

The Silent Auction was remarkably successful as together we raised \$43,000 for the school!

What incredible support we received through the school and business community. Thanks to everyone who donated items to the auction and to the Silent Auction Committee and the many parent volunteers who dedicated time and energy to make this event successful. The generous support from our parent community was overwhelming. It takes a generous and supportive community to pull off an event of this scale and we definitely experienced our community in action. More than 135 businesses and school families donated items to the auction. The classroom theme baskets were stunning and raised over \$3,280 at the silent auction. Thank you to Mr. G and the high school students for creating such a delicious meal!

Christmas Hampers:



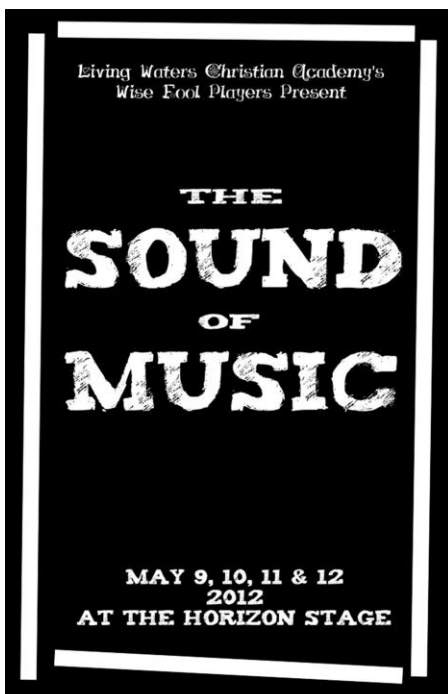
The Kinette Club of Spruce Grove is once again organizing hampers to help over 150 families in need during the Christmas season. We are planning to be involved by providing 13 of those hampers! We are teaching our students to be global in their vision for reaching the lost and helping the hurting. We

also want to be the hands of Christ reaching with compassion into the lives of those in our own community, especially during the holiday season!

All donations are due Dec. 9th. If any parents are available for delivery of the hampers in the afternoon of Dec. 12th, please let the office know!

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC!

We are presently auditioning students for our May production at the Horizon Stage. But YOU can be involved too! Do you play a band instrument? Strings? Woodwind? Brass? We are putting together a full orchestra of parents and students to back up our singers. Contact Mr. Fritz at joe.fritz@lwca.ab.ca, 780.962.3331 or come talk to him in person.



December 1, 2011

Christmas Concert: Thursday, Dec. 15th at 7pm!

A Star is Born! is a musical that teaches us to 'get down' in humility and allow God to use us for His glory. The show is full of fun, up-tempo new music, thoughtful ballads, and of course some of our favourite Christmas melodies.



Costumes, lights, actors, singers, choir, humour, important biblical themes...it's all in this wonderful children's production. The students look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you.

Grade 1-5 students need to be wearing their formal uniform and be in their classrooms by 6:30pm. Actors are to come in their costumes. Understudies come in their formal uniform but bring their costume with them.

Grade 6-9 students must come to the band room by 6:30pm wearing their formal uniform, and with their instrument and sheet music in hand.

Christmas Bake Sale:

After the Christmas concert on Dec. 15th, the Guatemala team will be hosting a Christmas bake sale. Come and purchase delicious Christmas treats while supporting their trip.



Christmas Concert Love Offering:

Because our staff go above and beyond in giving of themselves for our children, our school and for Christian education, the board has initiated what has become a tradition of giving back. At the school Christmas concert each year, we hold a love offering which is divided up and given to all the staff as a token of our thanks and blessing. Have a blessed Christmas,
The LWCA Board

Café Diem: Have you experienced Café Diem yet?

On Dec. 9th the high school Foods class will be cooking Chinese food for lunch. Come join us! 12pm in the gym. Tickets are \$10 & available through the office.

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! We have raised **\$2500** through sales to buy new books for our library. A big thanks to all the moms who helped set up and take down! Sarah T. won the draw for \$25 in books for herself and the kindergarten class.

Upcoming Events at LWCA:

- Dec. 2: Band Hotdog Hot Lunch
Thirst, 6-10:15pm grade 7-12
- Dec. 9: Café Diem: Chinese
Subway Hot Lunch
- Dec. 15: Living Waters' Christmas Concert 7pm
- Dec. 16: Sandyview Farms Hot Lunch

Elementary Updates

Pre-School: Little fingers have been busy learning how to form the letters of the alphabet as students are cruising through their letter books! We solidified our month of safety with a puppet show by Mrs. Buchner. The children giggled and watched with glee as puppets repeated our safety rules!

Kindergarten: During November we have talked about different community helpers. So far we have looked at how police officers, fire fighters, doctors and nurses all have very important jobs in keeping us safe and healthy. God has blessed each person with unique gifts and talents to help others in their community.

