



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

At our school, the Bible and its teachings are an integral part to the instruction we try to use to develop the young minds God has placed in our care. Some of you, as have I, been asked questions like, "Why you read the Bible?" "How can it be relevant today?" "It was written so long ago that it cannot possibly help us today." My answer to those questions is, the Bible is God's story for us which was relevant for the early church and continues to be relevant today. During the past month on two separate occasions that point has been made very clear to me.

First a friend at church told me about a DVD that he had been given for Christmas titled "Bethlehem's Star". In this hour long production the narrator verified what the Bible tells about Jesus' birth and death. Through the use of technology available today he systematically showed the events depicted in the Bible aligning with astronomical events that were happening in the skies. The most gripping part for me was when he stated that in order for scripture to line up with the events that happened in the heavens God had to foreknow the time of the birth and death of His Son when He first created the universe. What an awesome God we serve!

Secondly this past week I have been reading a book, "How Full is Your Bucket", which is a book about positive strategies for work and life. In the third chapter of that book, the author Tom Rath references a number of studies that show an increase in longevity of people's lives. In these studies individuals who have experienced a 5:1 ratio of positive to negative emotions in their life live on average 10 years longer than others with lower ratios. When I read that statistic I was reminded of Mathew 6 where Jesus is talking about worry. Specifically in verse 27 He poses the question, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" This is another example of the teachings of the Bible being confirmed by studies. The Bible is an old book but it is more than just a book; it is God's Word for us today and it is as relevant as when God inspired men to record His words in the Bible.

Mr. Joseph Champion - Principal



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2009-2010 FMCS YEARBOOK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Featuring 25 pages of full colored pictures, showcasing the fantastic events at FMCS all in one organized place. Right now we require numbers for ordering purposes by March 1, 2010. If you have not already let us know that you want to order a Yearbook your last chance is coming up quickly. Please send in \$30.00 and a note indicating you want to order one. We do not want to miss anyone.

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 February. Please return your monthly form to the school with payment. This can also be found on the website listed below

NEW LOOK FOR OUR WEBSITE

Please check out our new and improved website at www.fortmcmurraychristianschool.ca This will be a place for you to go to get all the current events happening at the school. Please feel free to let us know what else you would like to see posted there.

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 March 13; 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. As we enter the month of February we are currently in first place in our category having recycled over 4900 units for a total of just over \$5400. We have currently recycled more that 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>?

ALMONDS, MINTS AND CAMELS

We still have 30 boxes of almonds left to sell. First come first served. Please do not be shy, drop by office today and get yours soon. If you still have outstanding funds from the last case (\$75.00/case) please send it in. If you cannot remember if you paid for them, call the office and we will let you know.

A Night at the Oscars

Our plans for *Giggles and Gala 2010* are well underway; please mark your calendars to attend this incredible event on **Friday June 11, 2010**. Gery Schubert will be back, to entertain us at the Sawridge Inn and Conference Center! We are currently looking for an Official Photographer for the event, which will be a volunteer position, paid with our grateful thanks. Let Sheila know if you have any ideas.



Ski Life To Safety-

Join Safe Community Wood Buffalo on Sunday, February 7th from 10:00am - 3:00 pm at Vista Ridge. This event will provide all alpine enthusiasts with valuable safety information to keep them on



the hill all season long. There will be information booths on: equipment safety, helmet fitting, concussions and injury prevention. The RCMP will also be there to engrave and register ski and snowboard equipment.

PARENT SURVEY COMING YOUR WAY

You may have recently seen newspaper articles on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) or changes to the Grade 12 Diploma Exams. Both PATs and Diploma Exams contribute to the Accountability Pillar, a tool used by Alberta Education to evaluate how well the education system is meeting the expectations of parents and the public. All parents want to know that their children are receiving a quality education. Grades are important but there is more to it than that. A quality education helps all children make the most of their talents and abilities.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, all parents will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with this school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Mandarin, Cantonese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success. Your participation in the survey helps, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to jurisdictions in May 2010, and will be reported publicly by jurisdictions as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Haxton Centre at Borealis Park is not just for teens anymore. In addition to the great youth programming already offered at the facility by the Justin Slade Youth Foundation, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has launched a wide array of family programs too.

