

January 20, 2012



Thank you to all who participated in the **bottle drive fundraiser** and the **western theme day** to help raise funds for the grade 9 band camp. The grade 9s are excited to be going to their first **Band Camp** next week. They are travelling to Camp Caroline, to join up with two other jr. high bands, and will be busy playing in a mass band with over 100 musicians! Please pray for safe travels and a musically productive retreat.

Reminder: Tuition Bursary Forms are available at the office. Please submit your tuition bursary form with your re-enrollment form. Information regarding bursary recipients and their financial situation is kept completely confidential.



Living Waters Survey sent to you directly from Alberta Education

For the fourth year, Living Waters is participating in Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar surveys. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

In January, PARENTS of students in Grades 4-12 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.

In February, STUDENTS in Grades 4-12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with Living Waters. As an annual check-up, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and Living Waters to ensure that students are equipped for success. Survey results will be available to Living Waters in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of our 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports. Your participation in the survey is important for Living Waters, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.



Come to the office to pick up your Pre-school registration package. Registration opens February 1 for the 2012-2013 school year. **Pre-school Info Night: Tues. Feb. 7, 6:30pm**

Re-enrollment is moving online!

This will simplify and streamline the process for you and for the school. We are currently working with RenWeb on this project and as soon as we are ready, we will email you with the instructions on how to re-enroll online. Getting the online process running may take 3 more weeks.

In order to accommodate this change, **we are extending the re-enrollment deadline this year to Friday, February 24th.**

You will need to complete the online re-enrollment form and pay the re-enrollment fee of \$150/family by February 24th in order to secure your spot for next year and receive the early registration incentive (the \$150/family registration fee applied to next year's tuition costs). After that date, we open enrollment for new families. Re-enrollment is considered complete when all required documentation and the registration fee is received by the office.

Report Cards are coming home... on Friday, Feb. 3rd watch for them in your email inbox! Parent Teacher interviews are on Feb. 7th from 4-8pm. Please call to book an appointment.

Upcoming Events at LWCA:

- Jan. 27 - Band hot dog lunch (elementary)
- Grade 6-12 ski trip to Rabbit Hill
- Jan. 30 - PD day - No school for students
- Jan. 31 - **No busses running** due to Parkland PD Day, school in session for LWCA
- Feb. 3 - report cards emailed home
- Boston Pizza hot lunch
- Feb. 7 - Parent/Teacher interviews 4-8pm
- Pre-school information night at 6:30pm
- Feb 9 & 10 - **No busses running** due to Parkland Teachers' Convention, school in session for LWCA
- Feb. 10 - Sandyview hot lunch
- Feb. 17 - Dairy Queen hot lunch
- Feb. 20 - Family Day - No school
- Feb. 24 - Re-enrollment deadline
- Band hotdog lunch

Elementary Updates

Pre-school: Pre-school has been packed full of excitement this new year. We recently enjoyed a Giggling Gourmet Cafe pancake day in our cozy pjs!

Kindergarten: We are exploring the season of winter and with the weather change and some fresh snow it feels more like it is actually the winter season! It is exciting to look at all the seasons that God made and how we can enjoy different activities in each season.

Grade 1: We have been hard at work with brand new units in almost every subject! We have had so much fun building toys in our new Science unit "Building Things". We discovered how God has made so many materials that we can build with in class.

Grade 2: We have begun a unit on Measurement. We are using non-standard units like popsicle sticks, toothpicks, and paper clips to measure the height, length and width of different objects in the class. If you come by our class during math time you will see 21 busy kids measuring up a storm!

Grade 3: We are exploring science this month as we go on two field trips. On Jan. 18th, we went to the Telus World of Science where we built model rollercoasters for marbles! On Feb. 1st, we will be joining the Grade 4 class on a field trip to the Edmonton Waste Management Centre, where we will learn all about how Edmonton deals with waste, compost and recycling.

Grade 4: We are excited to be going on two field trips next week. On Tues. we are going to Aerial's Gymnastics to learn some gymnastics skills. Then on Wed. we are going to the Alberta Museum to learn about Alberta, in connection with our Social Studies curriculum.

Grade 5: We just started a Bible unit on the book of Daniel. As we study various stories about Daniel and his friends, we are learning how these men were willing to be set a part for God. 1 Timothy 4:12 says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." We will be using this verse as we reflect on how we can be set a part for God too.

Grade 6: In Science we are exploring the harmony and order of God's amazing creation. We are taking a closer look at the night sky, learning about the stars, sun, moon, and other planets in our solar system. Throughout this unit students are asking the question: When examining the universe, where do we experience God's faithfulness?

Elementary Spanish: Students are off to a good start memorizing their parts for the Marco el Mago play. They are also learning/reviewing the days of the week and months of the year, as well as contrasting the Spanish calendar with the English calendar.

Calling All Adult Musicians: There is an amazing opportunity to participate in our orchestra for The Sound of Music. Come, be a part of our community and musical history. Contact Mr. Fritz right away (joe.fritz@lwca.ab.ca)!

Grade 7: We just completed a leadership project. In partners, students chose an act of service to do to demonstrate their leadership in the school. We had lots of cleaners and some encouragers. It was great to see them use the qualities God has given them to bless our school community!

Grade 8: We are studying *The Hobbit*. *The Hobbit* symbolizes the common man—the unlikely hero. But, the common man is capable of great acts of heroism. The Christian themes of bravery, pity, mercy, love, self-sacrifice and suffering are woven throughout the book and the main character Bilbo Baggins. Students are learning a lot about the virtues that Christ asks of us as they study this novel.



Warriors' Basketball

Jr. high basketball has kicked off its season. Last week the jr. A boys and the sr. girls won their games. This week the sr. boys and girls played.

Sr. Boys Home Tournament: This weekend Living Waters hosts its annual boys' basketball tournament. Come out and cheer on our sr. boys team as they battle teams from Parkland and beyond! First game: Friday @ 4pm LWCA vs. Blueberry.

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.

First Semester Final Exam Schedule (Grade 10 – 12)

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

Second semester starts January 31st.

Reminder: to help provide a safe learning environment for all students, please do not send peanut products in your child's lunches. Thank you!

Library: December zoo report winners: Matthew T., Katy L. and Kjana O.

Students grade 4 and up played minute to win it in the library just before Christmas, they played games like face the cookie, noodling around and tea party. Students have until May 31 to enter to win a Kindle 3 eBook reader. For more info call the school to talk to Mrs. Hofsink.

Wave Wear has its USED UNIFORM WINTER SALE on from January 9 to March 21. Please see the flyer attached to Wave Wear's door for items on sale and their prices.