



Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

I really think that May should be the official yard work month. Most homeowners start to look at their yards and plan what they should look like in the coming months. Tired lawns and flower beds are cleaned and tended to. New seeds are sown and trees are planted. Everything from the house to the sidewalks is washed down. Although all this planning and work is somewhat overwhelming at first, it is faithfully carried out to ensure a successful summer season.

Planning for a successful summer season is important, but even more important is the planning and work that we (the Meadowlark Christian School community) have to do this May to ensure that our school remains one of the finest in Edmonton. However, when planning your backyard projects for the summer the only opinions that really matter are those of your family. When we plan for another year we desperately need *your* ideas and suggestions. Without *your* input we tend to put blinders on and only put into place what we think is important. That cannot be the case. I truly want to hear what you and your family have to say about what is going well here at MCS and also suggestions for improvement.

With continued support, participation and input from our Meadowlark Christian School families we will without a doubt have a dynamic, innovative, compassionate, faith based school that meets the diverse needs of all of our families.

Mr. D. Sweeney
Principal

LEARNING through academics **LIVING** in Christ **LEADING** by serving others **LOVING** with strength of character

Breakthrough Prayer

Ministry

We are a group of parents at Meadowlark Christian School who are members of Campus Crusade For Christ (Breakthrough Prayer Ministry), which is dedicated to encouraging and supporting schools through prayer. Anyone is welcome to join us for prayer Tuesday mornings at 9:00, upstairs in the staff room, to pray for the students and staff.

If you are interested in finding out more or have any prayer requests please give Carol Milner a call at 780-470-3659 or email at milners@airsurfer.ca

Get to know your Ward C Trustee, Christopher Spencer:

<http://www.epsb.ca/trustees/ctrustee.shtml>

Hot Lunch

The next hot lunch is Subway on May 16, 2013



Beginning in September 2013, we are in need of a new Hot Lunch Coordinator. If you would be interested in filling this position, please contact the school office.

Mission for Mexico Fiesta & Update

Seven years ago the Mexican Fiesta started out as strictly a fundraiser for the grade nine missions trip. Over the years the Fiesta, while still a great fundraiser, has become a wonderful school community event. It's a great chance to meet other parents, students and extended families of our Meadowlark Christian School community. I was particularly surprised at the number of MCS Alumni who showed up for this year's Fiesta.

Despite being postponed for two weeks due to that big snowstorm in March, the Fiesta was a huge success! The Tacos were delicious, the music (Zac and Nathan Hayashi) was fantastic and the bidding wars going on throughout the evening were fun to watch. In total we were able to raise over \$3000 for the Grade Nine Mission trip while having some fun and getting to know each other a little bit better. I want to say a big **THANK YOU** on behalf of the entire Mission Team for coming out and supporting us.

Muchas Gracias

The Mexico/Fabens Mission Team would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of those who supported our Mission Trip through prayer and finances. We look forward to the opportunities coming in the months ahead when we can share our experiences and what God has taught us about Him, others and ourselves. This year the theme that God chose to teach us was the Healing Power of Prayer! We were able to pray for and with, many people in a variety of settings. Some highlights of these times would be the man who was healed after the kids prayed for him or the 10 people who our team led to Christ!

The months of May and June will be busy as the grade nine students will be involved in several activities to continue the ministry of the Missions trip. They will be visiting their 'sponsoring' classes to tell them all about the exciting things that happened on the trip plus they have already hosted a Monday chapel at the school to share their experiences from the Mission. Along with these school activities there are a number of students who are sharing their experiences with their church families, youth groups and friends. We encourage you to take the time to chat with any of the members of our team to get a better insight into the value of a Mission trip like this.

If you need an ice breaker to get one of the Mission Team talking about the Mission trip just ask about things like: **working** on landscaping, stone walls, drywall, tiling, painting, squishing sand, cleaning, distributing fliers, helping with the Dental clinic, **worshipping** at several churches, on the streets and at our own base, **ministering** by hosting 'The Event', street ministries with prayer, serving others in many locations **hosting** worship for guests from Mexico including the men's rehab center, Susanna Wesley Collegio, New Life Ministries, Pastor Armondo and Pastor Steve. Or inquire about our team praise and worship sessions every night, the bus rides or the Grand Canyon.

Watch for student testimonials in the June Newsletter.

