



Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had a restful and refreshing summer. I was able to spend time with my family which is always exciting.

We are off to a great start at MCS. The team here at the school are dedicated and hardworking. They have put much thought and energy into preparing for the work they will be doing with our students. We have the privilege of welcoming Ms. Trina Tsui to our staff. Ms. Tsui will be teaching grade 7 Science, grade 7 Social and some option classes. I hope everyone is looking forward to a great school year. If there is anything I can do to support your student's learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It was a pleasure meeting so many of you this past week. I feel blessed to be a part of such a welcoming and caring school community. I look forward to seeing you at our Foundation BBQ and Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015.

In Christ,
Judy Krahn
Principal

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

MCS Foundation

Cash Payments:

Please note that if you are paying fees by cash we require you to submit the exact amount as we do not keep change on hand in the office.

The preferred method of payment for Alternative Program fees is either by preauthorized bank withdrawal (PAW) or cheque.

If you would like to set up a preauthorized withdrawal for your account please contact our Business Manager, Sandra Di Cesare, at the school.

Your Ward C Trustee is
Orville Chubb

Hot Lunch

Look for hot lunch order forms to come home soon. The first hot lunch will be scheduled in October.



SchoolZone

SchoolZone is 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.

Remember to check for:

- the monthly school newsletter will only be available on SchoolZone.
- Progress Reports and Interim Reports will be posted to SchoolZone in the Student Profile tab. The first progress report will be posted on December 4. No paper copies will be printed.
- Transportation route changes are posted to SchoolZone in the Student Profile tab. 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.

Field Trip Fees

Over the course of the school year your child will be involved in many field trips or activities for the purpose of enhancing the curriculum. In the past most of these field trips/activities were paid for by fundraising initiatives. These fundraising initiatives have not occurred in the last number of years and those funds have now been depleted.

Edmonton Public School Board policy stipulates that "schools may charge students or their parents fees to cover costs such as field trip transportation, admissions, subsistence, and use of facilities." Edmonton School Board Policy also states that, "funds collected to pay for field trips shall be itemized and accounted for separately from other fees." At the office level we use a District software program called FMS (Fee Management System). This program tracks the fees for each student to ensure that the fees collected from a student are utilized for *that* student. If a student does not attend a trip or participate in the activity, the fee will not be taken out of their field trip fee account. A reconciliation of each child's field trip fee account will be provided to parents at the end of each school year and any outstanding balances will be returned to the parent.

Elementary - Based on trips that have traditionally occurred, we calculated that a field trip fee of \$100/per student will cover the costs of field trips for this year for the students in grades 1-6. Please make out your cheques to **Meadowlark Christian School**. These cheques will be due by Thursday, October 30.

Junior High - Due to the nature and variety of field trips that Division 3 students participate in, Junior High students will pay for field trips on a per trip basis. The amount for each individual field trip will be indicated on the field trip consent form.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

Streets around our school are often very congested during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. To help keep our students safe, we need you to do your part by slowing down and following traffic safety laws.

30 km/h school zones

Starting September 2, a lower speed limit in school zones will come into effect in Edmonton. You must slow down to 30km/h around schools between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on school days where signs are present.

Speed limits will be strictly enforced by both the Edmonton Police Service and the City of Edmonton's Office of Traffic Safety during posted hours.

General safety reminders

- Remain courteous and patient
 - Drive slowly and watch for students crossing the road
 - Abide all traffic signs and laws
 - Use designated crosswalks
 - Respect school staff and volunteers assisting with drop-off and pick-up
 - Park further away from the school and walk the rest of the way
- Use Edmonton Transit or other ways to get to school (walk, ride a bike or roll!)

For information about getting to school, visit epsb.ca/schools/gettoschool.

Pull-Tab Project for Children with Diabetes

The Pull-Tab project is sponsored by the Lion's Club who convert the tabs collected into dollars which are managed by the Pediatric Diabetes Education Centre at the Stollery Children's Health Centre. By pulling the tabs, you can help a parent buy life-sustaining diabetes equipment and supplies for their child. Daily blood sugar testing and insulin injections will cost at least \$3400 every year for life. Yet if children have the tools they need to manage their diabetes and to stay healthy, they can avoid the terrible side effects of diabetes.

Also, by pulling the tabs, you can help send a child to diabetes camp. Many children with diabetes feel alone. Many feel that no one understands what it's like to live with diabetes. Can you imagine poking your finger to check your blood at least four times every single day forever? Can you imagine having to take at least two insulin injections every day? Can you imagine always having to eat only the right kind of food, only the right amount of food, and only at the same times every day? Can you imagine being the only one in your family, school, neighborhood or community who has to live like this? Would you like to help a child with diabetes spend just a few days every summer feeling "just like a regular kid"? At camp, all the kids are doing finger pokes and insulin injections and following a meal plan. At camp, the child with diabetes is not alone and someone does understand, completely.

