

Welcome to the 2011-2012 School Year!

It is such a joy to welcome families back to Living Waters. We have much to be thankful for, and that includes all the families we are blessed to serve. Our theme for this year is **Celebrating God's Faithfulness**. This is the beginning of Living Waters' 20th year. We want to look back and honour the faithfulness and goodness of God to this school. Living Waters was started by parents who wanted a Christ centred, Bible based education for their children. It is not easy to start a school. Those early families made many sacrifices as they committed their time and finances to build a school.

Schools are not just buildings and as the vision for Christian education became more widely known the school grew over the years. Our mission and vision remains the same and our desire for our students is that they would grow closer to the God who has a good purpose in mind for them. All Truth is God's truth and our challenge is to put God in the centre of all our learning, our goals, and our priorities.

God is faithful to keep his promises and as we look back at the past 19 years we see the hand of God building the school as a community of people who want to follow Him fully. We are called to be a grateful people because we have a good and faithful God.

Love God and Live Boldly,
Keith Penner



September 8, 2011

Living Waters is celebrating 20 years of God's faithfulness on Sept. 9th at 2pm in the gym. We invite all parents and grandparents to join us for a celebration chapel. This will include a reflection on our history, student presentations, an alumni address, worship, and cupcakes! Hope you can take time to join us as we honour our history.

Congratulations Kennedy Fald for winning the Derek McNeil Memorial Scholarship!

This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded at the end of the year to the Grade 9 student with the highest academic average in the 5 core subjects. This scholarship is applied to their tuition for Grade 10 at Living Waters. Kennedy we are so proud of you!



Tuition Payments: Tuition payments are due by Fri., Sept. 9th. Please stop by the office to see Mrs. Hiebert who has tuition statements ready for all families. Thank you for the investment you are making in the lives of your children!

SUTP Coupon Books are available at the office!

This book is packed with coupons for restaurants, entertainment, events, groceries, etc. The cost is \$20 and the proceeds go to support a community project with Impact Ministries in Guatemala. Stop by the office to purchase one or pick up a few to sell to family and friends. If you sell 5 or more books you will qualify to receive family account credit for 30% of the profit you bring in through this fundraiser.

What is a FFA and how do I redeem it?

Family Fundraising Accounts are set up to assist the family financially and provide incentive for fundraising. 30% of the profit you bring in from fundraising (\$20 minimum) goes to your family account and can be used for in-school expenses such as tuition, registration fees, mission trip, sports fees, etc. You may redeem a minimum of \$100 at a time towards any in-school expense with a written request on your FFA report. Families having over \$100 in their account will have a report sent home periodically. Please call or come to the office if you have questions!



We welcome the following new staff members:

- Chantelle Sawatzky** – Grade 7-12 Spanish, Social 20 & 30, and Grade 11 Religious Studies
- Louisa Steele** – Educational Assistant
- Kelsey Meads** – Biology 20 & 30
- Joe Fritz** – Music & Band

Parent Meeting: Thurs. Sept. 8th, 7pm in the gym.

We hope that all parents will attend this meeting as we will be going over important information pertinent to this school year. Parents will have a chance to meet their child(ren)'s teacher and see their classroom. **Childcare is provided** (up to grade 5). Please register in the breezeway. Each year we hold a contest for the greatest parent attendance at the parent meeting. The winning class will be awarded a PIZZA PARTY. **Make sure you sign in at the meeting** to ensure your attendance is counted. Dad's attendance counts for 2 points!



Upcoming Events at LWCA:

- Sept. 29-30 - Student Leadership Conference for members of SRC
- Oct. 5 – Picture Day – Formal Uniform
- Oct. 7 – Teacher Day – No School
- Oct. 10 – Thanksgiving Day – No School
- Oct. 20-21 – Christian Teacher's Convention – No School

Elementary Updates

Kindergarten: We are off to a great start in Kindergarten! As a class we are learning about how God created the earth and everything in it! We learned that on Day 1 God created darkness and light. On Day 2 God made sky and water. We are excited to learn more about what God created on the next days of Creation!

Grade 1: We are beginning our exciting integrated Science unit on Colour. We will learn about the colours found in nature that God has created and colours that are found in things man made or manufactured. Each day we will learn about a new colour. We will end our colour unit by talking about rainbows and the story of the first rainbow in the Bible.

