



THE ROYAL HERALD

Fort McMurray Christian School

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH
PSALM 119:105 (KJV)



May 2022

BELL TIMES

First Bell - 8:00
School Starts - 8:05
Lunch 11:55
School Ends - 2:40

KINDERGARTEN	ECDP
8:05 - 10:51	11:54- 2:40

To ensure the safety of all, students should not arrive at school before 7:45 and should leave school grounds after dismissal unless involved in an after-school activity.



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May 2022

Happy May! It's so good to feel the warm sun after a long winter. We are only 2 months away from the end of the year with many things happening including a Junior High Open House, field trips and possibly an art and culture night.

We are so thankful for a year with minimal pandemic interruptions and for families continuing to complete the Daily Health Checklist to keep each other safe and well.

We would also like to thank all our families who continue to support and promote Christian education and Fort McMurray Christian School. A combination of staff and parents volunteered at the Spring Trade Show highlighting FMCS. We chatted to many families and answered many questions. God is on the move!

A reminder to parents to complete the demographic check for current students on Parent Portal for 22-23. Doing so helps us plan for the year ahead.

Please continue to pray for us, and for each other.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school at 780.743.1079.

FMCS Staff

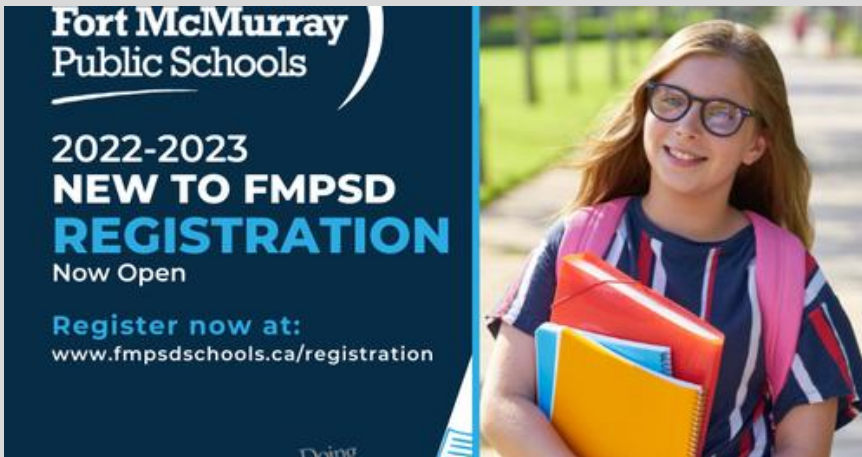
Attendance

Please call the school office or email
fmcs.absences@fmprsd.ab.ca

780-743-1079

107 Brett Drive, Fort McMurray
<https://christian.fmprsdschools.ca>

What's Happening at FMCS?



**Fort McMurray
Public Schools**

**2022-2023
NEW TO FMPSD
REGISTRATION**
Now Open

Register now at:
www.fmpsdschools.ca/registration



May Fun/Theme Days
4 - Hats for Mental Health
13 - School Spirit Day
27 - Fancy Formal Day

3 - JH Open House
6 - No School, PLF
20 - No School
23 - No School, Victoria Day



**Is my child old enough
for Kindergarten??**

"Kindergarten kids are on the scene.
They were all born in 2017!"

ENROLL TODAY!

**Fort McMurray
Public Schools**



**IS MY CHILD OLD
ENOUGH FOR ECDP?**

"If your child's birthday is in 2018
Then they can join our ECDP Team!"

Enroll
Today!

**FORT
MCMURRAY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

2021 - 2022 School Staff

In The Office:

Principal: Bobbi Compton
Head Secretary: Kitty Roberts
Secretary/Librarian: Kayla Dalley
Day Custodian: Raul Lastimosa

In Our Classrooms:

ECDP & Kindergarten: Jackie Norman
Grade One: Rebekah Hiltz
Grade Two: Jillian Jackman
Grade Three: Kim Huygen
Grade Four: Aundrea Dinan
Grade Five: Katie Lemon
Grade Six: Ronald Vanden Pol
Junior High: Lois Ann Emberley, Amanda Gillies, Brandi Beaton, Ellen Polegato
Physical Education: Ellen Polegato
LAC: Stephanie Merrick
Counselor: Samantha Patey-Butt
Teaching for Transformation: Lois Ann Emberley
Educational Assistants: Chantel Lehman, Cathy Kirschner, Tara Atalifo, Melissa Russell, Karmel Evans
PEAK Coach: Lisa Vroom



May is Beauty Creating Month



Beauty Creating

Our **Throughline** this month is
Beauty Creating

*God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.
- Genesis 1:31*

You can read more about Throughlines
on our [website](#).

Beauty awakens us. It reminds us of our noble heritage. And these reminders are everywhere! They are literally shouted by the world around us – by “the plants, rocks, animals, sea creatures, insects, the skies and beyond, and especially people” (TfT Handbook) we experience on a day-to-day basis. Like the psalmist David, we praise Him “because [we] are fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14), and do so by engaging in creative acts of our own that reflect His goodness. More than flattery, our imitation of God’s creative works can be an act of worship. In this way, our cooking, constructing, writing, moving, playing, planting, designing, and working is redeemed and can be something beautiful in His sight.

We are called to be Beauty-Creators, and as we take up this calling, we have the opportunity to awaken in others their “noble roots as image-bearers created in goodness” (DeGroat), and restore brokenness in our world. Our art, music, and stories – in the hands of the great Redeemer – can be used for such grand purposes! As such, at Cedars, we seek to stimulate, encourage, develop, and “fan into flame” (2 Timothy 1:6) the gift of creativity in our students – that they may serve the Creator and engage in restorative work in His Kingdom. May He continue to bless this work and use it for His glory.

