted for our records. This will assist us greatly in accounting for all absent students. By contacting us promptly regarding absences, the time required to complete our Child Check process will be reduced.

TUPPERWARE

The Tupperware fundraiser will run from Nov. 8 to Nov. 26. Please check you child's knapsack for the flyers or call the school office if you would like more to share with family. The flyers will also be posted on the website.



CONCERT

The staff and students at FMCS would like to invite everyone to the annual concert

- ❖ **Wednesday, December 8, 2010**
- ❖ **7:00 P.M.**
- ❖ **Family Life Center (formally PAOFM)**
- ❖ **160 Dickins Drive**



2010 – FESTIVAL of TREES (proud to be a partner with Fort McMurray Public School District)

For over 10 years now, the Northern Lights Health Foundation and the Fort McMurray Public School Board have partnered to bring joy and happiness to children throughout the Wood Buffalo region during the Festival of Trees. Staff, students and family members have all played a role in welcoming the smiles of children into the Santa's Workshop at this event.

With a new location this year- the Suncor Community Leisure Center- the Festival of Trees presented by Syncrude Canada Ltd. will be sure to provide hours of entertainment for children and their families. From spending time with Santa and Mrs. Claus to participating in the craft tables, there is something for everyone.

We are asking for your help. Please visit <http://www.nlhf.ca/en/fmpsdsignup> to sign up to play your role in the success of Fort McMurray's premiere Christmas event.

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!



Study Topics for November 2010

ECDP(CUBS)/Kindergarten: Mrs. Jillian Jackman

BIBLE: Obeying God's Commandments, (also what does it mean to disobey). (10 commandments, Jonah, Saul/Paul, Wiseman, and The Prodigal Son) **VERSE:** *"Obeying the Commandments of God is Everything". 1 Cor 7:19*

MATH K: Numbers to **10**, one to one correspondence and comparing two sets. **MATH TERMS:** more, fewer, same number as, as many as, counters, five frame, forward, backward,

MATH CUBS: Numbers 1-5. We will match the numbers to quantity, and identify numbers, trace in hair, make play-dough numbers, and pipe cleaner numbers.

JOLLY PHONICS: K Printing, identifying letters and sounds of the following letters g, o, u, l, f, b, j, z, and w.

CUBS: Letters W,M,H, S and -Wh.

THEME: Winter and Transportation. **MUSIC:** Instruments (piano, guitar) Whole notes on lines & spaces, songs

Please look in your ask me book and practice blending our letters into words and identifying sight words.

GRADE 1 Mrs. Colleen Swain

BIBLE: Building Christian Characteristics **MATH:** Representing numbers to 20

LANGUAGE ARTS: Building reading fluency and sight word knowledge

SCIENCE: Creating Color

SOCIAL STUDIES: My family, My History, My Community

HEALTH: Personal health

ART: Primary Colors, experimenting with food dyes, primary colors in nature, color quilts

PHYSICAL ED: Sending and receiving with objects & volleyball skills

MUSIC (Mrs. Steiestol): Half, quarter & whole notes, staff, timing and singing songs

FRENCH (Mrs. Steiestol): Numbers, Alphabet, Winter clothing

GRADES 2-3: Mrs. Jennifer Dunham

BIBLE: Christian Characteristics

SOCIAL STUDIES: Peru

MATH: Grade 2: Whole Numbers to 100 Grade 3: Whole Numbers to 1000

LANGUAGE ARTS: Sentence/Story Writing, Reading Comprehension Strategies **SCIENCE:** Hearing and Sound

HEALTH: Friendship **ART:** (Mrs. Steiestol) Learn about lines (diagonal, vertical, horizontal, parallel zigzag, looped, thick, thin, etc.)

PHYSICAL ED: Sending and receiving with objects & volleyball skills

MUSIC: (Mrs. Steiestol) Half, quarter & whole notes, staff, timing and singing songs **FRENCH:** Mon Cops (My Body)

GRADES 4-5: Mrs. Donna-Marie Hamilton

BIBLE: Stories and Characters of the Old Testament

MATH: Whole numbers

LANGUAGE ARTS: Spelling, Paragraph writing, Literature circles

SOCIAL STUDIES: Province of Alberta, Regions of Canada: The Canadian Shield.

SCIENCE: Weather and Climate

HEALTH: Healthy lifestyle & Character building

ART 4-6: (Mrs. Dunham) Realism, Pointillism, Post Impressionism

PHYSICAL ED.: (Mrs. Swain) Sending and receiving with objects & volleyball skills

MUSIC: (Mrs. Steiestol) Pitch, staff, line notes, space notes and ear-training practice

FRENCH: (Mrs. Steiestol): Les Vetements (Clothing) Students will be able to tell what they wear in the winter.

GRADES 6 Ms. Dwana Fifield

BIBLE: Who am I?—God's plan for our lives

MATH: Understanding Number—Whole Number and Decimals

LANGUAGE ARTS: Novel Study—Number the Stars **SCIENCE:** Trees and Forests

SOCIAL STUDIES: Democracy in Action—The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

ART: (Mrs. Dunham) Realism, Pointillism, Post Impressionism

PHYSICAL ED: (Mr. Champion) Track and Field, Volleyball, Flag Football and Indoor Games

MUSIC: (Mrs. Steiestol): Rhythmic dictations and ear-training practice. Musician: Celine Dion

FRENCH: (Mrs. Steiestol): Unit on Numbers continues. Ask and tell what page something is on. Phone numbers and related activities.

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

BIBLE: (Mrs. Hamilton) God's plan for redemption: Life of Joseph then the Life of Esther

MATH: (Mr. Champion) Operations with Rational Numbers

SOCIAL STUDIES: (Mr. Champion) How does the European meeting with the natives of the New World reflect Christianity?

PHYSICAL ED.: (Mr. Champion) Track and Field, Volleyball, Flag Football and Indoor Games

LANGUAGE ARTS: (Mrs. Krismer) – Rambling Autobiography, Christmas skit

ART: (Mrs. Dunham) Realism, Pointillism, Post Impressionism **MUSIC:** Mrs. Krismer – Christmas Concert songs, Music Theory




SCIENCE: (Ms. Fifield) The Planet Earth—The Earth's Crust, Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Mountains

FRENCH: (Mrs. Steiestol) Culture Unit: The Battle of the Plains of Abraham

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| Sun. | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat. |
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| | 1 | 2 Pizza Picture Retakes  | 3 Hot Dogs | 4 Subway: Roast Beef | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Pizza | 10 Hot Dogs Remembrance Day Assembly 9 am | 11 NO SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE DAY  | 12 NO SCHOOL | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Pizza Fall Society Meeting 7 pm  | 17 Hot Dogs | 18 Chili and a bun | 19 Report Cards go home | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Pizza | 24 Hot Dogs | 25 Mary Browns Chicken Wraps | 26 NO SCHOOL | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Pizza | | | | |