Meadowlark Christian School has collections bins for these tabs. So . . . keep those pop can tabs coming! These tabs, though insignificant in small amounts, become a lifeline to a child when collected in large amounts. The tabs help those families that are not able to cope with the costs that Type 1 Diabetic care has, enabling a child to have the tools necessary to survive this disease.

Thank you for your contributions,
Corrine Timmer

Picture Day is Coming!

**Mark your Calendar for our School Picture Day on
Friday, September 18, 2015**

Picture Day Order forms will be 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 before you buy.

Watch for some exciting new online order opportunities when you receive your proofs!

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit <http://www.lifetouch.ca>

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

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

It's the Cookie Dough fundraiser time of year! The students will be selling boxes of pre-formed and packaged cookie dough. There are 6 different flavors to choose from. The boxes sell for \$17/box and each box has 36 cookies. Our goal is for each student to sell 20 boxes of cookies.

Administrative details

To help me with the administration and tracking of the sales and money I would prefer the students bring in their money (cash and cheques) when they have completed their sales campaign. (September 28)

All cheques from customers should be made out to **Meadowlark Christian School and **NOT MCS**.**

Dates to remember

The fundraiser will run from *September 11, 2015* to *September 28, 2015* so that we can have all of the money collected and prizes awarded in late September. We will put in our order for the cookies as soon as our fundraiser is complete with an anticipated delivery date is October 22, 2015.

What will we do with the money?

The money raised from this fundraiser will be used to enhance the educational needs of your child. Some examples are: more technology in the classroom, resources for a variety of musical or Phys. Ed. related activities, plus Elementary and Junior High needs. We will also be tithing a portion of the profits to support local and foreign missions organizations.

Our financial goal for this fundraiser is to raise \$20,000!!!!

This year we have three categories of sales incentives to help us reach our goal.

The three categories are: Individual student Incentives, Family Incentives, Classroom Incentives

If you have any questions please contact me at darrell.regehr@epsb.ca or phone 780-483-6476.

Sales Incentives

Individual student incentives

Top Seller in Elementary will receive a **\$100.00 Dollar Bill!!**

Top Seller in Junior High will receive a **\$100.00 Dollar Bill!!**

Money Bag draws:

The Money Bag is simply a bag filled with money. The bag is filled with denominations of **\$5, \$10, \$20 & \$50 dollar bills**. The higher the number of the Money Bag the higher the denominations of bills in that bag. For example, Money Bag #2 will have more \$20 bills than Money Bag #1.

Sell 15 to 19 boxes and you are guaranteed a pick from Money Bag #1

Sell 20 to 29 boxes and you are guaranteed a pick from Money Bag #2

Sell 30+ boxes and you are guaranteed a pick from Money Bag #3

Therefore, **sell 15 boxes and you are guaranteed a prize!!!**

Family Incentives: If an Elementary student sells over 50 boxes that student's 2015/16 field trip fee will be paid! (\$100 value) If a Junior High student sells over 50 boxes that student will go to FYR for free (\$150 value) Note: Junior High students selling 50 boxes or more will have their FYR fee reimbursed as the retreat occurs prior to the end of the fundraiser.

Classroom Incentives: We want to encourage the entire classroom to participate as every student in the school shares in the profits of this fundraiser. Therefore, we will have a classroom incentive. The Top class from each Division who's percentage of kids selling 5 boxes or more will be awarded a Pizza Party! The next best class, regardless of division will also be awarded a Pizza Party. That means there are 4 pizza parties!

Example: If 20 of the 28 students in the classroom A sell 5 boxes the class percentage would be 71.4%. If 18 of the 24 students in classroom B sell 5 boxes or more their percentage would be 75%. That means classroom B would be awarded the pizza party. (The funding for these parties is provided by the representatives of Momentum Fundraising)

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 MCS Founda- tion BBQ & meet the teacher night	17 Commission- ing Service @ 3:00 p.m.	18 Photo Day	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Fall Youth Retreat Camp Nakamun </div>					
27	28	29	30			

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

October 5-9 - Read In Week
 October 12 - Thanksgiving Day - no school
 October 23 - Interim Report #1 - gr 3-9
 October 28 & 29 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 October 30 - Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen
 November 10 - Remembrance Day assembly
 November 11—Remembrance Day - no school
 November 12 - Photo retake day