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Lord of All Things

BUILDING A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

Throughout our school, staff and students take time to discuss and re-enforce what it means to care for each other in community. This is a vital part of Christian education. From the youngest grades to the oldest students we learn (and practice) working and living together, striving for a community that cares for each other. At various times students spend time talking about how we learn to be a part of a group.

First, we learn that every person has needs; sometimes, when we are in higher grades, we call these "our rights". Some important needs (or rights) include the need to be listened to, to have the chance to learn, to be able to play or work with others. We all have the need to be part of a group, to live with others and be accepted for who we are... as God made us.

Secondly, we learn that it is our responsibility to meet the needs of others... to make sure that other people's rights are respected. God wants us to be responsible for our actions so that we help everyone else meet their need to learn or play and belong.

For example: it is our responsibility to help each other learn. That could mean we listen more and work hard in our classes so that others can also listen more and work hard too, without distractions. It is our responsibility to treat others fairly so we make sure everyone is included and we never make fun of anyone or talk behind their back— even in our texting each other or in our play at recess. Being responsible and respecting the rights and needs of everyone around us will make it more likely that we will have our needs met too.

God wants us all to get along with each other – to care for each other and to pray for each other. This is our challenge together.

*How do you help all of us build
a community that cares?*

ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR SURVEY

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 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

ELEMENTARY OPTION DAY-PARENTS NEEDED!

Please take a look at page 3 of the newsletter. We are asking for parent volunteers to help make the Elementary Option day a success again this year. If you have a craft or any kind of two hour learning idea, that you are willing to share with a group of students please fill out the form and send it back to school a.s.a.p.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Thurs. Feb 2 | Parent Night
<u>Your Story: The Wounded Embrace</u> |
| Fri. Feb 17 | PD NO SCHOOL |
| Mon. Feb 20 | Family Day NO SCHOOL |
| Tues. Feb 21 | Junior High Ski Day
Grades 4-5-6– Option Day |
| Mar 1 & 2 | GETCA (Public School Teacher Convention) NO SCHOOL |
| Fri. Mar 9 | WaterPark Evening |
| Mar 26-30 | Spring Break NO SCHOOL |

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

That is NOT my Child

Every parent wants to believe that their children are safe, healthy, well-adjusted people that know how to behave and how to seek help when they need it. It is common that I encounter parents who say, "That is not my child" when they hear about students who do things to harm themselves and possibly others. We all have a hard time believing that those closest to us... those we love... could be involved in something that we do not know about... something that might threaten a life.

It is with sadness that I know, every year, there are students in our school who struggle with feelings that cause them to hurt themselves -- damage their bodies and their spirits. These students usually call out for help -- but, sometimes the adults around them are not listening... or not believing... or simply do not know what to do. We might be too quick to say, "That is NOT my Child."

Research says that one in six teenagers hurt themselves. They self inflict pain or damage on their bodies. These *students* are in our school and not just in Junior High. We hurt for them! Are they your children, sleeping in your house, eating with you and you do not know it? Whether they are cutting themselves, starving their bodies, "beating themselves up" for who they are -- they are here; they are OUR children. If this research is true, there would be up to 30 students (possibly 5 per class) in our Junior High who are vulnerable and experiencing self-injury.

On **Feb. 2, 2012 from 7 – 8:30 at Bethel Christian Reformed Church** (14204-25 Street)

Brett Ullman will be speaking to parents and youth about this topic. Brett is a national speaker from *Worlds Apart*, a non-profit organization committed to educating and inspiring youth to critically think about their interactions and how they are impacted by media-culture, every day. Brett spoke to our Junior High students (and interested parents) last year when he was in Edmonton. He has been main speaker at Youth for Christ. Those who attend his talks know what a powerful impact his words make.

Your Story: The Wounded Embrace will declare the problem *that thousands of young people, under-confident and often scared, are seeking release from their personal struggles in ways many adults would prefer not to contemplate and, sadly, ignore. You probably have friends who cut, friends who are bulimic and you know self-injury is a serious problem in teen culture today. This talk opens up discussion, raises awareness and shows a way out of the darkness.*

BE AN EDMONTON JOURNAL JUNIOR REPORTER!

When: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Where: Myer Horowitz Theatre, U of A Campus

Event: Canspell Spelling Bee

Details: The Edmonton Journal is calling for an aspiring junior reporter. Reporter needs to be between the ages of 13 and 15. The event, featuring the top 50 elementary/junior high school spellers from across Northern Alberta, takes place on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. The successful applicant will cover the event for the Edmonton Journal. If interested, contact Chris Spencer (chspencer@edmontonjournal.com) by Monday January 30, 2012.

CHECK OUT THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER

GETCA is presenting two great sessions: *Cinderella Ate My Daughter* and *Boy Smarts*. These are free events but pre-registration is required. Please check out this informative flyer.

ENROLMENT 2012-13: Enrolment packages for **new families** will be available at your School on Wednesday, February 1. Perhaps you would like to pick up a package for a family member or friend who is considering Christian education at Edmonton Christian Schools. Also available will be *Application for New Student* forms for **current families** who wish to register a **new child** for 2012-13, whether in Kindergarten or another grade. The priority deadline to complete and return these forms is April 11. Preschool packages will be available on February 1 as well.

