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Lord of All or not at All

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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

This week is 'Random Acts of Kindness Week'. It is sort of sad that we have to be reminded to be kind and generous to our neighbors within our community, but at times we do need a nudge in the right direction! Why do we forget? What gets in the way?

I believe the primary stumbling block is our busy lives. Meetings, basketball games, choir/musical practice, studying for exams, making budgets and planning spring break holidays....to name but a few, fill our lives with busyness. How can we combat the busy world we live in and spend time being kind to others?

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

We are called to love others, but what does that really look like? Can we break through the excuses of being too busy, too lazy, fear and criticism from others to truly reach out to others in love? We need to stop for people, push our own agenda aside and ask about their lives. When we do that we are showing others love with our gift of time. Spending time and energy getting to know people is a sure way to look away from our own busy schedules and idols of over commitment.

Take time this week, and every week, to break through the excuses of busyness and serve one another in love.

Thoughts by Vicki deHaan

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to both of the Senior Basketball Teams! The girls and the boys both captured first place in our annual Christian Schools tournament held this weekend. Our student athletes represented our school admirably with great sportsmanship and fine competition. Thank you to all the parents and student volunteers who helped to organize and run this event.

LOST AND FOUND

Please send your students to check out the lost and found that is hanging in the main foyer. All items will be taken to the Thrift Store this Friday, February 19. Please check it out before they are gone.

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.

PRAYER CORNER

*please pray for a family in our community who is suffering the loss of a family member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 25-26	NO SCHOOL GETCA (Greater Edmonton Teachers Convention Association)
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.

SURVEY

You may have recently seen newspaper articles on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) or changes to the Grade 12 Diploma Exams. Both PATs and Diploma Exams contribute to the Accountability Pillar, a tool used by Alberta Education to evaluate how well the education system is meeting the expectations of parents and the public. All parents want to know that their children are receiving a quality education. Grades are important but there is more to it than that. A quality education helps all children make the most of their talents and abilities.

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. From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 (*change to grades 4-12 if applicable*) will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 (*change to grades 4-12 if applicable*) and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with this school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Mandarin, Cantonese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success. Your participation in the survey helps, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Survey results will be available to jurisdictions in May 2010, and will be reported publicly by jurisdictions as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

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.

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.

WEM WATERPARK

Edmonton Christian School has exclusive use of the Waterpark on Friday evening, March 12 from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. for a community fun night. Tickets will be \$10 (children 2 and under are free). Tickets will go on sale at the school office on March 1st.



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