



Principal's Message

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I was reading an article dealing with the most common frustrations that Principals have. One of the frustrations was, "families who do not value education and support their school's efforts." Reading that statement brought a smile to my face, but it also caused me concern. The smile was there because our school is blessed to have a parent community that genuinely values education and wants nothing short of the best for their children.

The concern arose because I started questioning whether or not we, as a school, our doing the best job we can at *meaningfully* engaging our incredibly supportive parents. As I thought about this, some questions came to my mind. These included: How can we better equip our parents to help their child succeed? How can we efficiently communicate what is being taught in the classroom so that parents can enhance or support the lessons if they choose to? What kind of information would our parents want in order to support their child's schooling?

Unfortunately I don't have answers to all of these questions right now, but I can assure all parents that I will be spending considerable time this year working with our staff and parents to determine how we can continue to strengthen the parent/school partnership. I am open to ideas from parents. Maybe you have answers to the questions I have mentioned above. If so, drop by the office to talk, call me on the phone, or send me an e-mail message.

Partners

**I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.**

**One was a teacher; the tools used
Were books and music and art
One, a parent with guiding hands,
A gentle and loving heart.**

**Day after day the teacher toiled,
With a touch both deft and skilled.
The parent labored side by side
And all the values filled.**

**And when at last their task was done
They looked at what they'd wrought
The beautiful shape of the precious child
Could neither be sold nor bought.**

**And each agreed it would have failed
If one had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher, the home.**

Author Unknown

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

Meadowlark Christian School School Council November Meeting

Monday, November 29th

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

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.

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

Nov. 17th— Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due

Nov. 18th—School Picture Retakes

Nov. 19th—Progress Reports Sent Home

Nov. 22nd—Safeway Gift Card Fundraiser Orders are due

Nov. 24th—Parent Teacher Interviews (3:45-6:45)

Nov. 25th—Parent Teacher Interviews (2:30-6:45)

Dec. 3rd—Safeway Gift Card Pick-up

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

Canada Safeway Fundraiser



This is a great opportunity to raise funds for our school by simply directing some of your grocery dollars to Canada Safeway.

You can purchase **Safeway Gift Cards** from MCS (that you use yourself, sell, or give away) in whatever dollar value you wish. You may wish to buy a particular dollar value enough to cover your grocery purchases for a week, a month or several months. MCS will receive a discount on the aggregate purchase of all gift cards. This gift card program is an easy way to raise funds for the school.

This year the money raised will be used for a document camera.

FOIP and Media Consent Form

Our staff are aware of the importance of privacy and protecting the personal information of our students and parents. There are occasionally instances when student's personal information may be used outside the school or posted on the school's public website. In order to do this schools must obtain consent from parents/guardians first.

Please read and appropriately complete the attached "FOIP and Media Consent Form" and then return it to the office as soon as possible.

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).

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.



To All Parents Using MCS Preauthorized Bank Withdrawal

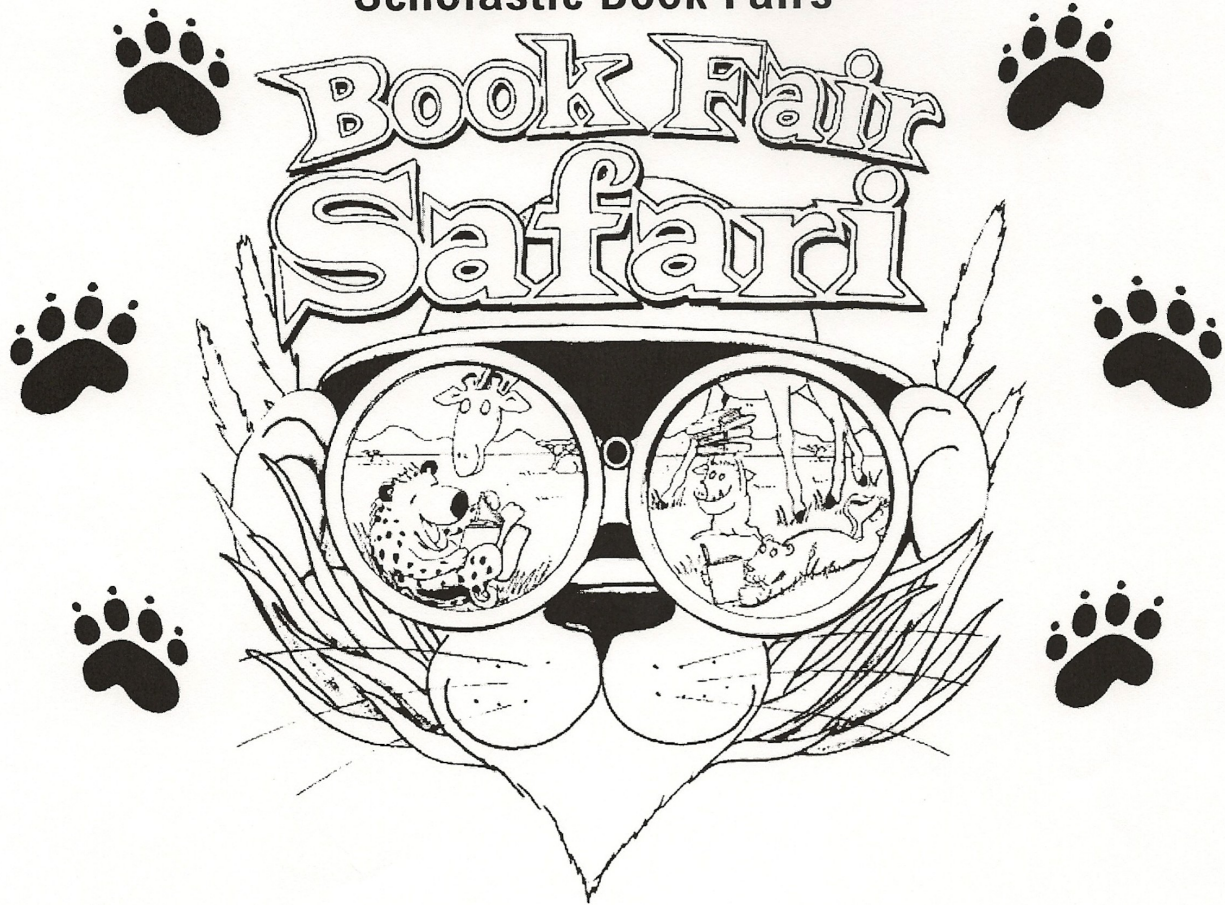
Please be advised that if you require any changes to your Preauthorized Bank Withdrawal (i.e.: new banking information, different withdrawal date) a notice of these changes **MUST** be received by the school office **14 days before** the payment is to be withdrawn. This also includes the cancellation of any preauthorized transaction.

