



Calvary Christian Academy
A GLANCE AHEAD!
February, 2010

"It is freezing, so windy, so icy and warm?!"

We wouldn't be Canadian if we didn't talk about the weather! Since the last newsletter, we have gone through some extreme weather. One day we had temperatures that ranged from warm and rainy to a deep freeze: a 30 degree difference in a 24 hour period! How did that happen?

Math and science are everywhere in our day to day lives, as are most of the subjects that we teach at CCA. As educators we try to make all of our teaching relevant to our children's day to day lives, from the Bible reading that they do which guides all activity at our school, to the math that is needed to calculate the weather.

Education has to be relevant to our children's understanding of their world and in order to do this, our teachers are continuously striving to 'teach outside the box', to 'teach beyond the text' and to teach 'beyond the curriculum'. This approach to education is something that we value deeply at CCA.

Reminder for parents

For those of you who are not aware of it, our cut off temperature for the outdoor recess is -19 (with the wind chill). Please make sure that your children come to school with weather appropriate clothing (snow pants, mittens and hats).



OLYMPICS at CCA

As staff, we are hoping to help your child always remember this year's Olympics. Many of us, no doubt, remember the Montreal Olympics from our childhood. We will be discussing and celebrating Canadian athletes daily in our classrooms. As well, we will share in various school wide activities to celebrate the joy of sport, competition and setting goals. We welcome parents to participate with us (see calendars) and we especially encourage parents to watch some live Olympics with your children at home.

Newsletters on Website

All monthly newsletters are also available on our CCA website under the "News" tab: <http://www.calvaryca.com/news/>

Open House

We will be holding an open house during school hours on February 3, 2010, 1 - 3 pm, as well as in the evening from 7 - 9 p.m. This is during the public school PA day so that children can attend with their parents, if they are interested. Please take the time to promote our school amongst your friends and contacts. We are always willing to offer tours at anytime (advance notice appreciated for Mrs. Simpson to be here).

Ski days at CCA

Weather permitting, we have booked two ski days on Mount Pakenham - Monday, March 1 and Monday, March 8. Families and friends are welcome to join us. There will be one bus available to drive children from CCA and back. The forms were sent home last week. If parents or relatives plan to attend, please e-mail the office and we will send you additional forms. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Barb Bacon who was once again willing to step in and organize and coordinate this big event. To make her job as easy as possible, we are asking you to send your forms back to school as soon as possible. That will give Mrs. Bacon enough time to sort the forms and order appropriate equipment. Please make sure that all forms are completed in full. It is important to know that all forms **must be returned by Feb 12**. On-line



registrations closes on Feb 15. There will be no on-hill school discount registration available.

Field Trips

Thursday, February 11

Grades 1 - 8

Perth Collegiate's Music and Drama Club presents "The Tay River Mystery" described as eco-musical with plenty of singing and dancing.

Wednesday, February 17

Grades K - 8

Derek DeBeer percussion workshop at CCA. Derek DeBeer is a drummer-percussionist teacher from Zimbabwe - South Africa. He is a world traveled musician who has sold 11 million albums and has been very involved in teaching students in many countries.

Derek has worked, toured and recorded 20 albums with Johnny Clegg and Savuka from South Africa. The group did 11 world tours and performed on the Johnny Carson show 6 times. They also toured on the Amnesty Tour with Bruce Springsteen, Peter Gabriel, Sting and Tracy Chapman. The group was very instrumental in supporting and dismantling the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Wednesday, February 10

SK-JK

Visiting Post Office in Smiths Falls

Friday, February 5

2:45-3:15 p.m.

As many of you know, one of our parents, Dr. Rob Yelle just came back from his trip to Haiti. To find more about his trip please visit <http://srcglobal.blogspot.com/> Rob will be in CCA on Friday, February 5. He will give a short presentation and will share his unforgettable experiences with our children.

Wednesday, February 10

Guest speaker: Christy Edwards.

Ms. Edwards works for Wycliffe Translators and will talk to our children about missions. She engages the kids in an interactive presentation. For more information, please visit the following website: www.wycliffe.ca/kids.



Olympic Related Dress Up Days at CCA

- Tuesday, February 16 in colours of "pod" country i.e. Sweden - blue and yellow
- Friday, February 19 dress up like winter Olympian athlete
- Thursday, February 25 dress up in Olympic Ring colours i.e.:
ALL (one colour) black, yellow, blue, red or green
We hope to photograph the children lying on the gym floor in the shape of the Olympic rings.
- Friday, February 26 dress up in anything Canadian or Olympic wear - i.e. red and white or Olympic shirts etc.

Assemblies

- Tuesday, February 16 at 2:25 p.m. Olympics Opening Ceremony at CCA - children are to wear "pod" country colours. Parents are invited.
- Friday, February 19 at 2:45 p.m. Classes share their Olympic athletes
- Wednesday, February 24 at 2:30 p.m. Puppet Assembly presented by Grade 3 puppeteers under direction of Mrs. Jenn Keating - guest pastor Shelly Good. Parents are invited.