*“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him, here is one body and one Spirit.”
- Colossians 1:16*

*“I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills – to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts.”
- Exodus 31:3-5*

Volunteer Information

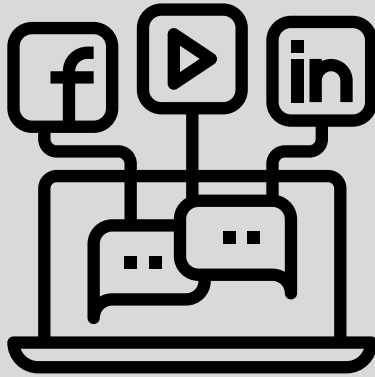
Volunteers are an important part of school. We are excited to be working with our School Council to recruit and provide volunteering opportunities.

In preparation, we have prepared volunteer packages that are available in the office or can be sent home with your child. Included in the package is information about volunteering, the purpose and responsibilities of volunteers, a volunteer registration form and a Criminal Record Check form. Also included is a sample RCMP letter and information to get a Criminal Record Check at no cost to you.

Please email bobbi.compton@gmail.com or contact the office if you would like a volunteer package sent home or if you have any questions.

We look forward to you joining us and volunteering,

FMCS Staff



Stay Informed

There are many ways to communicate with each other and schools are no exception. We thought it might be a good idea to share all of the ways you can stay informed about things that are happening at the school in case you weren't following us already.

Website - <https://christian.fmpsdschools.ca/>

Our Website is a great place to find out when major school events are and important links.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FMChristianRoyals/>

Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/fm_christian_school/

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ChristianFMPSD>

Our Social Media Pages are regularly updated with pictures and upcoming events.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM May 17, 19, 24 and 26
Fort McMurray Christian School

Parent Portal
Link

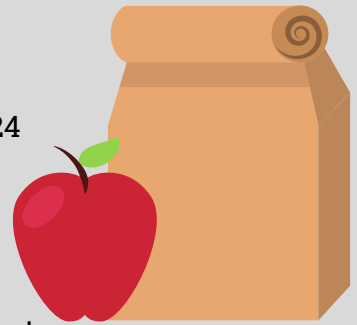
Thank you for your support of our hot lunch program and your understanding as we continue to work on the process and 'bugs'. Both Pizza Hut and Milanos offer items that fit within the Healthy Schools Policy. Please note that the hot lunch program is not available to students in ECDP and Kindergarten.

Here's how to place your order/orders:

Go to your Parent Portal- fmpsd.powerschool.com/public/home
 Under to the Student Fees tab you will see an option to place an order for May 17, 19, 24 and 26 (Deadline to order and pay in full for the four days is May 11)

Orders must be paid in full by May 11

Payments can only be made using Parent Portal. We will not be accepting payments/cash through the office



Please see below for menu details. It is very important to note that custom orders cannot be accommodated. Please read the item descriptions carefully and consider any dietary restrictions, allergies or dislikes your child may have and take them into account when placing your order.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or need help with Parent Portal/Ordering.

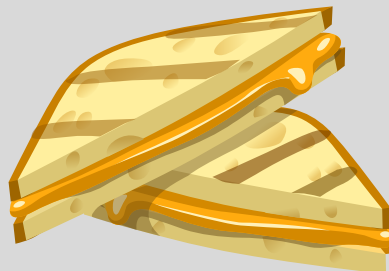
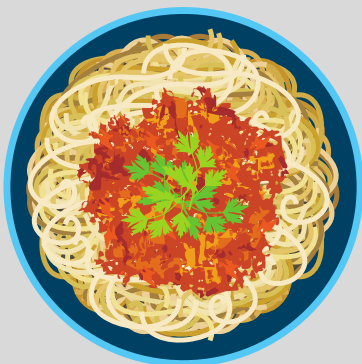
Pizza Hut - Fort McMurray Christian School

Date of Order	Menu	Cost
May 17	Veggie Pizza Kid's veggie pizza on multigrain crust (6")	\$4.00
	Pepperoni Pizza Kid's pepperoni pizza on multigrain crust (6")	\$4.00
	Cheese Pizza Kid's cheese pizza on multigrain crust (6")	\$4.00
	Hawaiian Pizza Kid's Hawaiian pizza on multigrain crust (6")	\$4.00
	Gluten Free Cheese Pizza Gluten free cheese pizza (9")	\$8.00
May 24	Veggie Pizza Kid's veggie pizza on multigrain crust (6")	\$4.00
	Pepperoni Pizza Kid's pepperoni pizza on multigrain crust (6")	\$4.00
	Cheese Pizza Kid's cheese pizza on multigrain crust (6")	\$4.00
	Hawaiian Pizza Kid's Hawaiian pizza on multigrain crust (6")	\$4.00
	Gluten Free Cheese Pizza Gluten free cheese pizza (9")	\$8.00

Milanos - Fort McMurray Christian School

Date of Order	Menu	Cost
May 19	Whole Wheat Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	\$5.00
	Gluten Free Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	\$5.00
	Grilled Cheese (Whole Wheat Bread)	\$5.00
	Garden Salad with Italian Dressing	\$5.00
May 26	Beef Burger (Whole Wheat Bun & Ketchup Only)	\$5.00
	Chicken Burger (Whole Wheat Bun & Ketchup Only)	\$5.00
	Garden Salad with Italian Dressing	\$5.00
	Gluten Free Pizza (2 slices - 12")	\$6.00

Order cut off in PowerSchool - May 11 (11pm) for all orders - Pizza Hut and Milanos



FMCS School Council

Happy May! The sun has been shining and it feels like spring is officially here to stay! All this warm weather serves as a reminder that our school year is quickly coming to a close but there is still so much happening. Here are some of the exciting projects and initiatives the School Council has been working on for the end of the year:

Our Parent Education night will be happening at the end of May. We are looking forward to hearing what Elizabeth Benner has to share with us about Healthy Emotional Family Functioning. Stay tuned to the Community Facebook Page and your emails for more details coming soon.

