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Walk in the Light

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



Principal's Message



On February 16th, I returned from Bogota, Colombia. The Ladies Dean from Prairie Christian Academy and I, took eleven high school students on a mission trip there. Our student's main role was to be English teachers to kids in schools in the poorer part of Bogota. It is a big stretch for most of our kids to take on a class of 35 grade four kids, but they rose to the occasion and did great work. We don't get to spend much time with each of these Colombian classes but their teachers tell us that the interest that we show in them really inspires their students to try harder in their English studies.

We also get to work with a couple of orphanages, a home for teenage moms and their babies, two day programs for street kids and a missionary couple who are amazing servants of God. They run one of the street kid's ministries and actually adopt kids into their family (up to twelve kids at a time). Steve and Evie Bartel know what it is to trust in the Lord and their example goes a long way to teaching our students, and us leaders, how to do the same. Our students are deeply impacted by two things in Colombia: the depth of poverty in which some people live and the joy that infuses the lives of Believers in that place, regardless of their financial situation. I am more and more convinced that the things which fill our lives here in Alberta are actually hindrances to our knowing the joy of the Lord.

For me Colombia has deeply impacted my life because of a meeting God planned for me on my first visit six years ago. All team members were invited to the home of Colombian families. There were eight people at the home I went to and the only one who spoke English was a grade two girl. I don't have very much in common with grade 2 girls so our conversation ran out quite quickly. It was a long awkward night but I met a lady who was planning to come to Edmonton. I gave her my daughter's phone number, never expecting she would make contact as she didn't speak much English so I wasn't even sure I heard her correctly. Contact she did and we ended up bringing Angie into our family. After three years her husband and two boys came to join her and they continue to be the biggest blessing to us you could imagine – they have the most vibrant faith I have ever seen. Their family in Colombia insisted I visit this trip and eat with them – all thirteen of them – for five hours! It was a wonderful evening this time as several of them were willing to try their English, although I nearly died from all the food they wanted to serve me.

God changes lives when we open our hearts to his Spirit and mission trips can be the can opener we need. RANDY WOOD

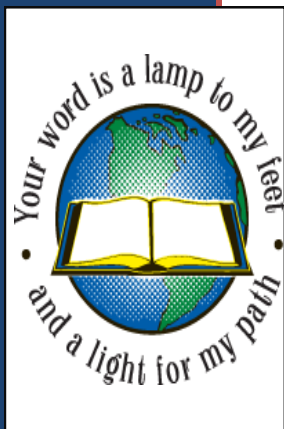
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Bible Memory

March: Children of Light

Ephesians 5:1-8

1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children **2** and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **3** But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. **4** Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. **5** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. **7** Therefore do not be partners with them. **8** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light...



Welcome to March!

When you've memorized the passage, recite it to your parent or supervisor and then they can e-mail me (corrie.leismeister@myghsd.ca) to let me know you have completed it. I will post names of the ones that have completed it in the newsletter the following month.



Activity days

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

March 12, Math & Social A Days at Three Hills

April 4, Science Center in Calgary

April 3, Aviation at Prairie Bible in Three Hills



Edson A DAY: Poetry & Public Speaking

On February 12, at our Edson NSA Activity day, students experienced some hands on learning with poetry and public speaking. According to one student's feedback, the local published poet, **Darrin Stephen**, who shared with students, was encouraging and inspirational. He showed:

- *how rhyming is a way of expressing feelings
- *how poetry gives you an opportunity to not worry about grammar, vocabulary or spelling
- *how poetry is a way of telling the reader your point of view
- *how poetry allows you to express your feelings without saying them aloud
- *how poetry is very personal and can be cheerful and funny, too.
- *how poetry uses the five senses, in addition to having students do some of their own writing.



Students applied the five senses in describing a tree for some hands-on writing experience. Mr. Stephens encouraged students to take risks in writing poetry and have fun!