Thank you kindly for your assistance in this matter!

Sandra Di Cesare
Business Manager
MCS Foundation Ltd.



Scholastic Book Fairs'



Trek to our Family Event!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us.

Don't forget to enter our Family Event Draw. You could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom!

Wednesday, November 24th from 3 – 6 pm
Thursday, November 25th from 2 – 6 pm
In the MCS Library

P.S. Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the book Fair, up to \$6 goes back to our school? This allows us to purchase needed books and educational resources.

Building *bright futures* for **district students**

To address the Board of Trustees' priority around student achievement, Edmonton Public Schools has focused on supporting the work of teaching and learning taking place in the classroom.

Over the course of the 2009-2010 school year, we moved forward with this vital work and have a few highlights to share.

- Since 2004-2005, Edmonton Public Schools' high school completion rate has increased 4.7 per cent, rising to 74.4 per cent. This is substantial, but we need to do even better.
- Our students did very well on provincial achievement tests compared to the province, especially in Grades 6 and 9.
- For diploma exams, we saw gains in science-based subjects and French language arts. We are working to help more students do better on the math, social studies and English diploma exams.

The Board of Trustees and staff of Edmonton Public Schools will continue working with families and community organizations to help every student complete high school and realize the brightest possible future.

For more details on the results, visit our district website at www.epsb.ca or contact your school principal.



Alberta Education Provincial Achievement Test Results 2009-10 School Year

	Meadowlark Christian	
	Number of Students	Students Achieving
GRADE 3: LANGUAGE ARTS	29	
Acceptable standard		90%
Standard of excellence		21%
GRADE 3: MATHEMATICS	N/A	N/A
GRADE 6: LANGUAGE ARTS	26	
Acceptable standard		96%
Standard of excellence		46%
GRADE 6: MATHEMATICS	N/A	N/A
GRADE 6: SCIENCE	27	
Acceptable standard		89%
Standard of excellence		33%
GRADE 6: SOCIAL STUDIES	26	
Acceptable standard		85%
Standard of excellence		27%
GRADE 9: LANGUAGE ARTS	25	
Acceptable standard		88%
Standard of excellence		24%
GRADE 9: MATHEMATICS	N/A	N/A
GRADE 9: SCIENCE	26	
Acceptable standard		81%
Standard of excellence		12%
GRADE 9: SOCIAL STUDIES	26	
Acceptable standard		81%
Standard of excellence		27%

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***N/A means that the results are not reported by Alberta Education as a new curriculum is being utilized and standards for the tests have not yet been set.**