The Natural Learning Spaces group has been hard at work creating plans and organizing ideas for our outdoor space. Thank you to all those giving their time to this amazing initiative. If you would like to be a part of this please contact the school and they will put you in touch with the committee leaders.

We are also starting work on a School Ambassadors program to help share more about our school with our local church communities. There will be more information coming to your email inbox about how you can be involved in this amazing initiative and help us bring awareness to the amazing things happening at Fort McMurray Christian School.

With the end of the school year quickly approaching I have found myself reflecting and being thankful for the opportunity to send my children to a school that incorporates faith into every aspect of their education. I truly believe that when School and Family values align it helps provide a solid faith foundation for our students' futures and I cannot thank God enough for the amazing community we have at FMCS. Thank you to all those parents and staff who work so diligently to support our school in so many different ways. We are better together!

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall because it had its foundation on the rock."
Matthew 7: 24-25

Wishing you a blessed May!
Erica Vanden Pol
FM Christian School Council Chair

FMCS Society

Society Executive would like to extend our heart-felt thanks to Krista Downey for the many years that she has served the FMCS Society Executive in a variety of roles - most recently as the Society Administrator.

All of our FMCS families will know Krista, as she has been your first line of contact with Society. Recently, she has been the friendly voice just a phone-call away, or the efficient response to an email inquiry. Pre-Covid, she was in the school, inhabiting the Society office (immediately to the right of the school's main office). She was delighted to be able to resume working from the school after the Division relaxed their Covid restrictions in March. She missed being in the school -- as did we all.

Krista first joined Society Executive when Izzy Huygen was Chair, and continued serving on Executive when Glenn van't Wout took over that role. After life called Glenn elsewhere, Krista took over the Chair role at a critical juncture. After serving in that role, she gained many insights into the type of supports that Executive would find beneficial. Convinced that she could best utilize her skills to support the work of Executive in the Administrator role, when that position was opened by the departure of the Society Administrator, Krista resigned from Executive to continue to support our work in that new capacity. As Society Administrator, she has been one constant, serving faithfully through the tenure of four successive Chairs.

Though Krista and I had children in the same grade, it was not until I joined Society Executive in March of 2019 that I really began to get to know her. I was immediately impressed by her depth of knowledge and breadth of experience regarding all things Society. Any question I had, Krista would either know the answer, or she would dig it up and get back to me with a resource or response. Always, I have appreciated bouncing ideas off of her, for her critical feedback and fresh perspective. She invariably had a different angle we could try, or a person she could reach out to, or remembered some Society precedent that informed the topic. Always she looked for ways to improve and streamline, support and build. Always she has gone above and beyond and given her best. Always she has approached her position as an act of service to God -- more than to Society, more than to the School.

I will miss working with her.

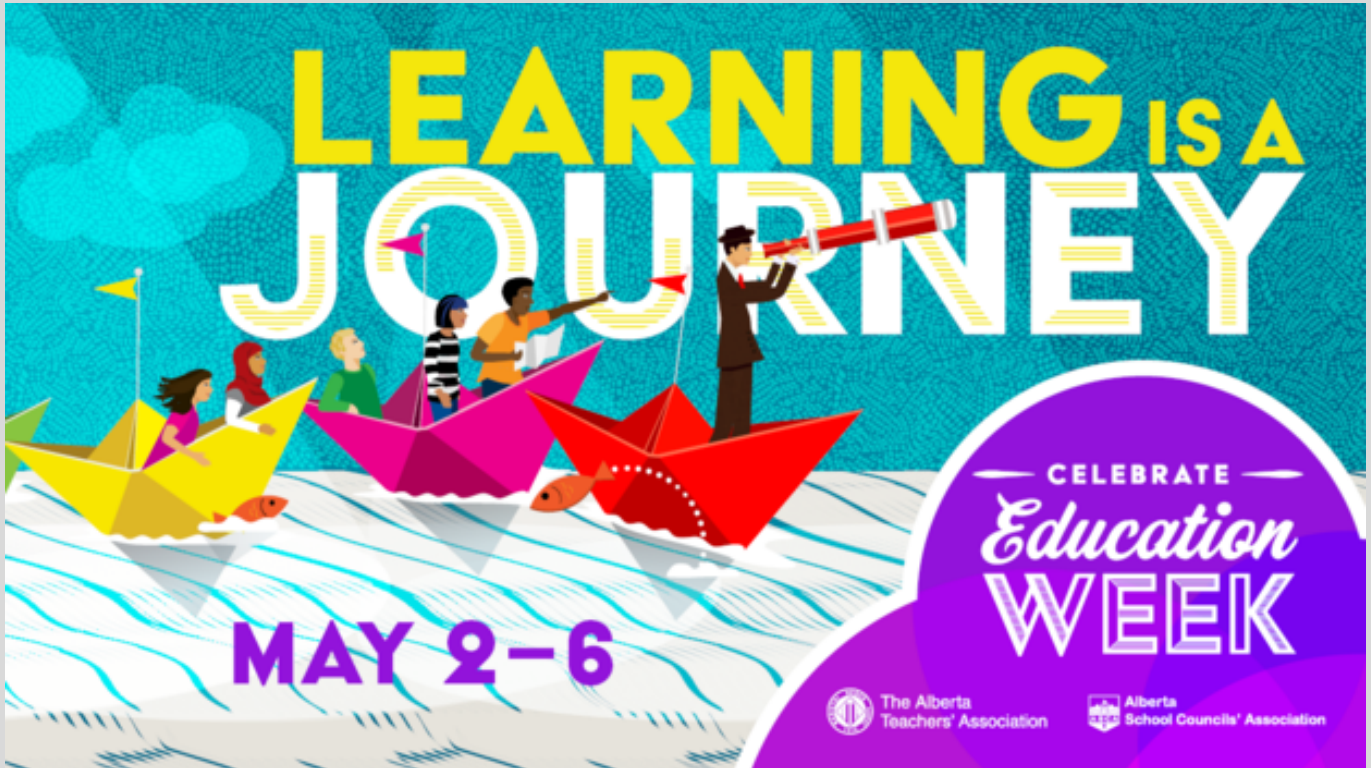
Krista's decision to step away from the Society Administrator position leaves a hole that Executive is currently measuring. We are prayerfully assessing our needs and will be seeking God's provision of a suitable candidate to fill the position.

