



MAY 2024 MEMOS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As our school year is drawing to a close, I am reminded of God's faithfulness to our school. Mr. Rand, executive director of Koinonia, reminded us at the spring banquet that High Level Christian Academy is God's school and that He faithfully provides and sustains us. This year has had its challenges, but we can rest assured that this is God's school, and He is sovereign over us. His will is accomplished and not ours. We can walk and operate confidently knowing that God's purposes will be accomplished and that His will is good and perfect. Colossians 1:15–20 says:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (ESV)

May has lots in store and will be over before we know it. Students will be participating in town clean-up this Friday as our community service for the month. Our grades 3-6s will be singing at the seniors' center on Thursday, May 9th. The grades 3-9s have various outdoor field trips planned; keep your ears open about a field trip to town hall for the grades 5/6s. Track and field is scheduled for May 16th if you are available to help, please let Mrs. Sewepagaham know in the office. Our society AGM is scheduled for May 27th; please plan to join us as we will be presenting plans for next year and voting on various things. We'll finish the month with "Anything but a backpack day" on Friday May 31st; it's greatly entertaining to see what the students use to bring their supplies! Please also mark June 14th in your calendar as we will be celebrating our graduates (ECS and grade 9) as well as hosting awards night.

Ms. Jeffrey

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

May 3: Town Clean up – please send children with gloves and proper outerwear for garbage clean up.

May 9: Grade 3-6 sing at seniors center

May 13: Grade 3, 4, and 7 have a field trip to the greenhouse

May 14: Grade 5&6 Field trip to Town Hall

May 14: Grade 7-9 Field trip

May 15: ECS Orientation 9:30 – 11:30

May 15: Track and Field set-up after school

May 16: Track & Field – We are always in need of volunteers for this event, please contact the office if you are willing to help.

May 17: PD Day – No School

May 20: Victoria Day – No School

May 27: AGM – 7pm @ HLCA

May 30: Grade 3-6 Field trip

May 31: Anything but a backpack day

CLASSROOM ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECS

In Kindergarten we will be experimenting with writing ideas and information. We will be exploring our environment, and this will mean even more time outdoors, so please remember to send your child with weather appropriate clothing. Kindergarteners will be discussing time as a series of events.

GRADE 1-2

Language Arts: We will continue to focus on various writing and story forms from now to the end of the year. Grade 1's will work on sentence writing. We will continue with daily writing and sharing "news" to make writing relevant.

Math: Grade 1's will focus on story problems, equal/unequal, 3D shapes, seasons/cycles, and graphing/data. Grade 2's will focus on shape, symmetry & time.

Social: We will start a new unit: Looking at you, learning about our community and how it has changed until now. We will be having an Inuit guest speaker come share about her culture.

Science: We will learn about Earth Systems: Landforms.

Bible: We continue to learn about Wisdom and Biblical Truth throughout the year.

Master Memory note: It is a good idea for your child to start memorizing all of Psalm 139, if you are interested in having them try for the Master Memory award.

GRADES 3 – 4

LA: we will be starting types of poems primarily focusing on Odes, Haikus and concrete poems. We will also be doing a special letter writing project.

Math: Grade 3's are finishing up their unit on money sense, and grade 4's are learning about grids and maps as well as scale drawing.

Science: This month focuses on plant growth and changes. There will be a field trip to the greenhouse on May 13th. Please check B.E.E folders for permission slips. There is also a field trip to Machesis Lake on May 30th. We are very excited the Northern Lights Forestry Education Society to take us on some science related walks in the forest during this time.

Social Studies: Students will be wrapping up chapter 10 and 11 in our Alberta social studies book. The chapters cover celebrating our past and building our future.

GRADES 5 - 6

Math – Over the last few weeks of school, Grade 5s and 6s will study geometry and measurements, and they will use this knowledge to design and construct replica buildings.

Science- Over the last few weeks of school, Grade 5s and 6s will explore habitats and nutrient cycles, and they will identify and classify trees and leaves. They will construct quadrats and inventory the life within them. They will participate in a field trip to Machesis Lake park.

LA – We will continue with our report writing unit and finish May studying poetry.

Social Studies – We have begun to study our Local and Provincial governments which will be the final unit in our year. Keep your eyes out for a field trip form for a town hall field trip in the coming weeks.

Bible: We will continue to learn about servanthood & the Church, then God's plan and God's people.

GRADES 7 - 9

Math – students will design and develop a data collection project. 7s and 8s will use their math skills to design escape rooms, and 9s will create scale drawings and replicas of composite 3-D shapes.

Science - students will continue to explore biological diversity within ecosystems. 7s will design their own method of growing plants via hydroponics, and 8s and 9s will measure acidity in local environments, create a self-contained biosphere, examine symbiotic relationships, and evaluate current genetics research. All Jr. High students will participate in a field trip to Machesis Lake park.

LA – 7/8s: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry is a classic dystopian novel; the 7/8s will be looking at the characteristics of dystopian fiction. They will examine morality and government control. Students will be required to do the reading at home, so that they are able to discuss and analyse the text. They will also study vocabulary from the text. I do plan for them to watch the movie after we finish the novel. **9s:** *Red Scarf Girl* by Ji-li Jiang is a memoir of the Chinese cultural revolution. This true story is an examination of communist China under the rule of Mao Zedong from the real experiences of 12 year old Ji-li. This novel study will take students into the history of 20th century China and the danger of blind allegiances.

Once these novel studies are over; we will finish the year examining poetry and figurative language.

Social Studies – We will be studying Canada in the 20th century; discussing Canada and the World Wars, immigration, and changes in society. Their final exam is scheduled for June 10th.

Health - Over the last few weeks of school, Jr. Highs will continue their unit which focuses on human sexuality and choices within relationships, and they will design resumes.

Bible – We will wrap up our interpretation unit and spend the month of May and first weeks of June looking at applying God’s word. Students will also have a final project that puts the whole year into practice.

(HLCES) BOARD:

Board Members are:

- Shawn Wiebe - Chairman
- Ray Lapka - Vice Chair and Secretary
- Jerry Krahn – Treasurer / Fundraising
- Chris Sullivan – Vice Treasurer
- Josh Clark - Maintenance

There is an open discussion on Schoology in the HLCA Parents group if you have questions for the board.

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) –
May 27, 2024 – Please plan to attend.**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Amount fundraised this year: \$142,977.05 (This does not include general donations, only fundraising events)

Goal incoming for the year: \$103,000.00

The Spring Banquet brought in approximately \$47,300 to add to our fundraising total. A huge thank you to the board, parent volunteers and anyone who helped make the evening happen. Another big thank you to all who donated. Praise the Lord for his blessing and provision!