Meadowlark Christian School HLAT Results 2009-10 School Year

**HLAT stands for Highest Level of Achievement Test
This test is administered by EPS to every student each year.**

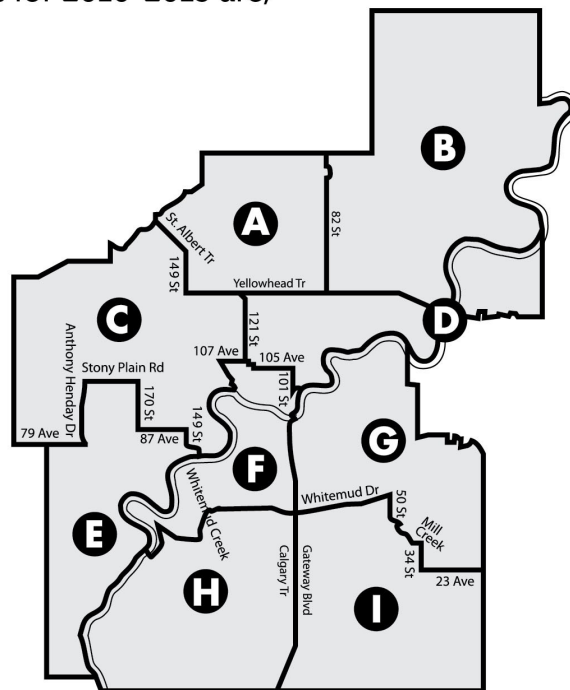
	Meadowlark Christian	
	Number of Students	Students Achieving
READING Grades 1, 2, 3 At or beyond grade level	78	94%
WRITING Grades 1, 2, 3 At or beyond grade level	78	99%
READING Grades 4, 5, 6 At or beyond grade level	73	92%
WRITING Grades 4, 5, 6 At or beyond grade level	73	96%
READING Grades 7, 8, 9 At or beyond grade level	99	86%
WRITING Grades 7, 8, 9 At or beyond grade level	100	96%



Edmonton Public Schools is pleased to share the results of the 2010 School Board Trustee elections.

The District's new Board of Trustees for 2010-2013 are, in ward order:

- Ward A: Cheryl Johner
- Ward B: Ken Shipka
- Ward C: Christopher Spencer
- Ward D: Dave Colburn
- Ward E: Heather MacKenzie
- Ward F: Michael Janz
- Ward G: Sarah Hoffman
- Ward H: Catherine Ripley
- Ward I: Leslie Cleary



Edmonton Public Schools looks forward to working with the new Board of Trustees to ensure all district students are successful, complete high school and enjoy a bright future.





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.

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.

FOIP and Media Consent

for Posting Student Information to Public Website(s) and Media Access

General Information

Schools use personal information to provide educational programming and a safe school environment. A student's personal information, including photographs, may be used within the school and District for school purposes (e.g. school calendar, newsletter, yearbook, and the internal secure website, School-Zone). For more details on how personal information is used in Edmonton Public Schools, visit <http://www.epsb.ca/datafiles/CollectionUseOfPersonalInfoGuide.pdf>.

If the student's personal information is going to be used for any other purpose outside the school or posted on the school's public website, schools must obtain consent from parents/guardians. In addition, schools may be contacted by the Communications department of Edmonton Public Schools or external media agencies (newspaper, radio, television) for access to students for quotes or interviews. These audio and video images may be published or aired in a variety of ways, including television, radio, newspapers and online (public websites, blogs, podcasts, social networking sites (i.e. Twitter)) or used for district publications.

In addition, schools may wish to include a student's picture and/or quote in school publications (brochures, program booklets

or newsletters) that will be shared with the general public. A school might also include a student's picture on the school public website, for example, if the student is on one of the school's athletic teams. Pictures on the District's public website (<http://epsb.ca/>) will only include the **student's first name**.

Video or audio recordings posted online may include, but are not limited to, wikis, blogs, podcasts, social media (Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, Facebook, etc.) and other emerging technologies.

Note: Public Events—Classrooms are not public places, and the school controls who has access to school property and students on school property. When schools invite spectators, family, friends, media and the general public into the school, the event becomes a public event (e.g., school concert). Anyone may take photographs/videos (excluding copyright performances) at a public event and the school has no control over how these images may be used. The media are expected to behave responsibly and co-operate with schools that have invited them to participate in school events. Pictures taken by school staff, at public events, may be used for school purposes; however, these photographs may not be used for promotion of the school without obtaining parental consent.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO INDICATE YOUR CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD:

School & District Public Website(s)

- Student's photograph posted online (the school's website)
- Student's first name and grade posted online (the school's website)
- Student's full name posted online (newsletter; team lists) on the school's public website
- Video and/or audio recording of a student posted online
- Student photographed, interviewed or quoted for District or school publications, advertisements and promotional materials (i.e. EPSB public website, brochures).

Media

I consent to my child to be interviewed by the media or appear in an event being covered by the media.

- Yes No

Note:

The District cannot control how the information may be distributed, including print, broadcasts, photographs and the Internet (for example, websites, wikis, blogs, podcasts, online video and social media sites).

- I do not want my child's information used for any of the above purposes.

Please ensure that you have filled in at least one circle above

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____
(Print first and last name)

School: MEADOWLARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EPSB #: _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

For further information, please contact your school principal. You can revoke your consent at anytime by contacting your school's principal. If consent is revoked, the personal information will be removed from the website but may be available on the Internet indefinitely.