Thursday, April 28 was Krista's last day. Emails continue to be fielded through the admin@fmcssociety.com address. Until the Administrator position is filled, our Treasurer, Tony Williams, will be handling the financial side of things. Financial inquiries may be directed to treasurer@fmcssociety.com.

Trusting God's direction and provision in all things as we look ahead,
Lisa Podor
Co-Director Stakeholder Relations
FMCS Society Executive stakeholderrelations@fmcssociety.com

Fee Payment

A reminder to ECDP and bus student families to keep current with fee payments. If you have questions, please contact the office at 780-743-1079. Fees due and payment options are available in Parent Portal.





A FMPSD ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM



OPEN HOUSE
May 3
6-8pm

2022/23 JUNIOR HIGH

Thy word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path...
Psalm 119:105



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Family Devotion Page

Foundation

SCRIPTURE READING — MATTHEW 7:24-27

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. - Matthew 7:24

Have you ever seen pictures of a house fallen into the sea after a storm washed away its foundation? I can't imagine what it would be like to watch the house I call home ruined by a storm. It must be devastating and make you feel so helpless.

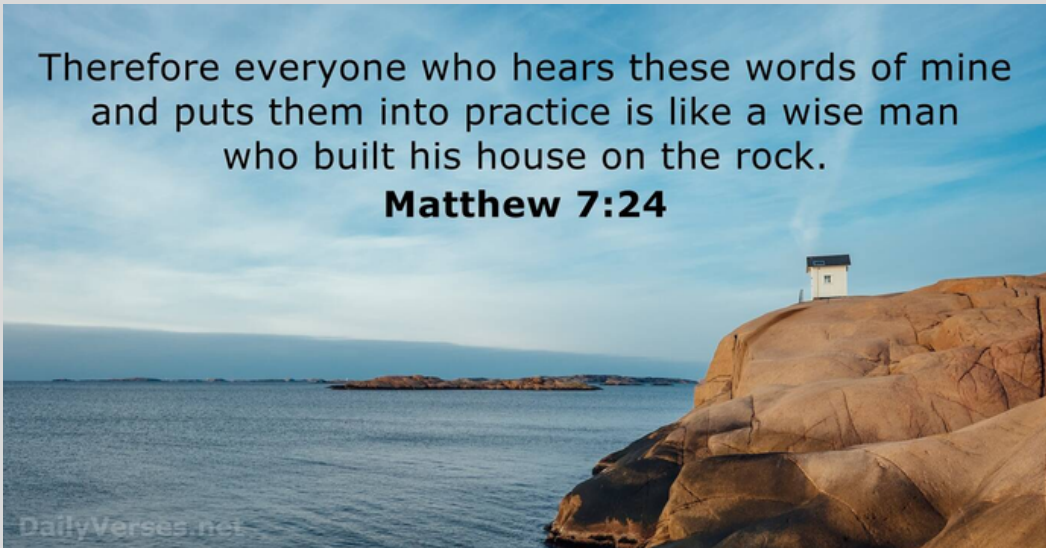
Jesus gives some building advice in the parable we have read today. But he is talking about more than building houses. He is talking about building our lives and making sure their foundation is firm, made up of wisdom and faith in him.

This foundation requires two things. It first involves listening to Jesus' words. Listening is really important and can be hard to do. I work with students a lot, and getting them to listen to instructions isn't always easy. Listening often means putting aside our own ideas or agendas and paying attention for a while.

But listening is only the first step in the foundation of our faith lives. The next step is doing what he asks of us. If we only listen and don't do what is asked, we haven't really accomplished anything. Our faith can be filled with knowledge and belief, but if it isn't tied to action, it rings hollow. Doing is really important!

Is the house of your life built on the foundation of faith that involves both listening to what Jesus is saying and doing what he asks? That is the way of life Jesus is calling us to.