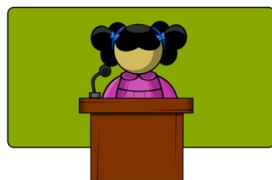
For your interest to further pursue poetry with your children at home, check out these websites (with care to peruse carefully, as always).

http://a2zhomeschooling.com/explore/language_arts_kids/fill_in_the_blank_poems_kids/

<http://lesson-plans.theteacherscorner.net/writing/poetry/>

http://www2.nkfust.edu.tw/~emchen/CLit/poetry_online.htm#dic

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/poetry-printables>



Public Speaking at its Finest

As 4-H moms, Mrs. Luymes and Mrs. Ferguson took advantage of abundant 4-H public speaking resources and years of experience, to share some fun activities, in addition to having some club members take advantage of the opportunity to perform their prepared presentations. It was great to see the participation of the students, especially the first-time speakers, too! Using games and discussion, preparation for

confident public speaking was covered. We reviewed choosing topics, different types of talks, researching tips, first impressions, cue card tips, impromptu talks and the 'rule of three' as described below:

All speeches need three parts – an introduction, a body and a conclusion. The chart below summarizes the purpose for each part, what to use in developing each part, the time allotment for each part and when to do each part in the development of a speech.

Now we have competent poets who can confidently share their creations publicly! Thanks to Mr. Darrin Stephens and 4H!

BODY PART	PURPOSE	WHAT TO USE	TIME	WHEN TO DO
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish interest • Provides purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quote • Question • Opinion • Fact/statistic 	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do it last • It's easier when you know the other parts
Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main points • Build for flow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or 4 main ideas • sub-points come under each main idea 	80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do it first
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You review • No new points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary statement • Story or quote 	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do it second

Family Weekend Feb 7-9 RECAP



God is Faithful. This was the theme of the February 7-9 Activity Day Weekend, at Pioneer Lodge. God is faithful, and we can put our trust in Him. Psalm 33:4 says, "For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does."

We had a very blessed weekend together. No one got hurt and no one got frost bite!



The weekend began with an exciting LA class with Mrs. McIlwain. She started by having volunteers come up, and she pinned one word on each of their backs. Then a student from the audience had to put the other students in line to make a sentence. The students learned the parts of a sentence. Then students worked in teams to complete various tasks to show prepositions.

After LA class, students enjoyed table games, ping-pong, air hockey, foosball and snacks. Dutch Blitz was a big hit with the high school students.

Saturday was a full day. Students participated: orienteering, fire building, home ec or dissection class (pretzels or worms?), and art class. We learned a new art skill

from Mrs. Redifer ...Pointillism! Students learned how to create paintings and drawings using small dots of paint or ink. Free time activities included: snowshoeing, hiking, skating, sledding, beading, table games, Lego, connecting stix, estimation stations, and much more.

On Sunday morning, we enjoyed a special treat in Sunday School class. After worship time, we watched a movie called, "Mount St. Helen's: Blasting Beliefs" by the Schroeder family. We talked about how God was faithful to Noah and how He is faithful to us.

We ended the morning with a time of group games. The older students were challenged to work with their team to build the tallest structure, using newspapers and masking tape.

Psalm 57:10 says, "For great is Your love, reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies." We praise God for His faithfulness!



ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

My name is Corrie Leismeister and one of the things I do every year is contact all families that will have a student in Grades 10-12 next year to answer any questions about **diploma requirements**, course scheduling and high school registration. And yes, I am thinking about next year already! I would really appreciate it if all parents could fill in the form at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HdQE15fqNEpRpec1YXsTEISK9KTN8s5eFqk6DIIXSMg/viewform>

This will help me to know who to call first, and whether I should set up some meeting times at the office in Didsbury or if everyone is happy with the phone calls.

If you are ready, you can book an appointment by visiting

<http://www.nsacorrie.simplybook.me/>

I look forward to talking to you soon!

Canada's History For Kids

This is a great resource to use to supplement your Social Studies program. It is partially funded by the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage and has a lot of great articles, contests, and fun & games.

Excerpt from this month's edition:

"After our gold medal performances in Olympic hockey and NHL playoffs on the way, there might be a bit of hockey fever in your classroom. That's perfect, because our latest issue of Kayak is all about the largest 'goal' in Canadian history – Confederation! Your students read the feature story "They Shoot, They Score" online and learn about all the key players that came together for the biggest game of their lives."

Check out this great resource at:

<http://www.canadashistory.ca/kids/home.aspx>.