Programs now being offered at the Haxton Centre include:

- Parents, Nannies and Tots at Play
- Tapping Tots Musical Mornings
- Open Art Studio
- Art Card Workshop
- Drop In Jam Sessions
- ...and more.

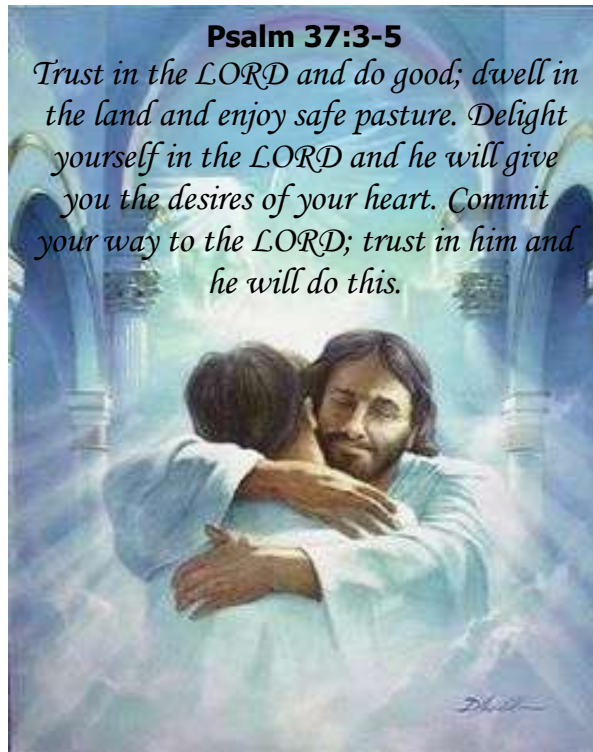


The Haxton Centre is located at Borealis Park (10500 Morrison Street).

For a full list of family programs, including dates and times, please visit www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca. For more information, please call the Haxton Centre Program Line at 780-799-1144.

Psalm 37:3-5

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this.



STUDY TOPICS FOR February, 2010

ECDP/ECS: Mrs. Jillian Jackman

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BIBLE: The Bible teaches us how to show love to others.

MATH: K: Exploring Geometry and measurement. (PLEASE practice printing numbers 0-10 as many children are writing reversals)

CUBS: Extend the components of a 2 element sequence; create the components of a 2 element sequence. Counting backwards 5-0 with the story "5 little ducks".

L.A : K. We will continue to work on word families, sight words, identifying letter sounds and blending letters into words. (Please continue to work on letter sounds especially long and short vowel sounds)

CUBS: We will look at letters, H, D, V, L and M.

PHYSICAL ED: Soccer Skills

THEMES: Love and Valentines

GRADES 1-2: Miss Colleen Hanley and P.E. Grades 1-5

BIBLE: Armor of God

MATH Gr. 1: Addition & Subtraction to 20 **Gr.2:** Double/triple digit addition & subtraction

LANGUAGE ARTS: Sentence & Story writing/Readers Theater

SOCIAL: Community Helpers

HEALTH: Skeletal System/Bone health

ART: Gr. 1-3 (Mrs. Dunham) Jan Brett Author Study and Crafts

PHYSICAL ED Gr.3-5.: Student Led Skill based lessons

MUSIC: Melody

FRENCH: We will start a new unit on Shapes (triangles, squares...)