<https://todaydevotional.com/devotions/foundation>

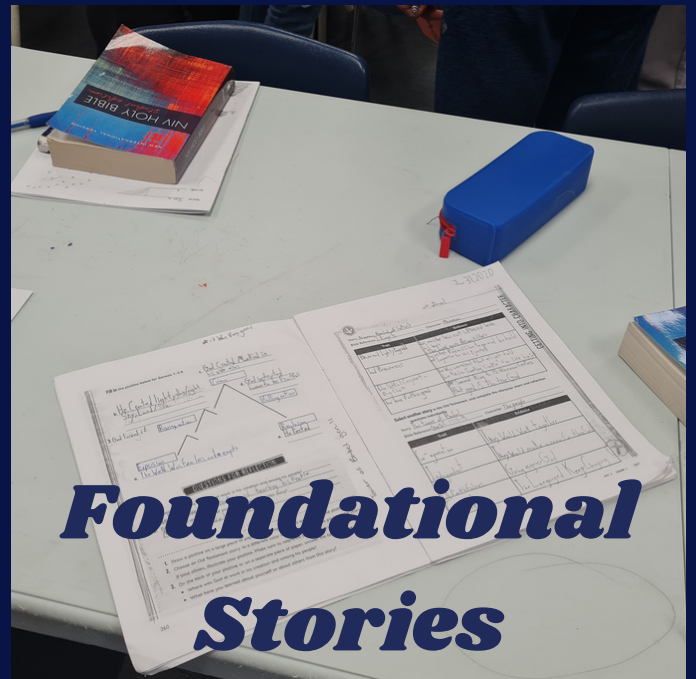


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and puts them into practice is like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

Junior High Bible Challenges

Junior high students are quizzing each other with terms from our Literary Genres of the Bible unit!



Narratives

Acts

Psalms

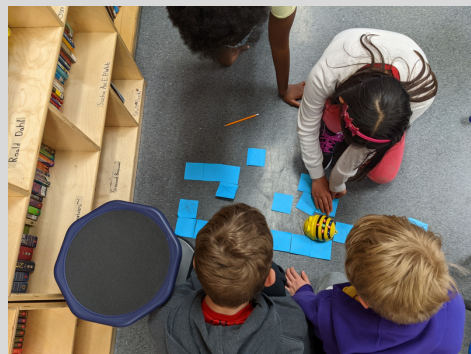
Grade 6 Library Activities

Students spent some time in the library this month listening to the Biblical Easter Story while enjoying some Cree art. They also participated in an Easter game hosted by Mrs. Dalley.



Grade 6 Option - Coding

Students finished our option on Coding this month and worked to code both a BeeBot and a Wonderbot!

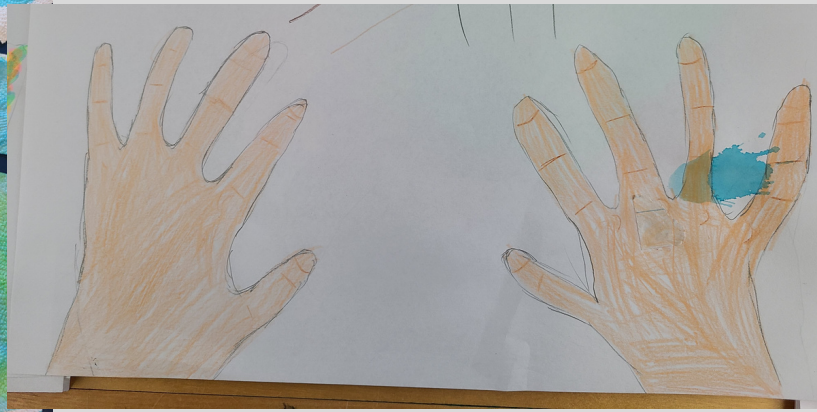
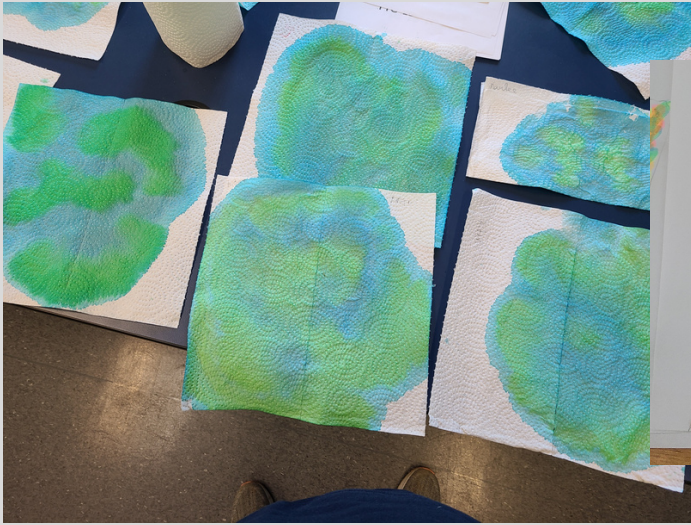


Thank You Miss Bendera!

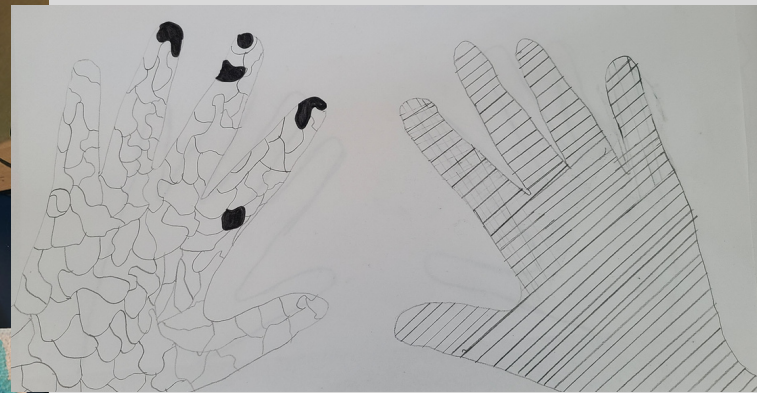
For 5 weeks in March and April, the grade 6 class was blessed to have Miss Emma Bendera in our class for her practicum with Keyano College. She did an amazing job connecting with students, creating engaging lessons, and learning a bit more about herself as a teacher. Thank you for being a part of our class :)



