

Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

February is upon us and, as everyone knows, it is the month where one day is set aside to celebrate love. Some cynics see Valentine's Day as a marketing ploy to suck money from our wallets as we buy cards, flowers, chocolates and romantic getaways. Although it is true that millions of dollars are spent on those kinds of items, one can never downplay how important it is to acknowledge the people we love. Just as important to acknowledging those that we love is the importance of demonstrating kindness to others. February is also the month where we formally have that opportunity. February 13th - 19th is Random Acts of Kindness Week. These occasions provide all of us with great opportunities to demonstrate kindness to those we encounter. Evelyn Underhill knew of the importance of kindness when she penned the quote, *"Deliberately seek opportunities for kindness, sympathy, and patience."*

However, at Meadowlark Christian School, we are very much focusing on constant kindness. Not just of the Valentine's Day or Random Acts of Kindness Week variety, but rather the everyday type. Albert Schweitzer once said, *"Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate."* Too often we focus on the misdeeds that others have inflicted upon us and retaliate with the same mean spirit. We can never lose sight of the fact that we are called upon to love people more than they deserve. Just like our Lord did for us. He loved us more than we deserve and that is our calling. The kindness we show doesn't have to be a grandiose display. *"A warm smile is the universal language of kindness."* (William Arthur Ward). Anyone can afford a warm smile to demonstrate kindness to a classmate, friend or even stranger.

I would like to encourage all of our school community members to go the extra mile this month, to seek out opportunities to demonstrate kindness. Sometimes the simplest acts of kindness are the most timely and profound. Take time to be kind.

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 Little Caesar's on February 16.



MCS Foundation Tax Receipts

The 2011 Income Tax receipts for Alternative Program Fees and all other donations will be issued by February 28, 2012.

To insure that there is no delay in receiving your receipt, if you have changed your mailing address 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

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. Log in to SchoolZone regularly to check for new items such as monthly newsletters, Provincial Achievement test results, HLAT results, IPP's, Progress Reports, school news, and homework. And remember, your parent login provides greater access to SchoolZone items than the students login does.

Compassion Child Month

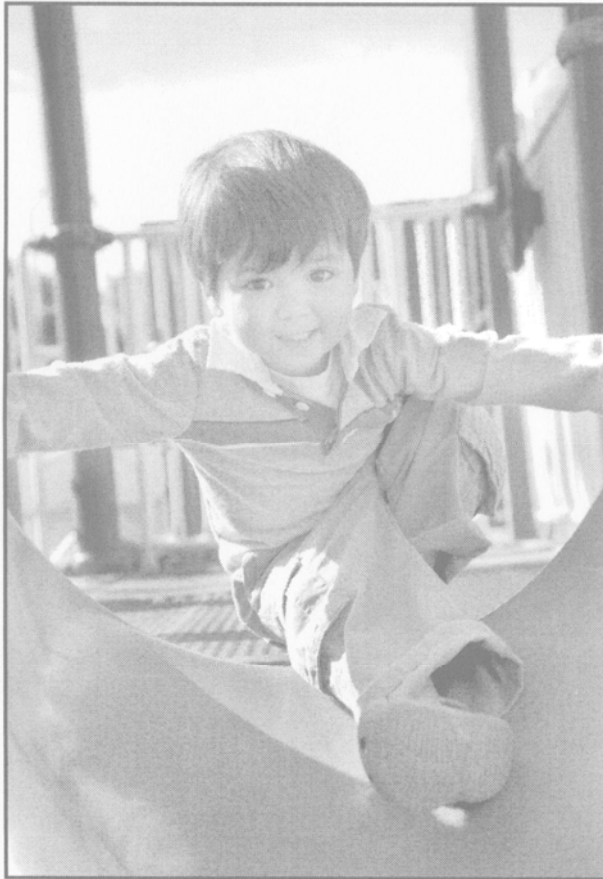
One of the ways in which our school lives out our Mission statement is to help those who are in need. Each division of our school has chosen to support a child through Compassion Canada. This commitment involves raising enough money to support our Compassion Children for the year. Amazingly we can provide 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!