PD Day

Our next - and last for this school year - PD day will be on Friday, February 12.

Holidays

No school on Family day, Monday, February 15.

No Bus Days for February

Friday, February 26 (CCA Skate party)

CCA Outdoor Olympics

Monday, February 22 - afternoon activity starting at 1.15 p.m.



Skating Party

Weather permitting, our skating party (not a skate-a-thon) will take place on Friday, February 26 starting at 1.00 p.m. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Dress up in anything Canadian or Olympic wear - i.e. red and white or Olympic shirts etc. More details to follow. **Students are only allowed to participate if they have a helmet.**

Dental screening for JK, SK and grade 2

The Health Unit will come into CCA and have dental screening for our JK, SK and grade 2 students on Wednesday, February 24, starting at 10.30 a.m.

Public Speaking

As per CCA tradition, our students will once again participate in the Public Speaking contest.

Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m. - Primary (K-3)

Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. - Junior, Intermediate (4-8)

All students are strongly encouraged to participate. The experience of speaking in front a crowd is invaluable. **Students do not need to be competing to speak.** We would love to hear their stories. Non-competing students may read their speeches or even sing them (as done in the past). The goal is to simply encourage our children and give them a positive learning experience.

Trivia Night - grade 8 fundraiser

The Trivia Night will be held at CCA on Friday, February the 26th.

The event is a fundraiser for the grade 8's Graduation Trip.

The event is intended for adults (18+).

It's a great way to give exposure to CCA. You are encouraged to invite friends and family.

What Does the Night Entail?

A trivia game will be projected on the gymnasium wall.

The game will have various trivia topics, such as: The History of CCA, Winter Olympics, Movie Genres, etc.

Each team will work together to answer each trivia question.



Of course, the team with the most questions answered correctly goes home with the first ever CCA Trivia Night Championship.

How to Sign-up

You will need a team of up to 10 people in order to play. So get on the phone and round up the troops.

I would greatly appreciate it if a member from each team would RSVP me at njrice23@gmail.com so that I have some idea of how many people to plan for.

Prayer Night at CCA

You are invited to CCA'S Praise & Prayer Evening "A Call to Prayer" on February 4th 7:00-8:30pm. Worship will be lead by Geoff & Pearl Dresser.

Everyone is invited - parents, teachers, family & friends of CCA.

Childcare will be provided. Please confirm childcare needs with Caroline

Dekok @ 613-283-9353 or caroline_dekok@yahoo.ca

Please plan to attend this exciting community event!

*Reminder: Weekly CCA Prayer Meetings are held on Wednesdays in the Library @ 9AM. Everyone welcome!

Pizza - Hot dogs - Spaghetti

Pizza and milk are offered every Friday to those who pre-order.

Hot dogs will continue Wednesdays at \$1 per hot dog, alternating with plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread (\$3). Please send in a fork if your child will buy spaghetti.

February schedule:

Hot dogs - February 3 and 17

Spaghetti - February 10 and 24



Sports

Basketball

Boys: (junior and senior together) practice Tuesdays at lunch and Wednesdays after school, from 3.30 to 4.30. It is important that parents pick up promptly at 4.30 pm as Coach Luke has a 5.00 pm commitment.

Girls: 5 and 6 girls practice on Mondays and grades 7 and 8 on Thursdays. Both practices will run from 3.30 to 5.00 pm.

Tournament dates that we know of so far:

Senior Girls: Wednesday, March 10

Senior Boys: Thursday, March 25

Details to follow.

Music

Mrs. Snoek would like to remind everyone to keep practicing! Music has resumed on Tuesdays and instruments need to be brought regularly on that day.

Choir is ongoing, weekly for grades 1-8, until March Break.

Drama

Mrs. Marshall is working with all grades, developing drama skills through skits and activities. The students can also look forward to a 'puppet day' as Mrs. Marshall will bring in her puppets to do some skits. The grade 3 and grade 4 classes are preparing a presentation for an assembly.

Lego Robotics Contest:

We are in the process of organizing another round of classes for those students who are interested in participating in the Ottawa Robotics Competition that will take place in Ottawa, on April 26th. Interested students will be organized in a team(s) that will compete in a challenge that is set by the board of the robotics contest. The challenge will be posted some time in February on their web site. Ian Dudley, who has been working with our students, can continue to work on concepts that he introduced to them in the last round of classes, increasing their knowledge of lego robotics as they develop their projects for the contest. We will send out permission forms and the cost to participate within the next few weeks. Please go to



the web site at <http://ottawa.ieee.ca/robotcomp/index.php?q=AboutORC> in order to see more information about past competitions and for updated information as it becomes available.

Have a great month!
Sincerely,

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