Grade 5/6 Earth Day Art

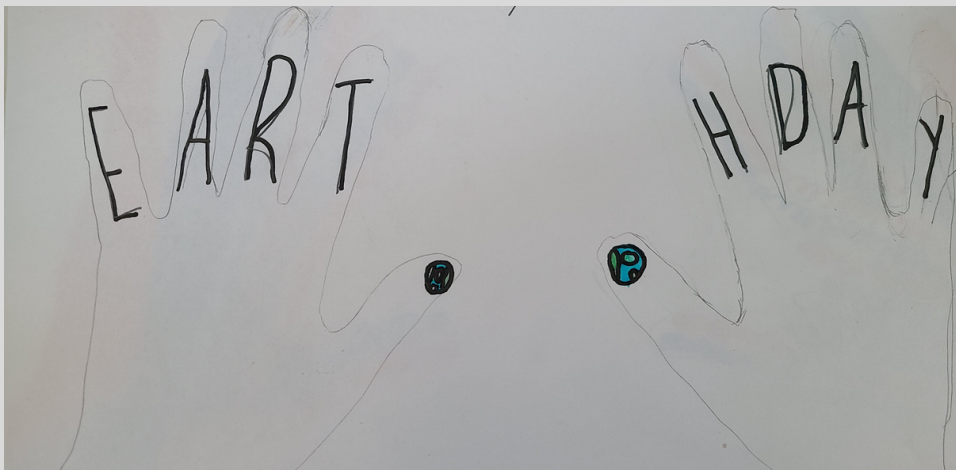
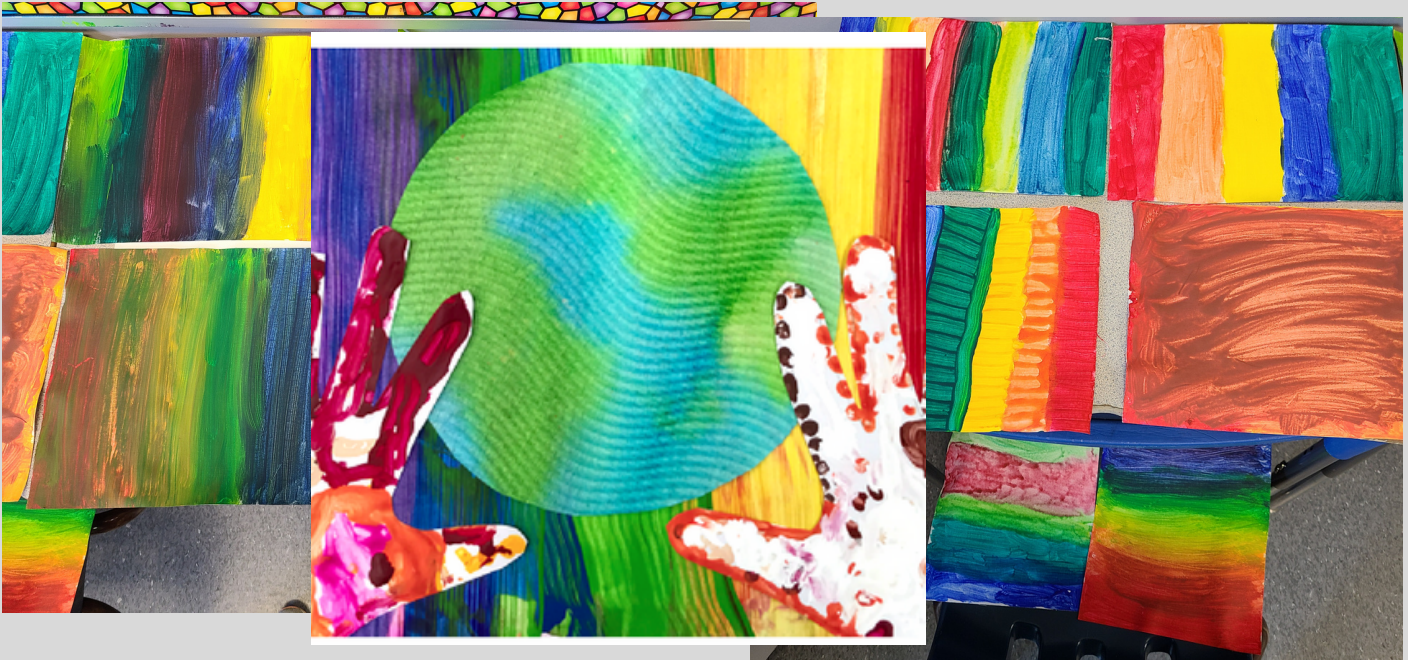


Earth Keeping
Beauty Creating



Grade 5/6 Earth Day Art

He's got the whole world in
His hands.



Grade 5/Kindergarten Reading Buddies

The storyline in Grade 5 is about seeing how God works in us and can change us. We use reading buddies as a way to see growth in ourselves and others.



Community Building



Grade 5/Kindergarten Reading Buddies Continued

The storyline in Grade 5 is about seeing how God works in us and can change us. We use reading buddies as a way to see growth in ourselves and others.



Community Building

Grade 3

Math

In math we are learning our multiplication and division facts up to the 5s.

Science
We are studying animal life cycles. We have Connor and Penny to help us and some butterfly larvae too!

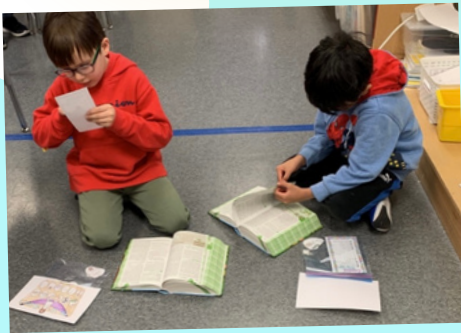
Art

We loved creating Monochromatic Fish paintings. We also completed an Earth Day Project.

