



Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

As I write this message, it is exciting to know that our school community is immersed in the curriculum and the work of learning. An important celebration of this work is the production and distribution of the first progress report which will be posted to SchoolZone on November 18th. Student success is a team effort and I would like to thank parents, staff and the students for working so hard during the first few months of school.

November also provides us with an opportunity to remember the many Canadians who have served our country in the armed forces. At Meadowlark Christian School we will be doing this formally during our Remembrance Day Chapel. This chapel will occur in the gym on Friday, November 10th at 10:45 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend this Chapel.

For The Fallen

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

~ Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of the school community please do not hesitate to call me at 780-483-6476.

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/ctrustee.shtml>

Hot Lunch

The next hot lunch is Dairy Queen on November 17.



Please note that the date has changed for the December hot lunch. The Arby's hot lunch date is now December 8 (not Dec 15)



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.

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 on SchoolZone.
- Progress Reports will be posted to SchoolZone in the Student Profile tab. The first progress report will be posted on November 18. No paper copies will be printed.
- Transportation route changes will be posted to SchoolZone in the Student Profile tab, beginning on November 9. Parents of students whose route has changed will be notified via email indicating a change. Information can then be accessed through SchoolZone.

If you experience problems logging on to SchoolZone, please contact Susan in the school office, for assistance.

Emily Day is the new Grade 9 Prime Minister

The grade nine election was a spirited affair with many important issues being raised by the candidates. It was great to see the passion these students have for MCS. Here is a small excerpt from an article written by Emily to her classmates.

"I love this school so much. We all do. I know we like to joke about how 'ghetto' it is, but deep down, we all love MCS. We wouldn't come back year after year if we didn't. That's why we all want what's best for it; a Prime Minister who cares. That's why I am asking for your votes, so that, together, we can have a fabulous Grade 9 year."

Congratulations Emily!



Retake photo day is Thursday, November 17.

Operation Christmas Child

The leadership class will be heading up Operation Christmas Child this year. Boxes will be available from Mrs. Neufeld. The deadline for boxes to be returned to Meadowlark Christian School is November 22.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

The parent/teacher conferences for Kindergarten through grade 6 students will be held on Wednesday, November 23 and Thursday, November 24. Call the school office to book your appointments.

Christmas Musical

The Christmas musical is fast approaching! Reserve the date on your calendar - December 15, 7 pm at West Meadows Baptist Church.

Summer Tour of Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec

I am planning to explore Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City for seven days this coming July with Education First (EF) Tours.

The Social Studies curriculum in grades five and seven deal in depth with the history of Canada, and eastern Canada is an amazing backdrop to the beginnings of our country!

EF Tours has a fabulous itinerary planned, including a tour of Old Quebec, Chateau Frontenac, Plains of Abraham, Sugar Shack, the Biodome, Notre Dame Basilica, and the Canadian War Museum, among a variety of other attractions.

This trip is open to students (and parents) from grade four through grade eight. The grade nine students may not be eligible for this trip due to possible involvement in the El Paso Mission Trip in the spring.

The program fee includes round trip transportation, 6 overnight stays in hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, full time tour director, four tours led by local guides, visits to thirteen attractions, and overnight security.

If this trip to eastern Canada interests you, please plan to attend an information meeting on **Tuesday, November 8**. The meeting will be held in Room 201 (upstairs in junior high wing) from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

EF Consultant Les Farrar will be in attendance to answer your questions. Les has travelled with EF numerous times as a teacher.

Please RSVP by e-mailing me at kent.krikke@epsb.ca.

Hope to see you there,
Kent Krikke
Junior High Teacher

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MCS. The book fair will be open during Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday, November 23rd from 3:00- 6:00 pm and on Thursday, November 24th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Books, posters, pencils, bookmarks and more will be available. Please come and support literacy at MCS. This is a great way to build our library and Balanced Literacy at MCS! All purchases benefit our school! Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Fair, up to \$6 goes directly back to our school?



What's Happening at Edmonton Public Schools

BOARD AND DISTRICT INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO PARENTS

The Board of Trustees and Administration of Edmonton Public Schools believe parents and community members are valuable partners in public education. We want to provide you with information on a variety of topics we believe are important for our stakeholders to be aware of and participate in.

Get involved in public education – attend a public board meeting

- Held at 2 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month during the school year.
- Visit www.epsb.ca/board/agenda.shtml for more information on meeting dates and agendas.

Share your thoughts on board policies under consideration, development or review

- Visit www.epsb.ca/policy/policyDevReview.shtml to submit your feedback throughout the year.
- Go to www.epsb.ca to complete an online survey on a potential fall break (survey is open until November 4, 2011).

Attend our schools and central departments' annual budget plan and results review presentations from November 14 to 28, 2011.

- A schedule of dates and times will be posted soon at www.epsb.ca.



www.epsb.ca

INCLUSIVE LEARNING SERVICES

Presents:

How to get your child to do what you want them to do!

Address parenting and behaviour concerns with Cameron Buchanan
Education/Behavior Consultant

Information evening for Parents of Early Learning, Kindergarten and Grade 1 to 3 students.

Date: Tuesday November 22, 2011

Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Location: Newton School: 5523 - 122 Avenue

Parents, guardians, and caregivers please plan to attend this free workshop to learn new strategies that you can add to your own parenting techniques.

Note: This workshop is for adults and no childcare is provided.

To register:

Please email Isabelle at isabelle.boisvert@epsb.ca by Friday November 18th.

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.

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:



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.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Professional Development Day - no school for students	5
6	7	8 Eastern Canada Tour Meeting 7-8 pm	9 JH Chapel - 12:24 pm	10 Remembrance Day Chapel - 10:45 am	11 Remembrance Day - no school	12
13	14 School Council meeting - 7 pm	15	16	17 Dairy Queen hot lunch	18 Progress reports posted to Schoolzone	19
20	21	22	23 JH Chapel - 12:24 pm Elem Chapel - 2:02 pm P/T conferences 2:30-6:45 pm	24 P/T conferences 3:45-6:45 pm	25	26
			Book Fair			
27	28	29	30			

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

December 13 - Grade 5 & 9 Immunizations
 December 13 & 14 - Christmas Musical rehearsals
 December 15 - Christmas Musical 7 pm at West Meadows Baptist Church
 December 23 - Grade 4-9 Skiing at Rabbit Hill
 December 24 - January 8 - Christmas Break
 January 9 - Classes resume