All application and information forms will be on our website on February 1: www.edmchristian.net. The **re-enrolment process for current families** will take place in mid-March; more details to come. If you have any questions, please call the Society office at 780-408-7933.

An alternative program of Edmonton Public Schools in partnership with the Edmonton Society for Christian Education.

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January 11, 2012

Dear parents:

It's time again to organize the Grade 4-6 Elementary Option Program. This is a one day program which depends on the talents and skills of parents, in which the students participate in a variety of crafts and activities.

We are again looking for parents to help out with the day. If you have a craft idea, or any kind of two hour learning idea, that you are willing to share with a group of students, please fill out the form below and send it to the office. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Junk at 408-7942.

Each student will have the opportunity to go to two options. There will be a teacher supervisor available for assistance for each of the options. Each option is 2 hours long – one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. This year option day is Tuesday, February 21, which is also the Junior High Ski day.

The options we can offer depend on the responses we get. We are always looking for new ideas, especially ones that appeal to boys. We have a limited budget so please keep this in mind when planning your activity. All costs need receipts to be reimbursed.

Some **suggestions** for options are:

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| - Woodworking | - Cross-stitch embroidery | - Indoor/outdoor sports |
| - Baking | - Ukrainian Eggs | - Picture frames |
| - Chess | - Dough art | - Weaving |
| - Folk Dancing | - Art | - Candle making |
| - Self defense | - Shirt appliques | - Kites |
| - Stamp art | - Computer | - Scrapbooking |

Maybe you have skills in a craft not mentioned. Please list them below or contact the school office at 408-7942. The more options we have, the more successful the day will be.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS FORM IS RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY January 18, 2012.

Thank you.

_____ Yes, I can help

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Option: _____

If you cannot help, do you know of someone that could? Could we ask that person?

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please note: Because of limited space, we are not able to provide babysitting services for parents helping with options.

Who Is On Your Team?



LD Edmonton

Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta
Edmonton Chapter

LDEdmonton Parent Information Series

Presented By Susan Vinci, B.Ed.

January 25, 2012

7 pm to 9 pm

Discover ways to support your struggling learner at home, in the classroom and in the community.

Presenter Susan has two children who are coded LD, one child is in a specialized program and one is in an inclusive setting. She will share her knowledge and the pros and cons of both programs, by discussing reasonable expectations of the school, the student and the parents.

"Who is on Your Team?" focuses on the importance of collaboration to help ensure that the struggling learner meets their full potential.

Free for Members and \$10.00 for Non-members

To Register:

Call: 780-466-1011 Email: info@ldedmonton.ca

Held at the LD Edmonton office located at 10310-56 Street (Fulton Place School)



GETCA PRESENTS: TWO GREAT SESSIONS

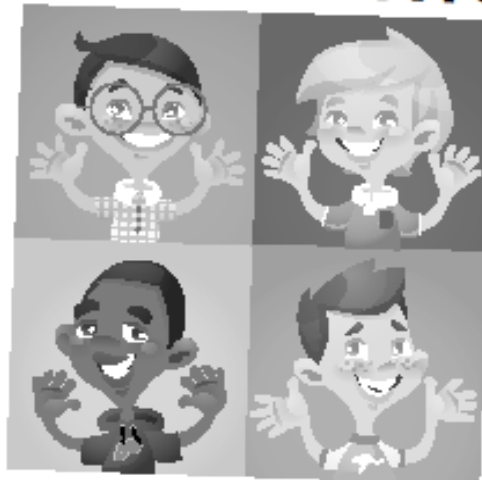


Dispatches from the Front Lines of the New Girlie-Girl Culture with presenter Peggy Orenstein

Are you the parent of or do you know a young girl obsessed with princess culture? A girl who, despite your best efforts to raise her to be strong and independent, suddenly insists on growing up to be Snow White? Join Peggy as she explores the challenge of parenting in a commercialized culture determined to exploit and market to girls from a very young age. What are girls learning, and what can we do about it? Check out www.peggyorenstein.com for more information about Peggy.

OR

BOY SMARTS



Effective Strategies for Parenting Boys with presenter Barry MacDonald

Get beyond the headlines and hype. What are the varied needs of boys? How can we help boys navigate cultural realities like video games and Facebook? How can we mentor boys to talk about their thoughts and feelings? How can we guide our boys to achieve their potential at school? Learn what it takes for parents, caregivers and professionals to mentor boys to become courageous and caring men. Check out www.mentoringboys.com for more information about Barry.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Shaw Conference Centre, 9797 Jasper Avenue

Parking lot on Grierson Hill and in adjacent parkades or plan to come via public transit

THIS EVENT IS **FREE** BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/GETCA2012> or call 780.429.8040 to register.

Please note that these sessions are **for adults only**.

Note: Photographs may be taken at this event, which may be used on the sponsors' websites and in other publications.

Peggy's and Barry's books will be available for purchase at the event.

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