



Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

As I write this message, the temperature outside is -23°C (with a windchill of -30°C). It is a bitterly cold day, but inside our building it is warm and comfortable. It really is amazing when you stop to ponder the situation. Simply crossing the threshold of our entrance changes the environment from one that is cold and hostile to one that feels warm and secure. Students are able to function normally in a warm and secure environment, but need special clothing and preparation to function outside in extreme cold.

This is similar to what happens in education. Staff work hard at ensuring the learning environment is "warm and secure" so that students can learn the basic skills that they need to survive in the environment outside the schools walls. I am reminded of a quote penned by Hodding Carter Jr., "There are two lasting bequests we can give our children: One is roots. The other is wings." At Meadowlark Christian School we work hard at nurturing the essential learning needs, the roots, of our students. However, in order to ensure that students are academically prepared for the world beyond our school we also believe in constantly challenging students to exceed their own expectations, to take to the wing and soar.

Soaring is a skill that the bald eagle excels at. This bird powerfully portrays what it is like to aggressively soar using it's inborn skills as well as skills that it has honed over repeated attempts throughout its life. As we reach the half way point of the year I would like to encourage all of our students to, "Soar Like an Eagle" through the rest of the year.

Mr. D. Sweeney

Principal

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

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

Library Shape Up

Mrs. Ethier has a few more plans to implement but the library is now available for borrowing books.

School Council Meeting

All parents are welcome to join us for the school council meeting on Monday, February 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room.

Hot Lunch Coordinator

This is a volunteer position which needs to be filled beginning in September 2011. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role. Training and support are available.

Mission for Mexico Project 2011

Once again, some of our grade nine students will be going on a Mission Trip to El Paso, Texas. This year the mission will be from April 4th to April 16th. You will be hearing a lot more in the months to come but here are two things we want you to put on your calendar.

1. Look for the sponsorship forms that will be coming home in early February. This form will explain the purpose of the Mission and also how you can help to make it the best Mission Trip possible.
2. The Mission Team will be hosting a Mexican Fiesta and Silent Auction on Thursday, March 24th. It is a fun night when you can buy a very inexpensive supper for you and your family plus you can participate in the fun and excitement of the silent auction. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction please let Mr. Regehr or Mr. Krogen know.

Mr. Regehr

Student Correction Forms

Correction forms have been printed and sent home with students. Please carefully read through and make corrections directly on the form. To confirm that all information is correct, initial the top of the page. All forms are to be returned to the classroom teacher by February 15.

Compassion Child Month

One of the ways in which our school lives out our Mission statement is to help those who are in need. Each division of our school has chosen to support a child through Compassion Canada. This commitment involves raising enough money to support our Compassion Children for the year. Amazingly we can provide food, clothing and schooling for a whole year by raising \$410.00 per child. To reach this goal we are designating February as Compassion Child month. If every student in our school raised \$1.10/week or \$4.40 for the month, we will reach our goal. We would like to encourage you to challenge your son/daughter to raise this money on their own by doing extra work around the house, helping out a neighbor or even just giving up one can of pop for the week and donating that money. Together we can make an impact in 3 children's lives!

2010 Income Tax Receipts

Just a reminder that the 2010 income tax receipts issued by MCS Foundation Ltd. will be mailed out by February 28, 2011.

To insure that there is no delay in receiving your receipt, if you have moved residences within the last 6 months please confirm your address with the school office. If you have any questions regarding tax receipts please contact Sandra Di Cesare at the school. (780) 483-6476 or Sandra.Dicesare@epsb.ca

Accountability Pillar Survey

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.

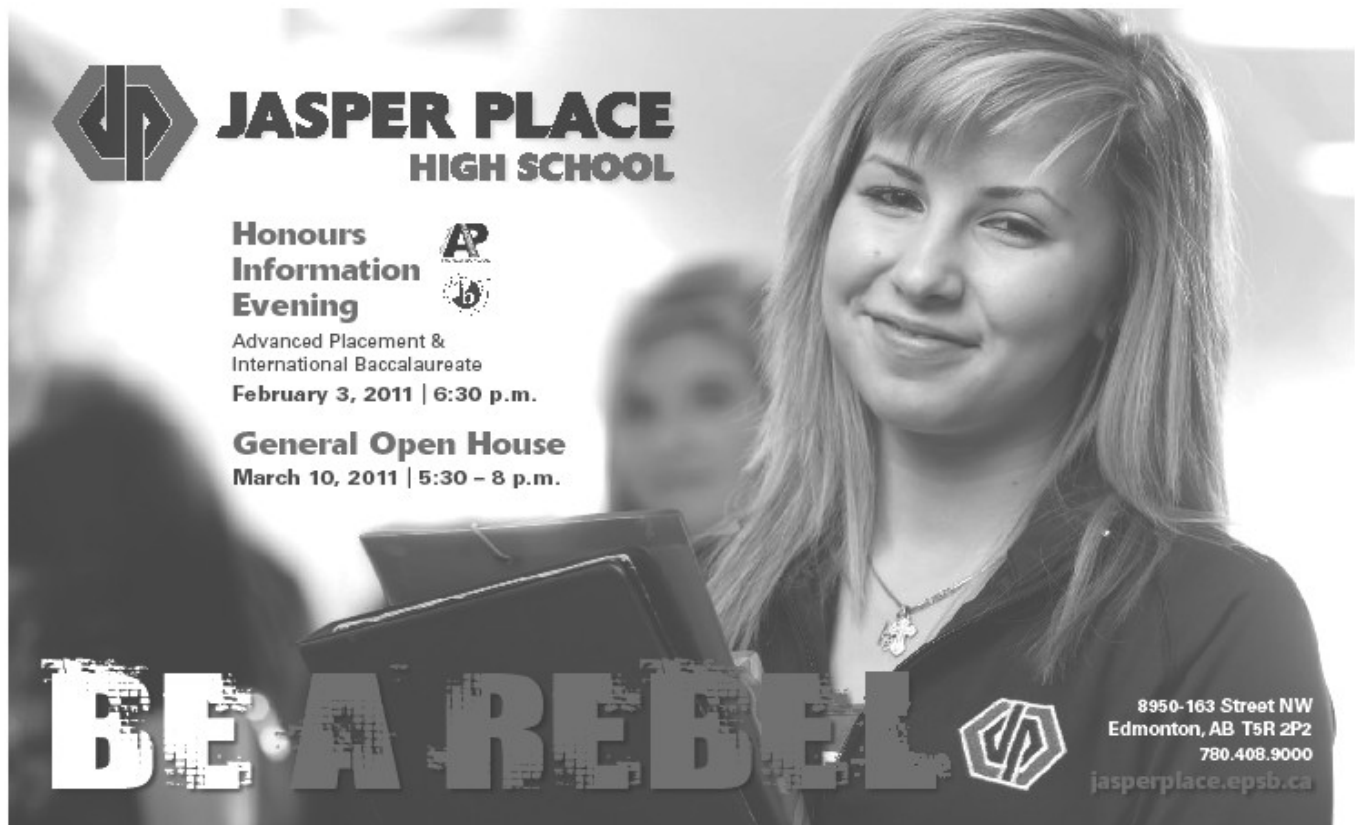
The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.


