



Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

The first month of school is now behind us and October has begun. October has become known as the Thanksgiving month and at Meadowlark Christian School we have much to be thankful for. Some wise individual once wrote, **"It's possible to get so busy adding up your troubles that you forget to count your blessings."** How true that statement is.

As a school administrator I never stop counting the many ways that we are blessed at Meadowlark Christian School. I would like to mention just a few of these blessings....

- ~parents who volunteer their time to prepare learning materials
- ~staff who notice the child that is struggling and helps them out, even after hours
- ~students who help out other people without being asked
- ~parents who organize hot lunch days for the children
- ~staff who pray for the students
- ~students who try their best even when a task is difficult
- ~stable enrollment
- ~parents who pray for the children and the school
- ~staff who compassionately help children solve emotional problems
- ~students who are willing to take lead roles during chapel time
- ~people stepping forward to serve as lunchroom supervisors
- ~parents who persevere when the task of raising children is overwhelming
- ~staff who work relentlessly to meet the educational needs of their students
- ~students who consistently go the extra mile in their studies
- ~school support staff that is second to none
- ~excellent achievement results
- ~parents who organize and support the efforts to raise additional money to purchase items that will enhance the education of our children

Colossians 3:15 says, **"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body; and be thankful."** As we enter this season of thanksgiving, I challenge all of our families to count their blessings rather than add up their troubles.

Mr. D. Sweeney

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

Get to know your Ward C Trustee, Christopher Spencer:

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

Hot Lunch

The first hot lunch is Little Caesar's on October 20.

Operation Christmas Child

The leadership class will be heading up Operation Christmas Child this year. More information will follow at a later date.

Cheques Payable To:

Please check correspondence information any time fees are required, to ensure that cheques are made out to the correct payee. Failure to do so will result in the cheque being returned for correction before it can be processed. When you are paying fees for Registration, Alternative Program or Mexico Mission, cheques must be made payable to **MCS Foundation Ltd**, not Meadowlark Christian School or MCS. Most other cheques for field trips, bus fees, and fundraising are made payable to **Meadowlark Christian School**, not MCS. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Jr. High Fundraiser

As you know, this year we sold cookie dough and muffins as our fundraiser for Junior High. The students sold boxes of pre-formed and packaged cookie dough. The fundraiser was a huge success as we raised over \$10,000 for our Jr. High.

Delivery Date

The last step of this fundraiser is to actually deliver the product to those who purchased the cookies. The cookie delivery date to the school will be:
Thursday, October 13th 2:10—3 pm.

We are expecting delivery around 9:30 am so that we can have all of the boxes sorted and ready to go by dismissal at 2:10pm. If your child sold any boxes of cookies they will need to be picked up at the school on this date.

We need volunteers to help sort the boxes of cookie dough on Oct. 13th. Please contact me if you can help with the final leg of this project. Thanks again to all of those who worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success. If you have any questions please contact me at darrell.regehr@epsb.ca or phone 780-483-6476.

Mr. Regehr

SchoolZone

SchoolZone has become the delivery method of choice for providing school information to parents and students. Access to monthly newsletters, Provincial Achievement test results, HLAT results, IPP's, Progress Reports, school news, and homework are some of the many things available for viewing through SchoolZone.

Beginning in November, the monthly school newsletter will only be available through SchoolZone. We will no longer print paper copies of the newsletter unless specifically requested by a parent. If you experience problems logging on to SchoolZone, please contact Susan Saunders in the school office, for assistance.

Survey on Potential Fall Break for all Edmonton Public Schools

The Board of Trustees is considering adding a fall break to the school calendar and wants to know what stakeholders think of the idea. Parents, guardians and families are invited to share their thoughts through a brief online survey, which can be accessed on the home page of the district website at www.epsb.ca from October 17 to November 4. Families without internet access can contact the principal of their child's school for access to a hard copy of the survey. The deadline to complete and submit the survey is November 4, 2011.

District students continue to show promise for bright futures

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 2010-2011 school year, we moved forward with this vital work and have a few highlights to share.

- Since 2005-2006, Edmonton Public Schools' high school completion rate has increased 2.9 per cent, rising to 74.9 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. We were also pleased to see that the percentage of students meeting the acceptable standard for the Grade 3 English language arts test is above 80 per cent for the first time in five years.
- 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 their potential.

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

Picture Day is Coming!

Mark your Calendar for our School Picture Day on
Thursday, October 13, 2011

Picture Day information forms have been sent home with all students.

Please review the information form and send it back with your child on Picture Day.

All students will be photographed for school service products.

Proofs will be sent home for you to preview the images before you buy!

