



the buzz

a weekly newsletter from mrCS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL - LEARNING TO LIVE A LIFE DEVOTED TO GOD



During the month of January, I am hoping to visit classrooms first thing in the morning to lead devotions with the students. It was last week that I visited the grade five class and shared with them the importance of starting the day by focusing on the goodness and love of God. I told them that when I was their age I began every day at school with a reading from the Holy Bible. As a class, we would stand as the scriptures were read and then together we would recite the Lord's Prayer. I attended Mt. Crescent Elementary. Years later, I became a teacher and

worked in the Maple Ridge School District. With my grade two class I would likewise begin the day with a Bible Story and together we would say the Lord's Prayer.

Obviously, things have changed over the years. However, some things have not changed and that is the way a day begins at MRCS. Since the school's beginning, teachers have started the day with devotions, scripture reading and prayer with their students. This is just one way in which our school stands uniquely different from the other schools in Maple Ridge. The principles and values of God's Word are read, taught and exemplified for your children and it starts everyday with devotions. What an excellent way to learn how to live a life devoted to God.

Our Father who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
Forever and ever
Amen.

In His kingdom work,

Valarie Sawka
Principal

IN THE BUZZ

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CALENDAR

January 13

Grad photos

January 19

Grade 6/7 skiing

January 21

Last day of Semester 1

January 22

High school skiing

January 22

NO SCHOOL, grades 8-12

January 25-29

Exam Week, grades 8-12

February 3

Open House for prospective &
interested families, 1:00-3:00 pm and
6:00-8:00 pm

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

A reminder to our families that if the weather should be bad enough to warrant a school closure for the day, as in the case of snow fall, please note that we have 3 ways of letting you know. The school closure will be broadcast on radio station CKNW 98 (AM); our school answering machine will give you the information if you call the school; and the main page of our website will also display school closure information. We will attempt to have all 3 active by 7:00 am. NOW IS THE TIME!

REGISTRATION OF YOUR KINDERGARTEN (AND OTHER GRADE) STUDENTS

If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten (or any other grade for the first time) in September 2010, now is the time to register for those families who already have children at MRCS. Please come to the office to pick up the registration forms. There is no registration fee for families that already have children in the school - just make sure to fill out all sides of the registration, and submit your form with a copy of your child's birth certificate. We are excited that MRCS has been approved by the Ministry of Education for funding for full day, every day Kindergarten. This means that the Kindergarten students will be attending Kindergarten Monday to Friday, at the same school times as the rest of the students. They will be taught the same curriculum, but will have more time in which to cover it.

REGISTRATION FOR OUR CURRENT FAMILIES

Re-registration for our current families is being delayed for a few weeks in order to have time to finalize the 2010/2011 tuition schedule. The forms will be sent to you via Canada Post later this month. We allow our existing families priority before we open up registration to our community. Re-registration will include a \$100 per family registration fee, and a PAD form (automatic bank withdrawal) which will include the September tuition, payable July 1, and for the tuition for October to June. If you would like to pay the entire year's tuition all at once and receive the 2% discount, we will require the re-registration returned with two post-dated cheques - a July 1 post-dated cheque for the first month's tuition and the remainder of the tuition in a cheque post-dated September 1.

REGISTRATION FOR THOSE FAMILIES OUTSIDE OF OUR MRCS COMMUNITY

If you have friends or relatives who might want to register their children for the 2010/2011 school year, please let them know that registration begins on Monday, February 8. There will be an Open House on Wednesday, February 3 from 1:00-3:00 pm, and again from 6:00-8:00 pm. An Open House specifically for Kindergarten will be the same evening at 7:30 pm.

If you have any questions concerning the re-registration or registration process, please contact Jackie Versfelt in the school office, or e-mail j.versfelt@mrcs.ca.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANTS ON-CALL NEEDED

Maple Ridge Christian School is in need of Special Education Assistants on an on-call basis. Anyone interested should send a resume to the school at 12140 - 203rd St., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2Z5; Attention: Mrs. P. Wiersma, Special Education Director, or e-mail p.wiersma@mrcs.ca. Resumes should include a covering letter, references and a Statement of Faith. For further information on our school our website: www.mrcs.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3

Kindergarten Information Evening,
7:30 pm

February 4-7

Grad Trip

February 8

Registration of new students begin

February 10

Report cards sent home, grades 8-12

February 15-26

Olympic Break, NO SCHOOL
(Replaces Spring Break in the 2009/2010 school year)

Diners Club



DINER'S CLUB Dinner is happening this week. Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 7-9. Come join us for a Mexican Fiesta dinner. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.



