



## Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

At this busy time of year it is very easy to get caught up in the frantic race that has become the pace of our present day culture. However, Advent, which began on November 28th, is all about waiting. The Advent season is a wonderful reminder that we all need to take our foot off of the accelerator and appreciate the prelude to Christmas Day.

Although the evergreen Christmas tree, Santa Claus and presents have become a symbol for Christmas, it is our wish that our children understand the real reason for the season, *giving* and *receiving*. Yes, you read correctly, the real reason for the season is to reflect on the special gift (His Son) that God has lovingly *given* us and to *receive* this gift with reverence and appreciation. It truly is the season for *giving* and *receiving*.

May Christmas 2010 find each of us better able to lovingly *give* and to *receive*, and thus, to understand more fully the miracle of Christmas. During this special season, be assured of my prayers for each of you, members of our Meadowlark Christian School family.

Christmas Peace to Each of You.

Mr. D. Sweeney  
Principal



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

## NEED TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHILD?

Although we do our best to get messages to students or staff, please know that we do not interrupt classes. If you phone after 2:30 PM with a message for your child or a staff member, they **may not** receive your message by the end of the day. If at all possible, before your child leaves for school, make arrangements regarding ride schedules and/or appointments. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Campus Crusade For Christ (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](mailto:milners@airsurfer.ca)

### **Meadowlark Christian School School Council January Meeting**

**Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. in the staff room

**All parents are welcome!**



## **Christmas Celebration**

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**

Please note the date change – **Tuesday, Dec. 14,**  
7pm at West Meadows Baptist Church, 9333 199 Street.

**We are excited to have the entire school involved!**

Elementary students (Grades 1-6) will present “Fear Not Factor” and we will feature special performances by the kindergartens and junior high students.

**Please begin thinking and praying about who you can invite to this evening to share God’s message of love and peace.**

# Library Shape Up!

If you are interested in pitching in to help spruce up our library, please forward your name to Mrs. Ethier, (email to [shyann.ethier@epsb.ca](mailto:shyann.ethier@epsb.ca)).

A schedule/plan will be drawn up after we have an idea of how many people are available to help. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated! Thank you.



## Operation Christmas Child

“Operation Christmas Child is a fun and simple, hands-on project of Samaritan’s Purse that anyone can participate in. Each gift-filled shoe box is used to bless the life of a child living in a desperate situation.” Boxes are filled by people and then sent to children in distant countries.

**Thanks to the hard work of the junior high Leadership option students, there were 281 boxes put together by the families of Meadowlark Christian School for Operation Christmas Child! We also had over \$400.00 donated separately (not in a box) to help with the cost for Samaritans Purse.**

Thank you to all of those who participated by making a box, donating money for a box or encouraging others to participate. Homeroom 8N contributed a whopping 80 boxes! One grade three student even had an Operation Christmas Child party at her home where a number of the students got together to fill boxes.

A special thank you is extended to Miss Douziech, Mr. Regehr, and several junior high students for helping load them into vehicles. Thank you also to Mr. Krikke and Mr. Ethier for delivering all of the boxes to the drop off point at Beulah Alliance Church. Also, thank you to Mr. Krikke and Mr. Regehr for coordinating Leadership students to lead the project here at the school.



## **Parking and Drop-Off at Meadowlark Christian School**

### **“Choose Safety Over Convenience”**

Anyone who has gone through a winter season at Meadowlark Christian School knows all too well how difficult it is to drop off and pick up students. Contrary to what people may believe, there is plenty of room to drop off students safely as long as drivers are courteous, take their time and follow some basic driving rules/laws.

Some important safety considerations to keep in mind:

- don't double park
- only park/stop in zones that are legally safe to park/stop in (i.e.- don't park in “Bus”, “No Parking” or “Handicapped” zones)
  - pull over to the curb to drop students off
  - do not perform U-turns anywhere near the school
  - Do not park or stop in the staff parking lot

It is very convenient to park in the front of the school to drop your child(ren) off, but please consider other, less congested and safer areas to drop them off. The east side (157 street) of the school is a good drop off zone. It is not as busy, there is a gate that children can enter the field and you are able to watch your child(ren) all the way to the playground. The north side (99 avenue) of the building is also a good alternative to the front of the building.