Spotlight on Literacy Overview

The District's Literacy Steering Committee has collaborated with Communications to create a series of one page information documents entitled Spotlight on Literacy. These monthly documents will provide parents and the community with information about the District's focus on literacy for the 21st century learner. Topics for the Spotlight on Literacy series are based on key ideas in the [K-12 Literacy for 21st Century Learners Guiding Document](#). A new topic will be introduced during the first week of each month in the following order:

- February – Spotlight on Literacy – Overview & Authentic Learning
- March – Oral Language
- April – Critical Thinking
- May – Digital Literacy
- June – Creativity

The first Spotlight on Literacy document can be [accessed here](#).



OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 7-8pm

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Crusader Basketball

Senior Boys

[listed in alphabetical order]

Elijah B
Gabe B
Riley E
Nathan H
Lucas J
Jacob K
Jon K
Matthew L
Ryan L
Ezequiel M
Blake M
Daniel T

Red-shirts/Manager(s):

Nicky
Daniel

Coach: Kent Krikke

Assistant Coach:
Matt Timmer

Junior Boys

[listed in alphabetical order]

Andrew B
Gideon B
Joshua C
Peter D
Ethan d
Gavin F
Kaedyn K
Jared K
Kyler L
Jacob N
Simon T
Caleb W
Clifford W

Coach: Lanica Parkes

Senior Girls

Lorenn P
Kimi C
Rachel J
Bethany W
Emily H
Alexis M
Julia W
Revy M
Courtney B
Ainslay P
Mikayla Z
Emily D
Ali S

Coach:

Colleen Douziech

Junior Girls

Bethany P
Hannah M
Vinetta T
Emma M
Charlotte M
Chelsea V
Brooke
Katie R
Kate S
Callie S
Cassidy T
Rachel K
Jenna S
Jordynn S

Coach: Kaylie Nyboer



What's Happening at Edmonton Public Schools

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.

It's almost enrolment time – learn how to get ready

- Click the Families and Community button on the district homepage at www.epsb.ca to view **The Choice Is Yours** – a brief overview of the choices available to you.
- Check out the listing of **Open House Dates** for district schools on the district homepage at www.epsb.ca.

Get involved in public education – attend a public board meeting

- Usually held every other Tuesday at 2 p.m. during the school year.
- For more information on meeting dates, times and agendas, select **Board Meeting Dates, Agendas and Reports** under the **Board Office** button on the district website at www.epsb.ca.

Share your thoughts – examine the board policies under consideration, development or review

- Click on the **Give Us Your Feedback** button on the district homepage at www.epsb.ca to submit your feedback.

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✳ Important information regarding the Pre-enrolment process

The pre-enrolment process at Edmonton Public Schools helps you plan for the upcoming school year, and gives schools the chance to make plans based on the number of students they will expect to welcome in the fall.

Please consider the following when making choices for the 2012-2013 school year:

- Collect information about the schools and programs that interest you.
- If you need help finding your attendance area school and the programs it offers, call the Planning department at 780-429-8127.
- Get a feel for different schools by visiting them during their open house events.
- To learn more about our schools, the programs they offer, and their open house dates, visit our website at www.epsb.ca.
- If your child is continuing at the same school, please fill out a passport provided by the school principal.
- Children who are four years of age on or before March 1, 2012 may register in Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. Please contact your attendance area school to find out about registration, open houses and Kindergarten orientation.

The pre-enrolment deadline for all schools is April 16, 2012 unless you are applying to a school with entrance criteria (Crestwood, Grandview, Old Scona & Victoria). The deadline for applying to a school with entrance criteria is March 7, 2012. Visit planning.epsb.ca/enrolment/pre-enrolment for further information regarding the pre-enrolment process.

Look for your child's pre-enrolment passport to be sent home in March.