Mexico Mission Financial Supporters

As we stated on the pledge forms we would like to acknowledge those people who supported us financially and enabled us to go on the Mexico Mission trip. Your generosity helped make this Mission a reality!

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Hoop Camp

The fourteenth annual edition of Hoop Camp will be taking place at West Edmonton Christian Assembly on **July 8-12**. This camp is for girls and boys ages 8-13 years who enjoy basketball and want to improve their skills in a fun and encouraging environment. It is going to be another fantastic camp... you won't want to miss it!

Registration forms are available across from the main office, on SchoolZone under 'School News', or by e-mailing Kent Krikke at kent.krikke@epsb.ca.

Register soon!!

MCS SHINES *presenting*

THE PRODIGAL STAR

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD
6:00 PM & 7:30 PM

MCS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING EVENT - OUR GOAL IS:

\$20,000

for READING and TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

TICKETS

You MUST present a ticket for each seat required.
 Order forms are available in the school office and at k-9christian.com
 Limit 4 tickets per family until May 14th.

John L. Haas Theatre • 10045 - 156 Street
 Grant MacEwan Centre for the Arts and Communications

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

Edmonton Public Schools' International Student Program is partnered with Canada Homestay International (CHI) to provide supportive Homestay services to International Students studying in our schools.

Can you provide a safe, welcoming and caring home environment for an international student between the ages of 15 and 18? Can you care for the student as a part of your family? If your answer is "yes", please submit your application!

Homestay families are compensated, receiving \$700 per month for providing accommodations and three daily meals.


For more information and to complete a host family application, please visit the CHI website at:

www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca

For questions, please call George at (780) 328-6479 ext. 2052, Diamond at (780) 328-6479 ext. 2037 or e-mail eps@canadahomestayinternational.com.

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10th Annual
**School Bus Driver
Appreciation Day**

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

In appreciation of the safe and caring work exhibited by our school bus drivers, Edmonton Public Schools and Edmonton Catholic Schools has designated **May 8** as **School Bus Driver Appreciation Day**.

We wish to extend a sincere thank you for the challenging work our drivers do each day, by getting our students to school safely, on time and ready to learn.

Spotlight on Literacy

WHAT IS PHYSICAL LITERACY?

Physical literacy is about helping students “read” what’s going on around them when they’re involved in a physical activity. It involves enhancing their basic movement skills, so that they can move confidently and with control in a wide range of activities and sports. According to the Canadian Sport for Life movement (CS4L), “[physical literacy is underpinned by] the ABC’s – *Agility, Balance, Coordination and Speed.*”

Our work in the classroom

Teachers support and develop a student’s physical literacy skills in many ways. Some examples include:

- teaching games for understanding like game forms, game appreciation, tactical awareness, decision making, skill execution and performance;
- providing opportunities for students to identify basic movement skills by watching videos and discussing the breakdown of the specific skills with their classmates;
- connecting activities that happen in school to physical activities that students do outside of school;
- expanding physical activity beyond the gym environment by going on field trips to places like rock climbing gyms, swimming pools and walking trails, and partnering with external organizations, such as Biathlon Alberta, Rocks & Rings or Golf in Schools;
- focusing on building age-appropriate developmental skills as supported by the Alberta Program of Studies. These programs of studies promote each child’s healthy development through sequential stages that respect the child’s physical, mental and emotional development; and
- encouraging physical activity throughout the day by getting kids active in different kinds of energizers like cup stacking, yoga stretches or musical chairs.

Helping at home

There are a number of things you can do to help support your child’s physical literacy:

- Expose your child to a variety of physical activities that include *ground* (games and sports); *water* (aquatic); *snow or ice* (winter sliding); and *air* (gymnastics, aerial activities).
- Encourage your child to walk or ride their bike to school.
- Engage in physical activities as a family.
- Model your commitment to physical fitness.
- Help your child find the physical activities that match and expand their unique interests and aptitudes.

“Just as learning the alphabet is necessary to read, the development of fundamental movement skills and sport skills is critical if children are to feel good about physical activity.”