We have had 2 new classmates join us.

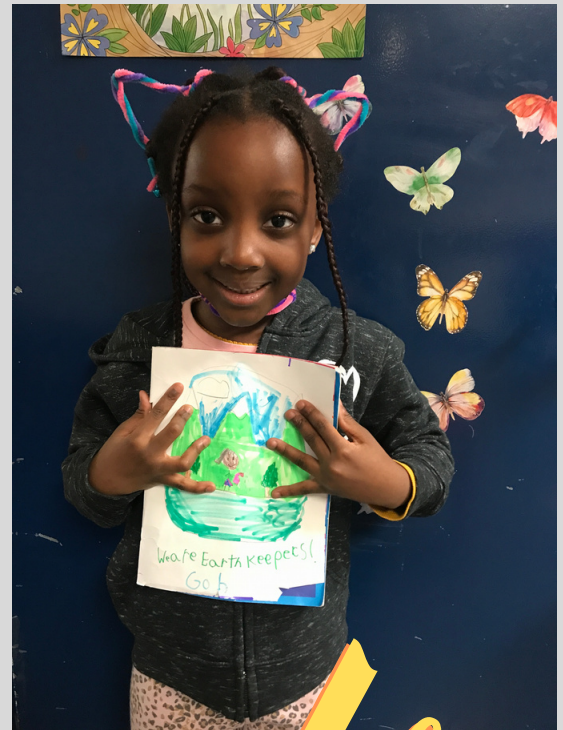
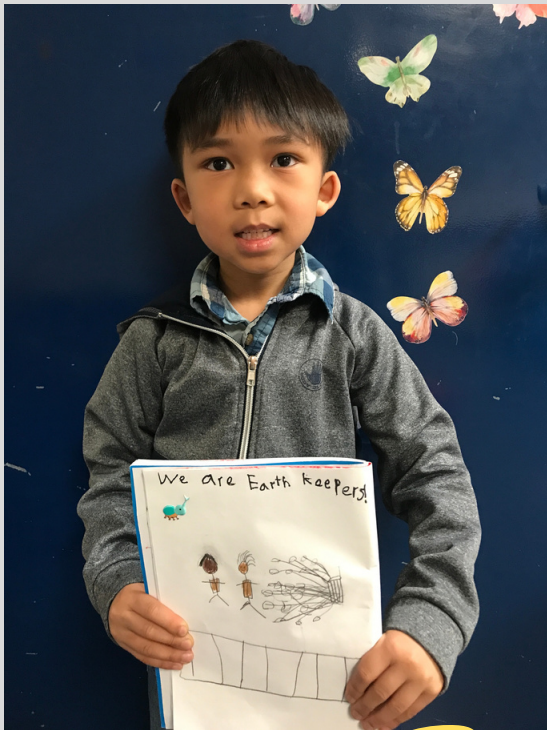
GRADE 2 CELEBRATE

Easter

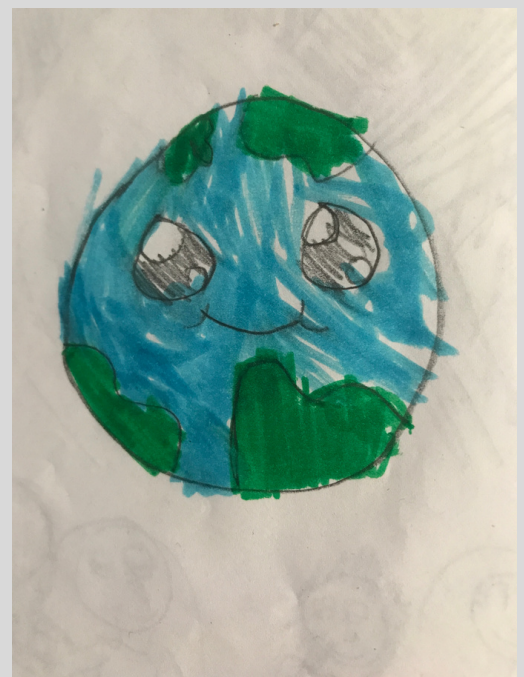
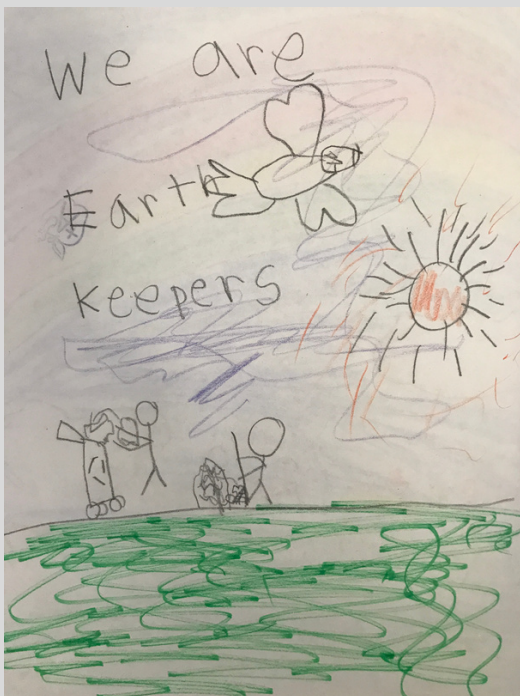


Grade 1's Celebrate Earth Day

Earth Keeper Awards



Congrats



Grade 1's Celebrate Earth Day

CLASS
COLLABORATION!