Please keep in mind that bylaw officers make regular rounds of schools and we haven't seen one this year. If one visited our school, they would be able to issue many tickets on a daily basis. Most of these tickets would be for parking in the areas that have been mentioned above.

### **Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars**

Dec. 3rd - Safeway Gift Card Pick-up - 3-4 pm

Dec 4 - Boys Volleyball Gold medal finals vs. Winterburn  
at Jasper Place High School – 11:00 am

Jan 3 - classes resume

Jan. 31st - PD Day (no classes for Students)

# Boys Basketball Tryouts

Any junior high boys who are interested in trying out for the basketball team are reminded of the tryout dates:

**Tuesday, December 7: 3:30-5:15 pm**

**Friday, December 10: 3:30-5:15 pm**

**Wednesday, December 15: 3:30-5:15 pm**



**Boys are to be changed and in the gym before 3:30 pm. Attending all three tryouts is mandatory.**

**Ensure that you are caught up with your homework, Scripture Memory work and prepared to work hard on the court.**

## Electronic Versions of the School Newsletter

If your family would like to receive an electronic version of the school newsletter rather than a paper copy please fill in this slip and return it to the school office.

- Yes, our family would like to have an electronic version of the monthly school newsletter rather than a paper copy.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Be a  
part of  
public  
education!

*As parents and community members, you play an important role in supporting public education.*



**Board of Trustees (left to right):** Cheryl Johner (Ward A), Ken Shipka (Ward B), Christopher Spencer (Ward C), Dave Colburn (Ward D), Heather MacKenzie (Ward E), Michael Janz (Ward F), Sarah Hoffman (Ward G), Catherine Ripley (Ward H) and Leslie Cleary (Ward I).

Edmonton Public Schools' Board of Trustees encourages you to participate in the board policy review process and attend board meetings to stay aware of matters affecting the school district.

To provide feedback on a policy under review, click on the "Give us your feedback" button at [www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca).

Public board meetings are held at the Centre for Education, One Kingsway on the following Tuesdays:

- December 14, 2010
- January 11, 2011
- January 25, 2011

Please note that the schedule of board meetings is subject to change. If you wish to confirm the date of a particular board meeting, contact the Board Office at 780-429-8021. Free underground parking is available.

Agendas for each board meeting and copies of reports are posted the Friday prior to each meeting at [www.epsb.ca/board/agenda.shtml](http://www.epsb.ca/board/agenda.shtml).

# *Introducing Our Newly Elected Ward C Trustee*

## *Mr. Christopher Spencer*



Serving his first term as a school board Trustee, Christopher Spencer is a freelance communications consultant and a stay-at-home father. He is the contributing author of two books that profile the province of Alberta and the city of Edmonton. He holds a degree in communications and was recognized by the Alberta Teachers' Association as a Public Education Volunteer of the Year. As an advocate for public education, he has been instrumental in raising the profile and increasing the enrolment of Grovenor School.

He believes helping a child to learn should be a joyful experience and is looking forward to the opportunity for transformational change at the Board level. Christopher is married and has two children who are receiving their education in Edmonton Public Schools. His family's roots run deep in Edmonton. Evansdale School is named after his great grandfather, H.M.E. Evans, who was the Mayor of Edmonton during World War I.

*"Education requires partnerships and as a Trustee, I hope to build connections between the District and the communities it serves."*

Ward C is bounded as follows:

- On the west and north by the city limit between 79 Avenue to St. Albert Trail;
- On the east and north by St. Albert Trail southward to 149 Street and further southward to the CNR tracks, eastward to the Canadian National Railway Right of Way (CNR), southward to 107 Avenue, westward to Groat Road, southward to the North Saskatchewan River and westward to Whitemud Drive; and
- On the south by Whitemud Drive westward to 149 Street, northward to 87 Avenue, westward to Anthony Henday Drive, southward to 79 Avenue and eastward to the city limits.