– Canadian Sport for Life

Literacy links

The following links provide great information and tips on getting active, healthy eating and strengthening your child’s love of physical activity and sports:

- Edmonton Sport Council – bit.ly/Y0bmnD
- City of Edmonton – Youth programs: bit.ly/Yu8mCH
- Edmonton YMCA: edmonton.ymca.ca
- Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada: bit.ly/3m4UX8
- Public Health Agency of Canada: bit.ly/fJEjBq



Encourage Speech and Language Every Day, in Every Way!

Information for Teachers

Teachers use many strategies to help their students. Supporting a busy classroom of students with different strengths and needs is a daunting task.

These simple ideas can help build students' speech and language skills:

- **Model and emphasize sounds in words** by saying them louder and slower. For example, you could emphasize a certain sound during a reading activity. This helps draw your students' attention to the sounds, and can be especially helpful for students who are struggling with pronunciation.
- **Repeat, rephrase and explain new vocabulary words** many times, in many different ways. Use describing words such as size, shape, color, etc., or talk about how the new word goes with other words your students know (e.g., it's a type of _____, you often see it with a _____). This helps build students' understanding and use of new words.
- **Giving instructions?** When things get hectic, it can be easy to give instructions before checking that students are ready for them. Consider warning your students about upcoming instructions, and check for understanding after giving the instructions.
- **Model complete sentences.** By speaking in complete sentences, you help students learn appropriate grammar and sentence structure.

Want to learn more? Talk with your school SLP, or visit www.eric.ca to register for a "Speech-Language Collaboration: Moving from Pull-Out to the Classroom" workshop.

Information for Parents

Parents and families are busy – it can be hard to get everything done in a day. Here are some ideas for everyday activities that can encourage your child's speech and language skills:

- **Read with your child every day.** Encourage your child to read! Choose books that are interesting, and not too hard or too easy, and let your child see you reading. Reading helps build language skills.
- **Talk with your child every day.** It doesn't matter what you talk about! Ask your child how their day was, or what they're doing, or what they liked best about recess that day. Help your child include important information by asking questions such as "Who did you do that with?" "What did you make during art class?" or "What did you do first?"

You are your child's greatest support!

The Talk Box has information and fun activities to help encourage speech and language skills, for children 0 – 12 years.

Visit www.parentlinkalberta.ca and click on the Talk Box!

Where to get help

Talk with your school SLP, or call the Health Link at 1-866-408-5465.

May

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 HLAT Reading at 9:00 a.m. | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Pan-Canadian Assessment for Gr. 8's (p.m.) | 8 Bus Driver Appreciation day | 9 Volunteer Tea (8:30-2:30) | 10 Arbor Day | 11 |
| 12 | 13 PAT Gr. 9 L.A. Part A (9- 11:00) School Council at 7:00 pm | 14 PAT Gr. 3 L.A. Part A (9- 10:10) | 15 PAT Gr. 6 L.A. Part A (9- 11:00) | 16 Hot Lunch Day -Subway | 17 Teacher Day In Lieu - no school for stu- dents | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Victoria Day - no school | 21 | 22 MCS Shines Rehearsal | 23 MCS Shines | 24 Spring Photos K Grad Photos | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Gr. 5 & 9 Imm. Round 1 (p.m.) | 29 Zone track meet @ Foote Field (10-4) | 30 | 31 Scripture Memory Deadline | |

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

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| June 4 - City Track Meet Finals | June 19 - PAT Gr 6 Science (9-10 am) |
| June 7 - Grade 9 Grad at West Meadows Church | June 20 - PAT Gr 6 Social Studies (9-10 am) |
| June 7 - Ringette for Gr. 3-6 (am) | June 21 - Kindergarten Grad (1-3 pm) gym |
| June 10 - School Council meeting 7 pm | June 24 - PAT Gr 9 Science (9-10:15 am) |
| June 10-12 - Gr 8 to Jasper | June 25 - PAT Gr 9 Math (9-10:15 am) |
| June 11 - PAT Gr 3 LA Part B (9-10:15 am) | June 26 - PAT Gr 9 LA Part B (9-10:15 am) |
| June 13 - Hot Lunch Day - Booster Juice | June 27 - PAT Gr 9 Social Studies (9-10:20 am) |
| June 13 - PAT Gr 3 Math (9-10 am) | June 27 - Awards Day (pm) |
| June 17 - PAT Gr 6 LA Part B (9-10 am) | |
| June 18 - PAT Gr 6 Math (9-10:15 am) | |