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GETCA PRESENTS: TWO GREAT SESSIONS



Dispatches from the Front Lines of the New Girlie-Girl Culture with presenter Peggy Orenstein

Are you the parent of or do you know a young girl obsessed with princess culture? A girl who, despite your best efforts to raise her to be strong and independent, suddenly insists on growing up to be Snow White? Join Peggy as she explores the challenge of parenting in a commercialized culture determined to exploit and market to girls from a very young age. What are girls learning, and what can we do about it? Check out www.peggyorenstein.com for more information about Peggy.

OR

BOY SMARTS



Effective Strategies for Parenting Boys with presenter Barry MacDonald

Get beyond the headlines and hype. What are the varied needs of boys? How can we help boys navigate cultural realities like video games and Facebook? How can we mentor boys to talk about their thoughts and feelings? How can we guide our boys to achieve their potential at school? Learn what it takes for parents, caregivers and professionals to mentor boys to become courageous and caring men. Check out www.mentoringboys.com for more information about Barry.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Shaw Conference Centre, 9797 Jasper Avenue

Parking lot on Grierson Hill and in adjacent parkades or plan to come via public transit

THIS EVENT IS FREE BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/GETCA2012> or call 780.429.8040 to register.

Please note that these sessions are for adults only

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

Peggy's and Barry's books will be available for purchase at the event.

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Young Authors! in Grades 4, 5 & 6

March 1 & 2, 2012

Teachers' Convention -

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

March 26 & 27, 2012

Spring Break - Pursue

your passion for writing with 3 authors and an illustrator at this 2-day day camp.

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Junior High Students

March 28 & 29, 2012

Spring Break - Expand your writing skills with the help of 4 local authors at this 2-day day camp.

For information or to register
The Bennett Centre

Phone 780-468-1439 or 1-800-664-6630

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

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OUR DOORS ARE OPEN!

Come in & discover what makes our schools distinct!

Edmonton Public Schools serves the unique strengths, needs and interests of over 80,000 students through regular community school programming and more than 30 alternative programs. Choosing a school or program is an exciting and important decision, and there's no better way to find the right fit for your family than to visit an open house.

Find the school for you at:
OPENHOUSE.EPSB.CA

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Open House Dates

Edmonton Christian High School

March 5 - 6:30 - 8:30

Jasper Place High School

AP/IB Information Evening

February 8 - 6:30 pm

Open House

March 8 - 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Lillian Osborne High School

(2019 Leger Road)

IB Information Evening

February 2 - 7 - 9:00 pm

Open House

February 23 - 7 - 9:00 pm

Ross Sheppard High School

March 7 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Victoria School of the Arts High School

February 28 - 6 - 8:00 pm

JASPER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL

Honours Information Evening
Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate
February 8, 2012 - 6:30 pm

General Open House
March 8, 2012 - 5:30-8:00 pm

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February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jr. High Chapel (12:24) -Elementary Chapel (2:02)	2	3	4
5	6	7 Gr 5 & 9 Immunizations	8	9	10 Elem Golden Bears Relays (Butterdome)	11 JH AB Provincial Indoor Games (Butterdome)
12 JH AB Provincial Indoor Games (Butterdome)	13 School Council meeting at 7 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Jr. High Chapel (12:24) -Elementary Chapel (2:02)	16 Hot Lunch Dental Hygienist	17	18
19	20 Family Day no school	21	22 Elem Journal Games Relays (Butterdome)	23	24	25
26	27	28 Elem Journal Games Individuals (Butterdome)	29 Jr. High Chapel (12:24) -Elementary Chapel (2:02)	March 1	March 2	
				Teacher's Convention no school for students		

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

- March 1 & 2 - Teacher's Convention - no school for students
- March 9 - Progress report #2 posted to SchoolZone
- March 14 - Open House - 7 pm
- March 15 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (2:30-7:00 pm)
- March 16 - Professional Development Day - no school for students
- March 23 - Commissioning Service for Missions Trip (last block)
- March 24 - April 1 - Spring Break
- April 6 - Good Friday - no school
- April 7-21 - Grade 9 Missions Trip
- April 9 - Easter Monday - no school