On our school website www.mrcs.ca there is a link to the online community. In this section you can find out athletic information, teachers notes, homework, pictures, etc. Please go to it and see what's happening in our school community.

MRCS ATHLETICS



SR.BOYS BASKETBALL

Our boys played an exhibition game vs our MRCS alumni. It was a close game throughout. However, the boys withstood the alumni charge ending in a 54-53 win. Their next two games are away at Westview Tue. Jan.12th @ 7pm and Mon. Jan 18th @ 7pm. Their next home game is Tue. Jan 26th vs King David (no.1 ranked team in GVISAA west division) Pitt Meadows Rec Centre @ 5:15pm. Hope to see you there!

WANT ADS

Young Christian couple looking for a basement suite or apartment in Maple Ridge. To be available approximately Feb 1st or 15th. Non smoking, \$600 -\$800 per month. Contact Tina 778-227-6063

Esperanza Missions Trip

March 27 – April 03, 2010

Grades 9-12

Welcome to our Tenth annual Esperanza Missions Trip! Always a highlight of the year, many Esperanza veterans will argue that this is the best way to spend a week of your time. You will have the opportunity to encourage the missionaries at Esperanza in a number of practical ways, build closer friendships with other MRCS students, and the Lord may also do something in your own life through this experience. Esperanza is a tradition that will continue for as many more years as possible, for as long as we have committed students like you!

What is Esperanza? Esperanza is a mission of Shantymen to the West Coast First Nations peoples, located in the remote and breathtakingly gorgeous West Coast of Vancouver Island, a 20 minute boat ride from Tahsis. The mission has in the past been a place that has met many of the needs of coastal peoples, with its own school and hospital, as well as providing spiritual and social services. Today the mission provides extensive residential family counseling, family and youth camps, and serves in the communities of Tahsis and Zeballos, as well as many communities further up the coast.

When is it? Just before Easter (ending during Easter weekend) March 27th – April 2nd

Cost: Approximately \$225, which includes your food, lodging and transportation. We stay in cabins – rustic, but comfortable, and do our own meal preparation (fabulous food!). We plan to take a bus again this year to simplify travel on the great highway to Tahsis. We will have several carwashes to help offset costs, as well as other fundraisers throughout the year. Any students who seek further financial aid may consult me in person.

What will we be doing? Whatever they need, but it will include helping with, replenishing the wood supply, preparing gardens, cleaning, and other odd jobs. There is also time for some fun – kayaking, hiking, fishing, canoeing, pier-jumping, and just hanging out together.

This year the adult sponsors that have committed so far are ; Vince and Leah Schofield, Yvonne Cramer (school rep), David Jonnson (NorthRidge Youth Pastor). Other parent volunteers are being encouraged to join us.

There is room for approximately 40 students. Please see me for applications as a camper or a leader!

Please keep this trip in your prayers!

Leah Schofield
604-323-4337 or 604-467-3027

Esperanza Student Application 2010

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Home Church _____ (please attach a letter of reference from your pastor.)

Please Attach a Separate sheet for your answers

- 1) Please explain why you would like to come on this trip.
- 2) How do you think you would contribute to this trip?
- 3) Please explain your walk in faith to date.
- 4) Have you ever been on a missions trip? If yes when? and where? Explain briefly about your experience.
- 5) Please list any other experience that you think would be beneficial i.e., first aid training, lifeguard, etc.
- 6) Please list any allergies or medical concerns;
- 7) Do you Smoke? (this will not necessarily deny your application it is just to know special provision that have to be made) Y/N
- 8) Do you play an instrument, sing, or feel comfortable public speaking or giving your testimony-please explain?
- 9) Are you willing and committed to being involved in fundraising for this event?

Returning this completed application does not guarantee your acceptance.

Thank you for taking the time to apply. We will notify you ASAP of our decision.
Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.'

Sincerely,

Leah Schofield 604-323-4337
MRCS Esperanza missions trip 2010