Grade 1: We are learning about how animals adapt as the weather gets colder. We have learned about three specific animals and how they prepare for winter. Geese fly south to stay warm. Hares' fur changes from brown to white to blend in with snow. Bears eat a lot during fall so they can hibernate during winter. We have also talked about how people adapt for winter by wearing warmer clothes and turning up the heat in their homes. Students have learned how to dress appropriately for each season during our paper doll activity!

Grade 2: In Bible we have been learning about the events leading up to the birth of Christ. It is so fun to be learning about the real meaning of Christmas at Christmas time. Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. What an amazing gift!

Grade 3: We are getting ready for the Christmas season. To get into the spirit, we wrote poems to celebrate the blessings of winter which will grace the hallway later this week for your reading pleasure. We have also begun a novel study on the Christmas classic, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". In Social Studies, we will be learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. During a field trip to Fort Edmonton Park in a couple of weeks, we will also learn where many of our Canadian Christmas traditions come from. What a wonderful season to look forward to!

Grade 4: As a class we have learned all of the books of the Bible! Since the beginning of the year, we have been learning a song that lists all 66 books of the Bible in order. I am excited to see how this will help the class find passages of scripture quicker this year. The Bible is truly an amazing book!

Grade 5: We have begun the Math unit, Multiplying and Dividing Whole Numbers. Since God has made us all unique we are going to learn math in different ways and at different paces. This week we discovered new multiplication strategies at math stations. Each student could move at their own speed through the stations and implement the strategies that were useful to them. We are becoming a group of multiplication whizzes!

Grade 6: In Social Studies, students will begin a new unit about Ancient Athenian democracy. In Art, students are working on a large scale drawing together. Look for their finished art piece at the Christmas concert.

Secondary Updates

Grade 7: In Science we are learning about heat and temperature. We are discovering how amazingly God regulates the temperature of our earth, universe and even our own bodies!

Grade 8: God's creativity is easily seen through story-telling and the grade 8 class is busy writing their own stories. It's fantastic to see their creativity.



Warriors' Volleyball: Congratulations to our senior boys and girls on a fantastic season. The girls placed 3rd in Premier and the boys placed 2nd overall! Way to go!

Jerseys: all jr. high volleyball jerseys need to be washed and turned into Mrs. Hoffman by Fri., Dec. 10th.

Warriors' Basketball has begun! Tryouts for all jr. high teams ran this week and practices will officially begin next week. League games will begin after Christmas (seniors play on Tuesdays, juniors play on Wednesdays).

The current practice schedule is:

Jr. A Boys: Tues. 7-8:30am, Wed. 3:30-5pm & Thurs. 5-6:30pm

Sr. Boys: Mon. 6:30-8 pm, Tues. 3:30-5pm & Thurs. 7-8:30am

Sr. Girls: Mon. 3:30-5pm, Wed. 7-8:30pm & Thurs. 6:30-8pm

Basketball parents: we are hosting a parent meeting for all basketball teams on **Tues., Dec. 6th at 5pm** in the gym. All parents *must attend* the meeting (or make alternate arrangements with the coach) before their child can play.

Honour Roll recognizes student academic achievement.

Honour roll is achieved when a student has an overall average of 80% or more, no mark below 70%, a good attitude and effort displayed throughout the term, all scripture memory completed, and no numeric descriptor below 3.

We would like to congratulate the following students on achieving Honour Roll for Term #1:

Grade 7: Jasmynn B., Cody F., Jacob C., Morgan F., Jenna H., Clarissa H., Madison M., Becky S., Noah S., & Garyn T.

Grade 8: Carmel B., Megan B., Jonathan C., Sam C., Karissa F., Cheyenne G., Miranda H., Nicola J., Aaron L., Carly P., Aaron P., Kyle Q., Victor S., Dawson S., & Jaden W.

Grade 9: Mackenzie C., Aaron G., Sammi H., Jared H., Chad N., Dallyn P., Tianna S., Janessa S., Taryn S., Ocean S., Preston V., & Josh W.

Grade 10: Therese B., Kerri B., Kennedy F., Will M., Liam O., Alea O., Rebecca R., Daniel R., Ryan R., & Anna S.

Grade 11: Susanna B., Amberlee N., Savannah P., Rae L., & Preston V.

Grade 12: Lisa A., Reyna H., Presley P., Tim P., Carlene R., & Patricia Z.

Library: Zoo Club winners for November are Conner W., Joshua A. and Liam L. Congratulations.

There will be a table set up in the breezeway for non-uniform **LOST and FOUND** December 12-16. To inquire about uniform pieces that have been lost contact Linda Zutz (780)977-1814.