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Lord of All or not at All

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"STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES, BUT NAMES WILL NEVER HURT ME!"

As a child, I remember hearing this saying repeated as a mantra. You were considered okay if someone only called you a hurtful name; at least they didn't hurt you physically, right? Wrong! This is a false comfort, to believe that only physical aggression hurts.

Name-calling is just as damaging. Racial slurs, verbal put downs and even "cold" body language messages are insulting expressions to a person's dignity, painful to one's psychological being and an assault to the self-esteem of God's people. Quite possibly this form of personal indignity has a more-lasting impact on a person than some forms of physical aggression. But, none of it should occur!

The Apostle James speaks of this problem:

"... With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father and with it we curse people, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be..."
James 3:1-12.

Even scarier are the words of Matthew to explain the origin of these words...

"But the things that come out of the mouth, come from the heart"(Matt. 15:18).

"For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks"(Matt. 12:34).

"WATCH YOUR MOUTH!"

Have you ever spoken these words to your children?
Has anyone ever said this to you?

In my years of teaching and working in education the most destructive force that I have observed is the use of words said to shock, humiliate, express frustration and anger or to spread gossip and rumours – talking about others in ways that hurt rather than build up. We might call this "trash talking" -- words that cause a disease or poison in the spirit of another person, killing their dignity... killing the person.

Trash talking others results in bad feelings. People are infected like a flu bug with hurt & anger.

- The person whom we trash talk ABOUT is injured; they are belittled and disrespected (defaming another person's character).

- The person whom we trash talk TO is injured; they are left with doubts, feelings of guilt, for they have become dirtied by the trash talk.

The person who DOES the trash talking is hurt. We become less of a person. We have devalued ourselves and are not living up to all that we were meant to be as God's creation, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Trash talking influences who we will become.

As adults, we sometimes say things without thinking of the modelling that is occurring for our children – talking about our spouses, our parents, our friends, our teachers, our neighbours, our pastors, even our politicians, etc. What comes out of your mouth?

*May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer
(Psa. 19:1-4.)*

Thoughts by Darlene Eerkes

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Feb. 15	Family Day NO SCHOOL
Tues. Feb. 16	Junior High Ski Day
	Elementary Option Day Gr. 4-6
Feb. 25-26	GETCA (Greater Edmonton Teachers Convention Association) NO SCHOOL
Fri. Mar. 12	Waterpark Evening at WEM
Thurs. Mar. 18	2nd Report Cards
Fri. Mar. 19	NO SCHOOL Day in Lieu
Mar. 29-Apr. 5	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
June 29	Last Day of School

Our students will grow in critical thinking skills using a Biblical framework.

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS THAT PRAY

Most every Tuesday morning at 8:30am a group of parents/grandparents meet in our school to pray. Anyone is invited to join us. There has been a **Prayer Request Box** placed in the office (at the front desk) for anyone to add a prayer request; please feel free to submit your requests



THANKS TO GRADE 3F

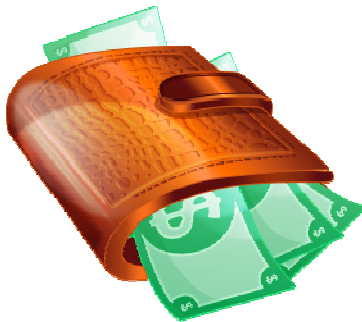
Thank you for all your beautiful letters! My friend Andreas is serving in Haiti and he will take the letter to Haiti and post them all at the United Nations Headquarters where everyone can read them. All the workers from the Red Cross, World Vision, Doctors Without Borders, UN Peacekeepers and any other volunteers go through the temporary headquarters, so they will be able to read your letters. Volunteers from all over the world will read your words of encouragement. They need your prayers and it will help them to see so many kids are thinking of them. Words of encouragement can affect people halfway around the world, I think that makes you all very important volunteers too. Remember to say a word of encouragement to someone everyday. God bless, Jennifer Nunes

PLEASE VOTE

The Mosaic Centre (a service project supported by Edmonton Christian Northeast School) is asking for your vote! Please go to www.oldnavyoneinamillion.com register and view store #0846 video, click on the vote box in bottom right hand corner of video to cast your vote. This vote could potentially mean more funding for the Mosaic Centre. Please cast your vote before Sunday, February 28, 2010.

A CANADIAN TIRE BOX

is in the entrance way of the school. This is for you to donate any Canadian Tire money you might have. We hope to raise money for sport/playground equipment. This is an initiative of the Parent Council.



BOX LUNCH FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Thursday, February 11th from 12:00 - 2:00 is the annual Valentines' Box Lunch! This is a long-standing tradition in junior high that celebrates community through eating a meal together. Grade 9 leadership students have planned a few games and activities for volunteers to participate in. Boys bring deserts and drinks (for 2) to share with a randomly determined lunch grade level peer. Girls bring an entrée (for 2) to share with their lunch companion. At tables of 8 or 10, students sit with their friends and share a lunch meal with someone they may know well or someone they rarely spend time with. This is a time of mingling with different classmates and expanding their social networks. If students choose not to participate they can work on homework or read in a specified supervised classroom.

Box Lunch is NOT....

- ♥ a date
- ♥ marriage proposal
- ♥ match-making service
- ♥ life commitment to each other
- ♥ brussel sprouts

Box Lunch is....

- ♥ community building
- ♥ fun time with friends
- ♥ meal shared with groups of peers
- ♥ opportunity to demonstrate ones' cooking expertise
- ♥ yummy pink and red food

ENROLMENT 2010-11:

Enrolment packages for **new families** are available at your School office . Perhaps you would like to pick up a package for a family member or friend who is considering Christian education at our School. Also available will be *Application for New Student* forms for **current families** who wish to register a new child for 2010-11, whether in Kindergarten or another grade. All forms are available on our website February 1: www.edmchristian.net . The deadline to complete and return these forms is April 14. The **re-enrolment process for current students** will take place in early April; more details to come in March. If you have any questions, please call the Society office at 780-408-7933.

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