Grade 2: In Grade Two we have begun a Science unit on Exploring Liquids. This unit is lots of fun, and lots of mess! We see how important water is and how God gave it special characteristics so it could be used for many different things. We are excited to get our hands wet and our minds engaged!

Grade 3: We are excited to start our first Science unit of the year: Rocks and Minerals. During this unit we will discover all kinds of amazing things about this unique part of God's creation, such as how to classify rocks according to size, texture, shape, etc. We will also learn about the different types of rocks and the different ways that we use rocks and minerals in our world.

Grade 4: It has been a great week in Grade Four! The class has been busy writing paragraphs about themselves to share with the class. Each student in this class is a masterpiece that God created and it will be fun to learn more about each other through this project. Feel free to pop in and have a look at our "Masterpiece" bulletin board any time before Christmas as it will feature a new student each week.

Grade 5: The Grade Five students are becoming chemists as we study Classroom Chemistry in Science. If you smell a pleasant aroma drifting from our room, don't be alarmed. We are learning about various mixtures as we create chocolate chip pancakes! Who knew Science could be so delicious?

Grade 6: The Grade Six class has had a fantastic start to the year. In Science we are starting by looking at trees and forests. Students are excited to learn how living and non-living things interact in a forest ecosystem.

SPANISH: Students in Grades 4-6 will be learning Spanish this year using the Accelerative Integrated Methodology (AIM). This method has been successful in French classrooms across Canada for over ten years. The teacher will only speak Spanish during class. The program uses stories, drama, music and gestures to help students learn to speak and write Spanish as quickly as possible.

Library: Welcome all new and returning students! Our library is bursting with new books! Come and check them out. We will be starting the reading incentive contest this month and are jumping into an exciting year! Our K-Grade 3 will be participating in the Zoo Club same as last year and our Grade 4-12 will be kicking off a Minute To Win It reading challenge. Details will be released later this month, stay tuned!

Secondary Updates

Grade 7: We have had a fantastic start to what is sure to be a fantastic year! This year in Bible we will be learning about God's Great Story. We have already discussed the three parts: creation, fall and redemption. We all agree that it is such a blessing to be a part of the redemption portion of the story. We are looking forward to studying the Story as it has played out thus far.

Grade 8: We are beginning a study of church history by examining how God's faithfulness and salvation story began long before little baby Jesus was born. Students are documenting all of this on a giant timeline for the whole class to study.

In **Social Studies 20**, the focus of the class is the study of nationalism. Right now, the class is developing a working understanding of the term, while exploring the impact of nationalism on personal and collective identities. Meanwhile, in **Religious Studies**, we are tackling the issue "how trustworthy is the Bible?" through delving into the history of the written scriptures.

Guatemala Mission Trip: Applications and the \$300 commitment fee are due Sept. 19 for Grade 11 students interested in being a part of this opportunity.

Grad Meeting: Sept. 29 at 3:30pm. All grads and their parents please attend this informational meeting.



The 2011-2012 sports program has started with a bang! This year **LWCA has 6 volleyball teams!**

Each team will be hosting parent meetings, so please make sure to attend so that you have up-to-date info about coaching philosophies, fees, schedules and driving. We have enthusiastic players and excellent coaches at all levels. Practice and tournament schedules will be coming through the coaches to players as information becomes known. We're sure to see some exciting volleyball this season!

Warriors Golf (Senior High Boys' and Girls' Teams) schedule:

Sept. 7 - Stony Plain Golf Course (skill practice)

Sept. 10 - Westlock (practice round)

Sept. 14 - Duffy's Challenge (practice round)

Sept. 19 - NCASAA Zone Championship at the Westlock Golf Club

Senior High Cross Country Running:

Practices are run through the sr. high PE program. Any sr. high student who is not registered in PE is still welcome to be a part of the team for zone competition. Please let Mr. Haberstock know that you are interested so that you get properly registered for upcoming races.

Living Waters will again be hosting the NCASAA Zone Cross Country Championship Race at Wabamun Provincial Park on Tues., Oct. 4. The entire PE class will be involved that day either as workers for the event, as athletes or both. This is the provincial qualifying event and it is an honour to be serving our zone in this capacity. If parents are interested in volunteering on Oct. 4, please contact Mr. Haberstock.



Reminder: to help provide a safe learning environment for all students, please do not send peanut products in your child's lunches. Please take time to read the additional info that will be sent home through email.