From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, and 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, and 7 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.



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

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey to Alberta Education promptly.


Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2011, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual



 **JASPER PLACE
HIGH SCHOOL**

**Honours
Information
Evening**  
Advanced Placement &
International Baccalaureate
February 3, 2011 | 6:30 p.m.

General Open House
March 10, 2011 | 5:30 – 8 p.m.

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REMINDER:
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.

Please be advised of the following key registration dates:

- Monday, March 7, 2011 Deadline for parents to submit **applications** to schools with entrance criteria
- Friday, April 15, 2011 Pre-enrolment deadline for all district schools (K-12)
- Tuesday, April 19, 2011 Random selection process for students living outside the attendance boundaries of schools whose registrations exceed their enrolment limits

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

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Ross Sheppard High School Open House Dates

French Immersion

February 10 7 - 8:30 pm

IB Information Evening

February 16 7 - 8:30 pm

Open House

March 23 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Victoria School of the Arts Open House

March 1 6 - 8:00 pm

Young Authors!

Young Writers' Camps 2011

March 3 & 4

Teachers' Convention-Grades 4-6

Satisfy your need to write with 3 authors and an illustrator at this 2-day day camp.

March 28 & 29

Spring Break-Grades 4-6

Pursue your passion to write with 3 authors and an illustrator at this 2-day day camp.

March 30 & 31

Junior
Students



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High



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begin here

For more information or to register

The Bennett Centre

Phone 780-468-1439 or

Toll Free 1-800-664-6630

Fax 780-466-3370

E-mail bennett.centre@epsb.ca

www.bennettcentre.epsb.ca - see **camps** for printable registration form.

You're INVITED

Public board meetings at the Centre for Education, One Kingsway



- 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

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FEBRUARY MEETINGS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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MARCH MEETINGS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Please note: 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.

ARE YOU THE MAN IN SOMEONE SPECIAL'S LIFE?



Dads Matter – and 'dads' come in all different packages...

fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, stepdads, etc. Are you a dad or male role model who wants to become more involved in a child's education?

Join Steve Davies, Head Teacher from Coopers Lane Primary School in Lewisham, England for an entertaining and informative evening about how dads/men can fully engage in their children's lives – and why it's critically important to children that they do! It's never too late to become involved so sign up today!

Tuesday, March 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Ramada Conference Centre (Wildrose Ballrooms)

11834 Kingsway Avenue Free parking in the Ramada Hotel parking lot

To register visit <http://tinyurl.com/dadsmatter> or call Kim at 780.429.8040. Please note that this session is for adults only.

For more information, visit www.epsb.ca/familiescommunity/ or http://www.ecsd.net/parents/parent_sessions.html

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Note: Photographs may be taken at this event, which may be used on the District's website and in other publications.



Electronic Version 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.

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 _____

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	January 31 PD Day No school	1 Track & Field practice	2 ELevate	3 Track & Field practice	4 Compassion Child Chapel (11:05-11:40)	5
6	7	8 Gr 1 Hands on Science pm Track & Field practice	9 ELevate MCS Foundation meeting 6:30 pm	10 Track & Field practice	11	12 Alberta Indoor Track Games (Gr. 4-9)
13 Alberta Indoor Track Games (Gr. 4-9)	14	15 National Flag Day Journal Games Gr 4-6 relays	16 Outdoor Ed at Allin Park am	17 Track & Field practice	18 Elementary Chapel (11:05-11:40) JH skiing	19
20	21 Family Day No school	22 Journal Games Individuals Gr 4-6	23 ELevate	24 K-6 Dental Screening Track & Field practice	25	26
27	28 School Council meeting at 7:00 pm					

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars - February is Compassion Child month

- March 2 - EPSB Night of Music - 7 pm at the Jubilee Auditorium
- March 3 & 4 - GETCA Teacher's Convention (no school for students)
- March 23 - Open House - 7-8:30 pm
- March 24 - Mexican Fiesta and Silent Auction
- March 28 - April 1 - Spring Break (no school for students)