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Walk in the Light

"Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord." Isaiah 2:5



Three Hills Activity Day!



Principal's Message

"And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees I am giving you today for your own good?"

- Deuteronomy 10:12-13

God chose the Jews while they were aliens living in Egypt. We are aliens in our world at odds with the prevailing thought patterns and moral compass. My experiences this week at a conference for online educators has really brought this distinction into sharp focus for me. One of the speakers told us of how they have used individualized learning as a tool to improve 15 schools from Detroit. I didn't get full value out of his talk because I couldn't get over the fact that in these schools only 5% of the students were meeting acceptable standards for reading. 5% - how is that possible? How broken is a society that produces so many kids who are not prepared to do the work needed to succeed in school. It took me back to the view of the keynote speaker at the recent Christian teacher's conference. Education is not the answer to what society needs. It can produce literate, critical thinking, financially successful people but without a moral compass, without Christ at the center of who they are, they will not be able to guide Western society out of its steep decline. Harvard does not have the answers we need. In fact, higher education works to break down the moral foundation Christian faith provides because it is "archaic".

There are a lot of great ideas being shared at this conference (the use of game-theory in designing learning activities is really cool) but they will not pull us out of the deep ditch we are in. Only fearing the Lord will put us back on the right track – our education efforts need to be built on this premise – nothing else will do.

Randy Wood



Bible Memory

OCTOBER: A Chosen People

1 Peter 2:4-9

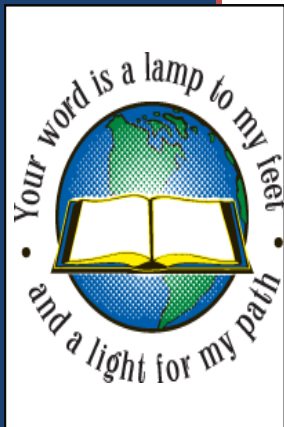
4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

8 and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.



Well, it's a new month! Since the October newsletter came out late in the month, I am still accepting October Bible Memory completions into November. Hopefully we can be caught up by the end of November.

Just a reminder about this program. This is open to all IL, online, and traditional program students. It is optional, and students and parents/supervisors can decide the extent of your involvement together. I know there are some students that want to do Bible Memory, but don't have a Bible Memory program in their curriculum, or love it so much that they want to do extra, so here is one you can use! I'll be including the month's Bible Memory

passage each month in the newsletter. You can print it and memorize it. When you've memorized the passage, recite it to your parent or supervisor and then they can e-mail either myself (corrie.leismeister@myghsd.ca)

or Mrs. Penner (marci.penner@myghsd.ca) to let us know you have completed it. We will post names of the ones that have completed it in the newsletter the following month.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jonathan Allen for completion of memory!

Activity days

**** REGISTER BY EMAILING OR CALLING THE NORTHSTAR OFFICE ******

Spaces fill up quickly!!!

November 6 –Edson Activity Day, Science Day!

- Bethal Pentecostal Church

December 13 –Christmas Party — Pioneer Lodge



Music & Drama Activity Day at Three Hills



On October 16, Drama Queens, Drama Kings, and Talented Musicians all gathered together to display their INCREDIBLE TALENTS.

Mrs. Best taught classes in music. She taught students about how God created music in nature. If we listen, we can hear many sounds in nature that are considered to be music. With the older class, she talked about the things that we see on sheet music that tell us how the composer (now passed away), would have liked his (her) music to be played. They also talked about time signatures and musical notations and how that helps us to know if the music is happy or sad. Students were asked to make musical sounds with their bodies, so you can guess the beautiful music that was created together. Sounds from nature!

Mrs. C taught drama. Students worked together to create Human Slide Shows to perform for their classmates. Students learned how to set up frozen scenes and to use their bodies and facial expressions to tell a story. The students demonstrated using a Human Slide Show to tell John 3:16.



The day was a great one, filled with laughter and smiles. We had lots of students, both young and old (if you consider high schoolers to be old). It ended with running games in the gym. One of our goals is to tire them out before they go home. :o)

The most important thing we did was to open in prayer. We are so blessed that we can pray to the Lord anytime and know that He hears us and cares about us. Hebrews 13:5b says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." He is always with us in good times and in hard times. What an AMAZING promise from the Lord!

Additional Resources~

Tests often create anxiety and while a certain amount is good, too much can cause problems. Here are some tips to help you do your best as you write a test. One piece of advice I always give is read through the whole test first, as it gets you thinking about the questions and forming responses.

<http://www.testtakingtips.com/test/gentest.htm>

Now take the test to see what you learned!

<http://blogs.scholastic.com/files/followdirection.pdf>

How did you do?



November does not really top the chart in months people look forward to. No major holidays such as come in |December and April. No change of season, as happens in one out of every three months. No changes of routine such as in September and the end of June. For many people, there may be a birthday (or five) to celebrate, and many of us begin preparing for our Christmas celebrations. However, if you have a loved one that has been part of the Armed Forces in Canada, November 11 is a day full of significance and meaning.

Because of our unique school setting, we do not have a school Remembrance Day ceremony, as most brick-and-mortar schools do, but I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to take some time to attend either a local Remembrance Day, watch a televised or online ceremony, or create your own observation of this day. Remembrance day was first observed in 1919 as the first anniversary of the end of World War I and has continued to be observed annually in Canada. While it started out as a way to remember and honor soldiers who died in the First World War, it has continued as a tradition and a remembrance of all Canadian soldiers who have died in the line of duty.

Our family has attended local services in Red Deer, some years we have watched the ceremonies in Ottawa on CBC online and some years we have done our own remembrance day activities.

If you are not sure what ceremonies are available in your community, try your local legion (phone book or try a Google search) or watch the local newspapers, which usually have a list of local events. I'd also like to share a website with interviews with soldiers who participated in various conflicts in various roles. At

<http://www.thememoryproject.com/> you can hear from men and women who had different roles in Korea, various peacekeeping missions, WWI and WWII.

However you Remember, let us thank God for the beautiful country we live in, remember and pray for the families of those who have died in conflicts, and pray for leaders, both in our country and in those abroad, especially giving wisdom in how to respond to the various conflicts occurring throughout our world today.

Corrie Leismeister