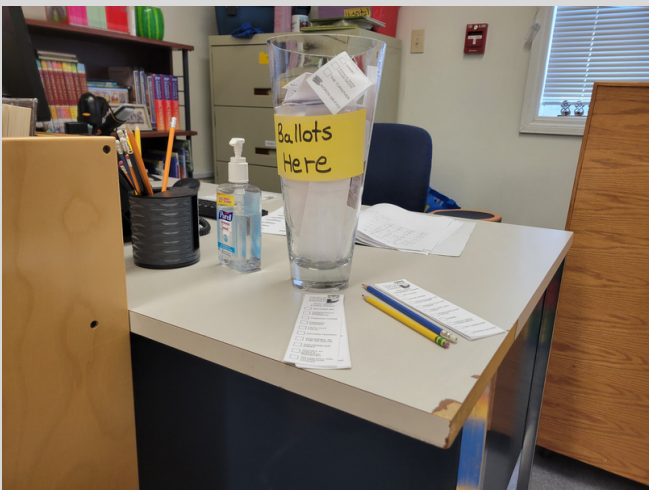
From Our Librarian

APRIL *activities*



During the beginning of April our Grades 1-7 played an Easter guessing game during their library class. It was a lot of fun!

At the end of the month Grades 2-6 were able to vote on which was their favourite book they had read this year. Feast of Peas was apparently quite popular!



From Our Librarian



During the month of January, many of our students submitted poetry to the local Words in Motion competition. Students in Grades 3-6 created over 40+ poems for this competition, and we have been notified that two of our students have had their poems chosen by the WBRL as winners!

Please join us in congratulating our grade 4 student Adia and our grade 6 student Simi for their winning poetry!

Our two students were invited to attend the Words in Motion Gala at the end of April and their poetry will be printed in the 2021/22 Words in Motion poetry book.




Are you a parent of a current FMCS student/students and returning to Fort McMurray Christian School in 22-23?

Please log into Parent Portal and confirm your demographics.


By doing so you are helping us with staffing and planning for the year ahead.

Need help? Call the office at 780-743-1079.



Do I need to register my student this year?

- ★ **Only NEW students to the Division need to register. What does that mean?**
 - Students do not have to re-register for the next year to "hold their spot"
 - Students do not need to re-register if they are changing schools
 - Students need to register again if they leave the Division and come back
- ★ **Registration is already open. Who does this affect?**
 - ECDP Students
 - K-12 Students who did not attend FMPSD in the 2021-2022 school year
 - NEW Students with NO SIBLINGS currently in FMPSD go to fmpsd.com/newnew
 - NEW Students with SIBLINGS currently in FMPSD go to fmpsd.com/new
- ★ **What about current FMPSD students?**
 - Current students don't register. Instead, they confirm their demographics.
 - By completing the Current Student Demographics Confirmation form, families are able to:
 - Review current student information on file and update as necessary
 - Confirm school and specialized programs for the upcoming school year
 - Upload out-of-date citizenship and/or guardianship documents
 - Review current parent/guardian and emergency contact information
 - Provide consents
 - The Current Student Demographics Confirmation form will be available by the end of March at fmpsd.com/current





2022-2023 DIVISION CALENDAR

231 Hardin Street,
Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2G2
PH: 780-799-7900

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	School Break - All					
	PD Day - Staff Only					
	Stat Holiday - All					

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Semester 1						
Operational Days - 98						
Instructional Days - 86						
Semester 2						
Operational Days - 98						
Instructional Days - 88						
Total Operational: 196						
Total Instructional: 174						

- August**
- 1 Heritage Day
 - 17 Schools open for registration
 - 18 First day for School Administrators
 - 23 First day for ATA
 - 25 First day for remaining CUPE
 - 29 First day for students

- September**
- 2 PLF #1 (Staff Only)
 - 5 Labour Day (No School)
 - 16 PLF #2 (Staff Only)
 - 30 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation - (No School)

- October**
- 7 Day in Lieu (No School)
 - 10 Thanksgiving (No School)
 - 21 PLF #3 (Staff Only)
 - 28 ATA Institute Day (ATA staff Only)

- November**
- 11 Remembrance Day (No School)
 - 18 PLF #4 (Staff Only)

- December**
- 2 PLF # 5 (Staff Only)
 - 16 PLF #6 (Staff Only)
 - 23 Non-Operational
 - 25-27 Stat Holiday Day in Lieu (No School)
 - 27-30 Christmas Break (No School)

- January**
- 2 Day in Lieu Stat Holiday (No School)
 - 3-4 Christmas Break (No School)
 - 9 School Resumes
 - 27 PLF #7 (Staff Only)
 - 30 Semester 2 Begins

- February**
- 3 Division PD Day (Staff Only)
 - 17 PLF #8 (Staff Only)
 - 20 Family Day (No School)
 - 27 Convention Break (No School)
 - 28 Convention Break (No School)

- March**
- 1 Convention Break (No School)
 - 2 Teacher's Convention (ATA Staff Only)
 - 3 Teacher's Convention (ATA Staff Only)
 - 10 PLF #9 (Staff Only)
 - 24 PLF #10 (Staff Only)

- April**
- 7 Good Friday (No School)
 - 10 Day in Lieu (No School)
 - 11-14 Spring Break (No School)
 - 21 PLF #11 (Staff Only)

- May**
- 5 PLF #12 (Staff Only)
 - 19 Day in Lieu (No School)
 - 22 Victoria Day (No School)

- June**
- 2 PLF #13 (Staff Only)
 - 29 Last Day Students
 - 30 Last Day Staff

- July**
- 3 Day in Lieu