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

BIBLE: Jacob's Story

MATH: Gr. 3: Addition and Subtraction Gr. 4: Multiplication and Division

LANGUAGE ARTS: Analysis and Reading Groups

SOCIAL STUDIES: Peru

Science: Wheels and Levers

ART: Colors/Painting with water and tempura paint

PHYSICAL ED. Gr. 4-6: (Ms. Hanley) Student Led Skill based lessons

MUSIC: Soprano Recorders and Note reading

FRENCH: We will practice reading and comprehending very short stories related to Jean luc's family.

GRADES 5-6: Ms. Dwana Fifield

BIBLE: Stories from the Ancient World

MATH: Multiplication and Division

LANGUAGE ARTS: Reading Groups/ Functional Writing

SOCIAL STUDIES: The Iroquois Confederacy

SCIENCE: Chemistry

HEALTH: People Need People

ART 5-6: (Mrs. Dunham) Drawing

PHYSICAL ED.: Gr. 5 (Ms. Hanley) Student Led Skill based lessons

Gr. 6 (Mr. Champion) Basketball, Skating, Indoor and Outdoor games

MUSIC: Grade 5 Soprano Recorders and Note Reading Grade 6: Theory and Alto Recorder

FRENCH: Students will study vocabulary related to school timetables and then make their own.

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

BIBLE: (Mrs. Emberley): The Kingdom is Divided (1 Kings 10 – 22)

MATH: (Mr. Champion) Grade 7 Measurement; Circles and Area Grade 8 Measuring Prisms and Cylinders

SOCIAL STUDIES: (Mr. Champion) Christian Worldview: The Lasting Influences of the Renaissance Period in History How does it relate to you?

PHYSICAL ED.: Grade 6, 7 and 8 (Mr. Champion) Cross Country & downhill skiing; Basketball and Indoor games

LANGUAGE ARTS: (Mrs. Krismer) The Bronze Bow Projects

ART: (Mrs. Dunham) Cultural Masks

SCIENCE: (Ms. Fifield) Cells and Systems

Music 6/7/8 - Theory and alto recorder

Drama 7/8 - Movement, Voice

FRENCH: Students will study vocabulary related to a class-seating plan and then make their own. We will also study the verb Avoir and prepositions.

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 15th 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 has given you 6 tens and 7 ones. What number does that represent? She also asks you to draw a picture to represent the number 34 using Base Ten Models.

Grade 2 Question

Ms. Hanley has written on the board the digits 6, 4, 1. Write the largest and smallest 3-digit odd number you can write using these digits.

Grade 3 Question

Mrs. Dunham asked her students to complete the following question. Draw a picture of the number 952, using the Base ten models and write your answer in word form.

Grade 4 Question

Mrs. Dunham asked her students to complete the following question. Draw a picture of the number 652, using the Base ten models and write your answer in word form.

Grade 5 Question

Ms. Fifield asked her students to complete the following question. Draw a picture of the number 9652, using the Base ten models and write your answer in word form.

Grade 6 Question

Ms. Fifield asked her students to find a 4 digit common multiple of all the common multiples of 3, 4 and 6.

Grade 7 Question

Mr. Champion asked his students to find the perimeter of a circle that has a radius of 3 meters? Will the answer be exact or an approximation? Explain

Grade 8 Question

Mr. Champion asked his students to solve the following problem. What are the possible dimensions of a rectangular prism that has a surface area of 432 meters squared? What would the dimension be in centimeters?



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So how do you link your Hbc Rewards account? That's simple. All you have to do is:

1. Visit **www.hbc.com/community**
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If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Hbc Rewards Community Program, visit **www.hbc.com/community**. We really think this is a great way to help our great cause and look forward to reach our goals together.

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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>
	1	2 Burger King	3 Hot Dogs	4 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce	5	6
7	8	9 Mary Brown's Wraps No ECDP class today Full Day of Kindergarten	10 Hot Dogs	11 Chili	12	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL Family Day	16 Subway Subs	17 Hot Dogs	18 Chicken Noodle Soup	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	NO SCHOOL – Christian Professional Development for Teachers		NO SCHOOL – ATA Convention			
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