Telephone: (780) 429-8083

E-mail: [Christopher.Spencer@epsb.ca](mailto:Christopher.Spencer@epsb.ca)

## *New pre-enrolment deadline*

The District's new pre-enrolment registration deadline will be April 15, 2011 for all schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12.

The shift forward in the pre-enrolment timeline is intended to provide schools with more time to finalize their staffing arrangements, which take place after the pre-enrolment deadline.

By ensuring staff are in place earlier, schools and teachers will have more time to develop plans on how best to support the students they will serve in the next school year.

Additional information regarding the change in the pre-enrolment deadline will be shared in the coming weeks and months. Watch for announcements in school newsletters and in the Quick Guide to Edmonton Public Schools.

It is important for students and their families to be aware of the new deadline so they can make the necessary preparations for the pre-enrolment process.

*For more information, contact the principal of your child's school.*

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*Bright futures  
begin here* 

[www.e-psb.ca](http://www.e-psb.ca)

## *Junior High Memory*


**Nope, the title isn't referring to the actual memories of junior high students. It is referring to the fact that junior high students are using technology more and more and one of the frustrations that comes with that is that sometimes files get "lost" in cyber space.**

**In order to ensure that students don't "lose" projects or work we are requesting that each junior high student purchase their own thumb drive or memory stick that they can keep all of their data files on. You can pick them up at **Wal-Mart, Staples** or any other electronics store.**



**A 2 gig memory stick is sufficient and will probably cost about \$10.**



# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> - ELevate - Social Seven at Fort Ed- monton (Blocks 1-3) -Girls V-Ball Practice	<b>2</b> - Newsletter -Boys V-Ball Bronze at Jasper Place -Track & Field Practice	<b>3</b> -Safeway Gift Card Pick-up - 3 - 4 pm	<b>4</b> MCS Boys V- Ball Final at Jasper Place - 11 am
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> -Track & Field Practice -Boys Basketball Try- outs (3:30-5:45)	<b>8</b> - WECA Bethlehem walk for whole school (9:30) -MCS Foundation Meeting (6:30)	<b>9</b> -Gr. 6 to West Meadows to practice their drama (a.m.) -Track & Field Practice	<b>10</b> -Boys Basketball Tryouts (3:30-5:45)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Christmas Concert Rehearsal -Jasper Place High in to speak with Gr. 9 stu- dents re. High School (1:30)	<b>14</b> Concert Rehearsal Christmas Concert (7:00 p.m. at West Meadows Baptist Church - 9333 199 Street) No tract	<b>15</b> -Outdoor Ed Cross Coun- try Skiing @ Allin Park (9:15-11:15) -Boys Basketball Tryouts (3:30-5:45)	<b>16</b> -Hot Lunch Day (Dairy Queen) - Gr. 6 to sing at Lynwood Extended Care No track	<b>17</b> -Elementary Christmas Chapel (11:05 – 11:40) -Jr. High Skiing to Rabbit Hill	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>21</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>22</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>23</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>28</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>30</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>31</b> Christmas Break <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 						
2	3 Classes resume	4 -Track & Field Practice -In Class Presentation, Strathcona Wilderness Centre, Gr. 1, Science Seasons, 1-2:30	5 -- ELevate	6 -Newsletter Staff Meeting -Track & Field Practice	7 Elementary Chapel (11:05 – 11:40)	8
9	10 Gr. 5 & 9 Immunizations (p.m.)	11 -Track & Field Practice	12 -ELevate	13 -Track & Field Practice	14	15
16	17 School Council at 7:00 p.m.	18 -Track & Field Practice	19 -Jr. High Skating (9:15-11:15)	20 -Hot Lunch Day Pasta Day -MCS Foundation AGM (6:30) -Track & Field Practice	21 Elementary Chapel (11:05 – 11:40)	22 <b>Golden Bear Track Meet (Grades 4-9)</b>
23 <b>Golden Bear Track Meet (Grades 4-9)</b>	24	25 -Track & Field Practice	26 -ELevate	27 -Track & Field Practice	28 -Harrier's Elementary Relays (Gr. 4-6)	29
30	31 PD Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>					