

December 22, 2011

Merry Christmas!

We wish you and your family a very special Christmas. As you spend time reflecting on the wonder of the season and making memories together, our prayer is that the Prince of Peace would bless your family. Have a safe and restful break. See you in the New Year!

The Staff at Living Waters



Thanks for joining us as we celebrated the true meaning of the season at the Christmas concert last Thursday!

Christmas Hampers: The students at Living Waters brought in 60 boxes of food and gifts for 13 families for the Kinette Christmas Hampers. What an incredible display of generosity. Our students are living out the true spirit of Christmas! Many families will be greatly touched this Christmas by receiving this blessing. The Kinettes will be delivering over 300 hampers in our community.

Congratulations to the grade 3 class (featured in the photo below) who won the "popcorn & movie party" contest for bringing in the greatest number of items.

Thank you to Rhonda Schroeder, Shari Hamelin, and the Middletons for helping organize & transport the hampers.



Friday, December 23 is a Christmas themed dress-up day. Students pay \$2 to dress in red, green or white. Jeans are allowed. If students don't wear green, white or red on the top then they need to be in their regular uniform.

Reminder: Please **take gym clothes home** for cleaning over the break; check the Lost and Found; and take your belongings from the breezeway! We would like to thank Linda Zutz for taking care of our lost and found and consistently returning lost items that are found around the school to students.

Early Registration Deadline for existing students is January 27, 2012! After that day, all re-enrollments are on a first come, first served basis as we begin to admit new students. There is a \$150/family registration fee. If this is submitted on or before the Early Registration deadline, the \$150/family registration fee will be applied toward next school year's tuition. After the Christmas break we will send you more information on how to re-enroll as we are working on moving the process online.

The Christmas Bake Sale raised \$1233 for the high school mission trip to Guatemala. Thank you to everyone who made such delicious baking to sell!

We welcome parents to ALL SCHOOL CHAPEL on Friday, Dec. 23rd at 2:15pm for Christmas carols and celebration.

THANK YOU:

The staff would like to extend a **big thank you** to all those involved in putting on the staff appreciation lunch! It was a delicious meal and so wonderful to have lunch together as a staff. You blessed us!

Upcoming Events at LWCA:

- Dec. 24 - Jan. 8: Christmas break – no school
- Jan. 13 – Guatemala team hot lunch fundraiser
- Jan. 20 – Dairy Queen hot lunch
- Jan 27 – Re-enrollment deadline
 - Band hot dog lunch
 - Grade 6-12 ski trip to Rabbit Hill

Elementary Updates

Kindergarten: Over the past month the Kindergarten students have been acting out the different parts of the Christmas story from the angels announcing Jesus birth, to the birth of Jesus, to the Wise Men coming to worship Jesus! I love seeing the wonder on the students' faces as they discover what Christmas is all about! Have a blessed Christmas!

Grade 1: In Bible we are talking about the Christmas story. Children are learning that Jesus was God's gift to the world because he came to save us from our sins. Each of the Wise Men brought baby Jesus a precious gift. After reading the Bible story and children's picture books, we have talked about what gift each child would bring Jesus if given the chance. We are focusing on uniqueness and how each person has different God-given gifts and talents. We will also talk about how we can serve God daily using the gifts he has given us.

Grade 2: We have been learning about Inuit, Acadian and Ukrainian traditions. To fully embrace Inuit traditions we took some time to play Inuit winter games outside. These include the Owl Hop, Seal Crawl, and Stick Jump. The students gained a new appreciation for the level of challenge that each of these games has. We have also been discussing our own traditions, especially around Christmas time!

Grade 3: As a culmination to our Building unit in Science, we have been working on a special project. We are building bridges with truss supports out of popsicle sticks. We are very thankful for our buddies from the Grade 7 class who have been helping us out with this project. Although this has been a challenging task, we are looking forward to testing our bridges to see if they can span a 30 cm gap and support a 1 kg mass!

Grade 4 & 5: The Grade 4 and 5 classes went to St. Michael's Grove Manor on Monday to bless the residents with a little Christmas cheer. The students presented a few songs from the Christmas concert, sang carols with the seniors, and enjoyed Christmas treats. We were given the opportunity to read the Christmas story from the Bible and this was certainly a highlight!

Grade 6: The Grade 6 class would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! This week in devotions we are reading and discussing the Christmas story and the events surrounding Jesus' birth. In Bible class we are beginning a new unit where students will look at the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross.

Elementary Spanish

A belated congratulations to the Grade 4s for being the first class to fill their piñata poster with dulces (candies) and earn a real piñata.

This week we focused on singing Noche de Paz (Silent Night), reading a simplified version of our Saviour's birth, and learning about a few Christmas traditions in Latin America.

¡Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año!

Grade 7: The grade 7s did a phenomenal job of leading the class in various activities in Leadership class in the past couple of weeks. God has given us all different skills and interests to share with one another!

Grade 8: We finished off 2011 with fantastic readers' theatre performances. Their God-given imaginations took us from Chicken Little's farm yard all the way to Walla-Walla, the land of silly speech.



Warriors' Basketball has begun!

Warriors basketball begins the first week back in January. The sr. girls play Tues. Jan. 10 at 4pm and the jr. A boys play Wed. Jan. 11 at 4pm. Both games are hosted at Living Waters.

We are hosting a sr. boys' basketball tournament Jan. 19-21 and are looking for basketball parents to donate to our coaches' room. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Hoffman.

Ski Day: Grade 6-12 parents, watch your email and this week's brown envelope for information and forms for our annual ski trip on January 27th. Questions can be directed to Mr. Haberstock or Mrs. Hoffman.

We welcome a new staff member to Living Waters. **Vanessa Mackenzie is our new Educational Assistant.** She is working in the Grade 3 and 4 classrooms.

Congratulations to Therese in grade 10!

She has been selected to represent our school in the Alberta Winter Games Torch Relay on February 8, 2012.

First Semester Final Exam Schedule (Grade 10 – 12)

English 30 - Wed. Jan. 11 – Part A

English 30 - Thurs. Jan. 19 – Part B

Regular classes will be occurring up to and including Monday, January 23rd. From January 24 – 26th is Exams. High school students will only be required to be at school during their scheduled exams. Afterwards, they will be expected to either be in the library or sign themselves out. Jr. High and elementary students have regular classes through this week.

Social Studies 10 - Tues. Jan. 24

Biology 20 - Tues. Jan. 24

Science 10 – Wed. Jan. 25

Social Studies 20 – Wed. Jan. 25

Mathematics 30 – Wed. Jan. 25

Physics 20 – Thurs. Jan. 26

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Do you play flute, oboe, English horn, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, tuba, harp, violin, viola or cello? You need to contact Mr. Fritz right away (joe.fritz@lwca.ab.ca)! There is an AMAZING OPPORTUNITY to participate in our orchestra for THE SOUND OF MUSIC! And, if you can practice at home, the commitment is very modest initially. Come, be a part of our community and MUSICAL HISTORY!