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit lifetouch.ca

Questions call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212 or email: guestservices@lifetouch.ca



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.canadahomestayinternational.com

For questions, please call George at (780) 328-6479 ext. 2032, Diamond at (780) 328-6479 ext. 2037 or e-mail eps@canadahomestayinternational.com.

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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Edmonton Public Schools' Board of Trustees invite you to participate in the board policy review process and attend board meetings to stay aware of matters affecting the school district. As parents and community members, you play an important role in supporting public education.

Visit us online:
 BOARD MEETING AGENDAS / COPIES OF REPORTS are posted the Wednesday prior to each meeting at www.epsb.ca/board/agenda.shtml.
 If you can't join us in person, you can watch the webcasts of the board meeting at www.livestream.com/edmontonpublicschools.
 You can also join us on:

Facebook Twitter LinkedIn Flickr YouTube Livestream

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK ON POLICIES
 To view policies under review, click on the "Give us your feedback" button at www.epsb.ca.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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OCTOBER MEETINGS

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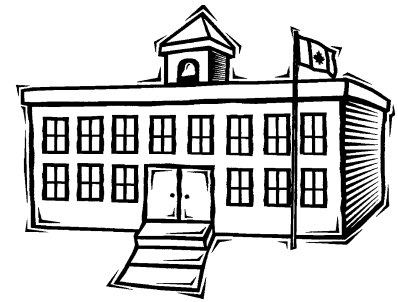
Note:

- The annual Organizational Board Meeting takes place on September 13, at which Trustees determine their roles and responsibilities for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Board meetings will begin at 2 p.m. for the 2011-2012 school year.

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.



Alberta Health Services



Health News for Staff & Parents

Edition 2, October 2011

West Jasper Place School Health Team

Phone: (780) 342-1285

Fax: (780) 484-9516

Grade 5/ Grade 9 Immunization consents

- Sandy and Christine, health aides, will deliver the consents mid- October.

We appreciate your support in gathering all consent while the nurses are at the community influenza clinic October 17 to October 28.

Influenza -fall into the routine

- Visit the nurses at WESAC (West Edmonton Senior Activity Centre) 9629-176 Street and get your influenza immunization.
- When you make influenza immunization an annual event, you protect yourself, your family, and our communities from infection & illness.
- Annual influenza immunization is recommended, this fall and every fall, for all Albertans six months of age and older. Influenza immunization will be made available, free of charge, in mid October.

Being Healthy, Staying Healthy

Shorter days, falling leaves, school days and busy schedules unmistakably mark the arrival of autumn. Running the gauntlet of school, sports, music lessons, homework and work life can be overwhelming, which is why carving out family time is critical for your whole family's health.

Planning new and exciting fall activities like getting lost in the local corn maze, taking a photography class or stargazing can be inspirational in the transition towards fall.

To find your nearest Corn Maze and a list of other Family- friendly fall activities go to <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/apple/5584.asp>

Building Positive Parent- Teacher Relationships

A positive relationship between parent and teacher can play an important role in a child's social and emotional needs and further support the success of the child.

Focusing on working together as partners, communication building, focusing on resilience, and being proactive are all points that can contribute to the success of the student. Ideas that can make the school year a positive experience for the student, parent and teacher can be found in the **Bounce Back book**. Order your hardcopy at

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/1652.asp>

Safe Halloween

Ghost and witches aren't the only scary part of Halloween. Did you know that the most common causes of injury during Halloween are related to contact with motor vehicles, falls, and burns. To ensure a safe and healthy Halloween tips

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/3043.asp>

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/917.asp>.

Classroom parties are an exciting part of celebrating the occasion. Make your classroom celebration a nutritious one. Use your imagination with these exciting recipes by browsing the various types of recipes or main dish ideas.

<http://www.healthyalberta.com/HealthyEating/344.htm>.

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/2915.asp>

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 JH run 4:15 pm- Snow Valley	5 World Teacher's Day	6	7	8
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Read In Week</div>						
9	10 Thanksgiving Day no school	11 JH run City Championships 1:30 pm-Goldbar Park	12 Track Elem run 4:45 pm- Hawrelak Park	13 School Photo Day Cookie Dough pick up	14	15 CAHPER Run- all grades 11-3 pm
16	17	18	19	20 Little Ceasar's hot lunch	21	22
23	24 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	25	26 Mission Trip Information meeting 6:26 pm Rm 101	27	28	29
30	31					

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

November 4 - Professional Development Day - no school for students
 November 11 - Remembrance Day - no school
 November 16 - MCS Foundation meeting - 6:30 pm
 November 18 - Progress reports posted to Schoolzone
 November 23 & 24 - Parent/Teacher conferences